

Columbia County: Monday, February 7, 2022
Community Advisory Council Draft Minutes

3:30-5:00 pm (February CAC virtual)

Meeting opened at 3:30, welcomed guests and introductions. Minutes were approved for both January and November 2021. Reviewed housekeeping slides live interpretation in Spanish!

Innovator Agent (IA):

Data is showing that we may have hit the peak of hospitalizations. Deaths usually lag a couple weeks after hospitalizations peaks so they will probably be high the next couple weeks before going down. OHP membership has increased 29% during this time and the state thinks that about 300,000 Oregonians will not be eligible at the end of the emergency declaration.

Oral Health and CareOregon Dental:

Routine dental care is available for all OHP members, so a big focus is having people use those benefits because over 50% of people do not. Dental services for CPCCO are managed by 3 Dental Care Organizations in Columbia County that CareOregon Dental partners with: Advantage, ODS and Willamette Dental. Willamette clinics are in Longview and Hillsboro, Advantage clinics are in Rainier and Seaside, and ODS clinics are in Clatskanie and Astoria and opening soon in Scappoose! Please note that the workforce shortage has affected dentists a lot.

Health Equity Statement Proposal:

CAC worked on refining the health equity impact statements that we have for each of our Regional Health Improvement Plan priority area objectives. This can help us prepare for the next community health needs assessment and health improvement plan. The CAC will reflect on this and explore further at a future meeting.

Community Updates:

Rental assistance for the state is a big pot of money that won't be distributed via Community Action programs. CAT does have a small pot of money to help with eviction support/prevention and can help more directly with that. Head Start is still providing services and families are appreciative that they have been able to be in person as much as possible despite some closures due to outbreaks. Kathy has also still been doing vision and hearing screenings for kiddos.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting: Annual Meeting: March 7, 2022, via Zoom