

## *Columbia County Community Advisory Council (CAC) Summary*

*Monday, August 3, 2020, 3:30-4:30PM*

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

Chair opened the meeting at 3:30PM guest and members were welcomed; July minutes were approved.

**CAC Community Wellness Investment Funds (CWIF) Recipient Columbia Community Mental Health -Jordan Center:** Jordan center is mainly operated by members and Peer Support Specialist. Peer Support Specialist provide guidance and understanding to support recovery. They walk alongside people in recovery, offering individualized supports to help them connect with their own inner strength, motivation, and desire to move forward in life.

### **CAC Learning Theme on Housing Units on Gable Road**

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority (NOHA) is building 238-unit apartment complex in St Helens, Oregon. Unit consist a mix of 1,2, and 3-bedroom apartments affordable to renters earning at or below the 30% and 60% AMI. Seventy-five of the units have project-based rental assistance provided by the local housing authority and project co-sponsor NOHA.

**Innovator Agent (IA) Updates:** A judge issued new injunctions this week blocking the public charge immigration rule during the COVID-19 pandemic. This will allow immigrant communities across Oregon and the rest of the country to access critical health care and public benefits during the current health crisis. The public charge rule has worsened health disparities, especially for the Latino/a/x community, at a time when they are most hard hit by the lethal coronavirus. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is responding to passage of SB 1606 during the 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session. The Authority is amending rules to require hospitals to develop a policy regarding patients with disabilities rights to designate support persons and allow a support person to be present with the patient while in the hospital. A hospital is required to post the policy at entry points to the hospital and on the hospital's website.

**Community Updates:** Deadline for CWIF grant application was July 31, 2020. Many applications got submitted for Columbia County. Review process will start next week by the volunteer review committee. Applications will be discussed at the next meeting and grantees will be notified by the end of September after the Regional Council reviews the local committee's ratings and comments.

**Next meeting:** Next meeting September 14, 2020 (Second Monday of the month due to the Labor Day holiday). Potential topics include Columbia Pacific Food Bank, CC-Rider, Habitat for Humanity and Farmers Market.

**Location:** Virtual

Meeting adjourned at 4:29.