

Summary of Minutes January 2018 Columbia County Community Advisory Council

The meeting opened at 3:30pm and the agenda was reviewed.

The minutes from December 2017 meeting were approved.

Community Updates:

Community Paramedicine – The new community paramedic has started and will be invited to a future CAC meeting.

Summer Camp – Discussion for a potential for a summer camp for youth. Details are still being worked out. Ideas for places in the county to hold a day camp were discussed.

SAFE – Yoga classes for clients and staff will begin soon.

Resilience – Screening date set for Clatskanie school dist., other dates for community screening will be considered.

CAC SWOT Analysis:

The SWOT analysis from the December meeting was reviewed. The group discussed and clarified several words/phases on the list. It was mentioned to use strengths to decrease threats and find ways to shape and build up weakness. Including setting some goals to make the most of opportunities. Some ideas that emerged: Community screenings for Resilience (& Paper Tigers), have Elaine Walters return for some additional community trainings, Columbia County Fair possibly with a Walk to Wellness (add to a future agenda, possibly designate a sub-committee), invite Trauma Informed Task Force to a meeting, quarterly themes and homelessness were brought up.

Quarterly Theme: Housing

Nancy reminded the CAC of the idea behind having a quarterly health theme and that the health topic would not replace the entire meeting just provide time on the agenda for a deeper discussion, education, and better understanding of the topic. The areas of most interest that seemed to emerge in Columbia County were Housing, ACEs and Transportation. She stated that *Housing* was chosen for Columbia County's first theme and provided the following definition: CPCCO would like to support a community wide conversation regarding housing by engaging in a collaborative effort between advisory council members and key community partners.

CPCCO acknowledges housing as a social determinant of health and supports community efforts that identify shared opportunities for investment among multiple stakeholders: work force, community organizations, OHP members, funders, housing builders, and government.

Additionally, CPCCO feels that housing is a basic need and we need to hear from people about community vitality (strengths) and needs related to housing in Columbia County.

A summary of housing statics in Columbia County was provided. The CAC discussed the various aspects of the information. Agreement that not only is there a shortage of housing, but a shortage of affordable housing in Columbia County. The CAC discussed the upcoming Point-in-Time count. The Food Bank had done an unofficial count that puts the number of homeless over 350. These numbers are higher than the official count. The count varies and is dependent on a variety of factors, including weather, and places they are conducted; making them less than reliable. A second count may be conducted in the Spring, but that's not been confirmed. Dan discussed that the Community Action Team just received back the information on a 2-year housing feasibility study for Columbia County. He indicated the board would be reviewing the study at their upcoming meeting in late January. He was optimistic about the ability to work with the CAC on ways to share the information with the community. He will update the committee next month.

Karen brought up the that the Oregon Housing and Community Services contacted the CCO via a connection with Joell. They have asked the CCO to assist them in finding eight to ten members that would be willing to be part of a focus group to meet for one hour. The CAC discussed how this request could be incorporated into the February meeting. It was determined that it would be best to schedule the focus group at a separate time (and possibly day). In addition, CAT and GOBHI offered to assist finding members that have used services if needed. Karen will discuss this with interested CAC members and OHCS and come up with a plan.

Incentive Metrics Projects Update:

A handout was provided of the various incentive projects currently underway.

Other updates:

NW ESD – Winter coat donation was above expectation. Please help spread the word to families in need. Contact Cindy or drop by their office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.