

AllCare CAC – Jackson County
April 11, 2017
PMMC Caritas Room
MINUTES

CAC Members Present:

Jackson Baures, Don Bruland, Ed Smith-Burns, Wendy Markey, Lacey Renae, Rich Rohde, Ron Sipress, Marchelle Thomas, Nicole Witham

CAC Members Absent: None

Staff: Laura McKeane, Lana McGregor, Kari Swoboda

Guests: Cheryl Kirk, OSU Extension and Philip Yates, ACCESS

Welcome and Introductions and Announcements: Ed Smith-Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any announcements. Laura distributed an Oral Health Brochure and asked that everyone review it during the meeting and email her with any comments or feedback. The brochure is being funded by collaborative CCO grant from OHA as part of an outreach project through the Southern Oregon Oral Health Coalition.

Meeting Purpose: Kari reviewed the agenda and the purpose of the meeting was to review proposals from community partners and vote on funding, get an update on behavioral health integration, get input and feedback on the oral health brochure, and hear an update on legislative issues.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Legislative Update – Josh Balloch, VP of Government Affairs for AllCare Health, provided some history of community group interests in Salem. He explained that the Feds tried to repeal and replace Obama Care and failed. There is a major problem in that there are 3 factions in Republicans with 20 percent ultra conservative, 20 percent moderates, 60 percent in the middle. The group in the middle is pushing for change. Republicans are likely to push a plan through Congress. The plan will have to pass the Senate as well. At the State level, legislators are pushing back about changes to Medicaid. CCOs should be an example for others around the country to adopt. CCOs have a 3.4% growth cap. Republicans are relieved to not have to make the vote to cut Medicaid.

The State Budget now carries the burden for some portion of expansion population costs and the State didn't budget for it. There is a \$900 million shortfall. About \$300 million has been recovered. A Hospital provider tax leverage will cover an additional \$250 million and a premium tax will account for the rest with the tax that on commercial plan and CCO rates. State Representative Marsh is a champion for CCOs. This is not a strong partisan issue.

There is a bill for adding State workers to CCOs but the bill needs buy-in. There are several bills addressing prescription drug prices. There is also a proposal that CCOs should have to be non-profits – in house healthcare committee. There is no sound financial argument for this, as not for profits have kept 78 PMPM of the overall pot of money and doubled reserves of other CCOs. There are no plans to cut the number of CCOs. There is concern about corporate buy-outs by national companies leaving CCOs with no local control. Any questions about legislation can be directed to Josh Balloch.

CHIP Funding Proposals:

OSU Extension – Cheryl Kirk attended the meeting to present a request for CHIP funding to continue OSU Extension programs in Jackson County. In 2015 the CAC approved funds for projects totaling \$3,000. Cheryl reported on how those funds have been spent. Some funds were used to bring healthy school celebration kits to a few Medford schools to train and support healthy snacks in the classroom and to support school physical activity and nutrition assessments through SPAN ET. OSU Extension collaborates with schools, Head Start, and food pantries. Projects impacting policy changes require community partnerships. Healthy celebration kits include table cloths, prep tools and equipment to keep in classroom, recipes and buying guides. This project has been very successful and well received. SPAN-ET is implemented in rural communities to address childhood obesity. They look at school policies and practice. Jackson and Roosevelt Elementary Schools have been assessed and school based wellness committees have been formed to determine how to use funds. Jackson School has a committee that meets monthly. Some funds were spent on the purchase of small appliances for classrooms to go along with healthy school celebration kits. Roosevelt used funds to revamp the school garden and Master Gardeners helped design the plan.

Current Funding Request –

These programs have an 18-24 month timeline. Expand Healthy School Celebration kits and training. \$5,000. Expanded Food and Nutrition Education - \$900 + \$450 for onsite childcare stipend. SPAN-ET – Wellness Committee development, Improve school PA equipment, garden structures etc - \$5,000. Total request \$11,350.

