

Columbia County Community Advisory Council (CAC) Summary

Monday, December 7, 2020, 3:30-4:59PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Health Equity Plan Presentation:

Presentation provided a summary and update of where we are in planning internally and externally including: developing workgroups and shared language, and completing an organization assessment; updates and next steps with OHA reporting; and developing CPGCO's Health Equity plan that will be ongoing and involve much partnership with the CAC. CAC members will receive the final OHA report by December 28, 2020.

Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP) Dashboard:

Reminded the group of the purpose of the RHIP dashboard and its intent to show how we're doing in each of the RHIP's 8 priority areas. An overview of the dashboard was put on hold for this month, will review next month.

Innovator Agent (IA) Update:

The FDA will soon grant Emergency Use Authorization for vaccines. Oregon is forming a vaccine advisory committee to advise on equity issues and priority setting (i.e. for various populations and within populations). It will not be available to kids due to no clinical testing). Vaccines might be available to the general public by summer. Post-Thanksgiving increase in cases is expected. Oregon Health Plan enrollment has now increased by 13.84% since March 8th, 2020. A portion of the increase is related to the decision to not end any member's OHP coverage during the COVID emergency.

Oregon Health Authority's Behavioral Health System has worked to develop a state-wide resource for rapid access to behavioral health resources. The Safe and Strong Help Line at 1-800-923-HELP(4357) is available to all Oregonian's at no cost for crisis support, connection to resources, and referrals to locally available assistance. The phone line was developed in partnership with Lines for Life and is staffed with qualified mental health professionals. Read more at <https://www.linesforlife.org/obhsl/>

Community Updates: COVID Testing in St. Helen's High School 2375 Gable Rd St. Helens, OR 97051 Drive-thru ●Everyone Welcome ●No Insurance Required ●Quick & pain-free self-administered nasal swab. Wednesdays December 2, 9, 16, & 30 (no testing 12/23) 10:00 am – 2:00

Next meeting: Next meeting January 4, 2021 at 3:30

Location: Virtual

Meeting adjourned at 4:59