

Columbia County: Monday, October 3, 2022
Community Advisory Council Draft Minutes

3:45-5:07PM

Reviewed housekeeping slides, which now include hybrid meeting best practices. Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order at 3:45 by Martha, who welcomed guest facilitated introductions. Minutes not voted on due to not having a quorum.

Amani Center Community Health Worker Program:

The Amani Center was a recipient of CPCCO Community Health Worker grant.

Amani Center is Columbia County's Child Advocacy Center. Their mission is to provide forensic child abuse evaluations and support for children and their families who may be impacted by abuse or neglect. Their goal is to improve long term health outcomes. Victim Advocates/CHWs traditionally focus on case management, linguistic and culturally responsive services, referrals, navigation of complex healthcare systems, assistance with basic needs and connecting to them, crisis intervention and emotional support, advocacy with law enforcement and child welfare and help filling out forms and applying for benefits; They speak Spanish and can provide interpretation to anyone who comes in. This program will provide more sustainability and ability to support more families and victims with wraparound services.

IA Updates (Belle): Reviewed report on Covid Booster updates for omicron variant BA 4 & 5 and where to find it. Can find vaccinations at [Getvaccinated.oregon.gov](https://getvaccinated.oregon.gov). On Oct 5th, from 1-3 pm there is a zoom meeting regarding navigating Long Term Covid available to all.

Columbia County CAC Health Equity Statement: CAC continued working on the Mural activity to update the CAC Health Equity Statements. Members voted on access to primary care as the next topic that they want to work on. The final statements in the activity will be emailed to everyone to review.

Community Updates: CAT is kicking off their annual energy assistance program; they can help with water assistance. Their office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If anyone needs an appointment, they can call and set up a time that works best for them.

Things to start considering for future meetings:

Meeting time: Do we want to go back to meeting for 2 hours to have plenty of time to cover items on the agenda? Have received feedback that time feels a little cramped and other CACs meet for 2 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07

Next meeting: November 7, 2022