ACCESS – Philip Yates reported on the three programs funded last year. A food assessment was conducted in 2013 and people were interested in learning cooking skills. ACCESS developed a program to reach people in various venues through cooking demonstrations and Cooking Matters classes. They implemented a train the trainer model. 90 people have been trained and during the past year have reached 5200 individuals. Cooking demos have been presented at stores and farmers markets and community events. The Healthy Mobile Pantry Pilot was funded and was very successful. ACCESS is partnering with Rogue Community Health and La Clinica. The pantry is serving people with chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Personal shoppers work with individuals to shop on the truck. Cooking skills demos are provided on site and there are blood pressure stations. ACCESS gets very good response from clients. Rogue Community Health and La Clinica would like to expand to outer areas and food deserts and run the pantry four times per month instead of two.

The request for this Healthy Mobile Pantry expansion is \$10,000. They will fundraise for additional support. This is also an opportunity to promote how this model impacts health.

Philip then described the Food Share Gardens. Someone gives use of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land and water to use for gardening. There is a leadership structure of volunteers and a coordinator to support the gardens, staffing, supplies, scheduling etc for 6 locations. 35,000 pounds of food were produced in the gardens last year. ACCESS is requesting another \$10,000 to continue this program for another year.

Cooking Matters – ACCESS is requesting \$10,000 to continue to build the Cooking Matters program. A USDA grant is covering costs at the moment and they will need additional funding at a later date.

Ashland Y/ Farm to School – Kari Swoboda explained that the YMCA in Ashland reached out to the AllCare Health and Wellness team to request funding to support Farm to School at summer camp. This will provide tasting tables, teach food prep skills for kids, and kids will be tasting a variety of fresh foods. The program will cost \$1,000.

SOESD – PAX Good Behavior – Nicole Witham presented the funding request to expand the PAX Good Behavior Game training to include preschool educators. The program can be tailored to meet classroom needs. They use common language throughout the school. Outcomes have been very positive and show that kids self-regulate and have improved behavior, and activities are fun and engaging. Kits come with posters, materials, prizes, game materials, training manuals etc. This is an evidence based program. The proposed funding request was for \$14,370.

Community Partners Excused. Discussion of projects and funding continued.

After reviewing projects funded to date and remaining funds in the budget, CAC members discussed each project to consider. CAC members approved funding as follows:

Food Share Garden Coordinator, HMP Expansion – ACCESS \$20,000

Farm to School at YMCA Ashland – YMCA \$1,000

PAX Preschool Expansion – SOESD - \$14,370

They voted to defer to the July budget for the new fiscal year- \$10,000 Cooking Skills Education, \$11,350 OSU Ext (may split in half at end of current fiscal year to fund part in June and part in July). Jackson Baures was not present for vote.

Advance to Zero Report – Lacey Renae will update on the Advance to Zero project at the May meeting. Sam Engel will attend to update on food and housing initiatives.

Oral Health Brochure/CAC input – CAC members will email Laura McKeane with thoughts and feedback for the brochure.

Behavioral Health Update – Lana McGregor. Lana circulated a directory of mental health providers now available to AllCare CCO members in Jackson County. The directory is also available on the AllCare Health website.

JCMH Transition to Options – Lana reported that there is an Options Facility on Barnett and another near the AllCare office in Medford. Rogue Community Health hired three new therapists and case managers to provide services. They have expanded Family Solutions for children’s mental health services, inpatient and outpatient services. Care in Counseling is a new clinic providing therapy services. JCMH will continue to be the provider for crisis services.

AllCare and Options staff have been meeting two times per week with JCMH to work on transitions. In April 358 members were scheduled to transition to Options. In May another 247 were identified. In June there will be another 215. Transitions will be complete by June 30. 164 cases will be closed for completing treatment. 400 others not in services are transitioning immediately to access care through Options.

On Track – Lana then updated on On Track, Inc. There are no referrals to residential programs. The Moms program has a provisional license but OHA is not making final determination. DHS and Department of Justice are also involved. AllCare has 9 members receiving services there. Eugene and Baker City have the closest facilities for inpatient care. Phoenix Counseling and Kolpia are available locally on a case by case basis.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Next Meeting: May 9 Food/Housing Update, Funding Proposals