

Columbia County Community Advisory Council (CAC) Summary

Monday, July 13, 2020, 3:30-4:30PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair opened the meeting at 3:35PM- June minutes were approved, and guest welcomed.

Innovator Agent (IA) Updates: COVID-19 has exposed significant health outcome disparities in Oregon, as well as across the country in persons of color (POC). Blacks, Asians, American Indian/Alaskan Natives and Pacific Islander populations are represented in higher numbers in Oregon's COVID-19 data in comparison to their representation in Oregon's population. 36.6% of all of Oregon's COVID-19 cases represent those indicating Hispanic ethnicity which is a very large disparity and concern. OHA has created a new website where members of the public can search for COVID-19 testing events. The website informs users of nearby testing sites, advises if a medical screening or physician's order is needed, and has some information about cost and medical coverage for testing. Explore the site by entering your county, a nearby city or your zip code here: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing>

CAC Equity Assessment- Aspirations: Staff member provided the results of the survey on aspirations; CAC members reviewed the outcome including the wordsalad equity survey. The final product will be shared with the other CAC's results to see what potential items need to be re-strategized, how this will fit into the overall equity plan at the CCO, and what results we can come up with for the CAC to review.

CWIF Review Volunteers:

Reminder was given to CAC members about volunteer recruitment to rate the Community Wellness Investment Funds (CWIF) grant applications. Please pass the word around and let staff know if there are organizations that you would like us to reach out to specifically.

Community Updates: Oregon Law Center: Office staff is busy answering phone calls regarding unemployment. Oregon Law Center file a lawsuit against the Unemployment Department. Head Start and Early Childhood Programs Update: They are still closed but they are enrolling kids this summer for the school year. Due to COVID they are not certain how things will play out. Staff have been doing checking in one-on-one with parents on resources needed, providing social support. Columbia Health Services Update: They are getting many calls from folks who want to get tested for COVID, but they must prioritize those with symptoms who can't travel due to shortage of testing supplies. The clinic is only able to test 10 per day. Community Action Team (CAT) Update: The office is open with minimal staff. They are utilizing the new building for outreach on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They are trying to help families who are struggling to pay rent and utility bills. They received additional funding from the state to help with water & sewer, electricity and NW gas. They need to get this money out to families who are struggling to make ends meet.

Next meeting: (virtual) August 3,2020 @ 3:30, topics include Jordan Center and Housing

Location: Virtual

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.