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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/INFORMATION	ACTION REQUIRED	By When
1.0 Call to Order	Bonnie Ell called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Meeting called to order at 12:04 PM		
2.0 Council Business	Bonnie began introductions. Minutes voted on via email by CAC members. Introductions completed. Minutes will be voted on by email. Introduction for new chair Court Boice and new vice chair Mellissah Hendrickson. Mellissah will also be taking minutes for the CAC monthly meetings. Motion made to vote Julie Peterson to become a CAC member and approve her application. Motion seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.		
3.0 Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Updates	Nat Jacobs shared that Curry county is moving to the low risk level for COVID as of 1.29.2021 Concern expressed that the vaccination is only being given to people to the age of 80 years old. There is a link on the presentation to the Oregon Vaccination plan. Nat will follow up regarding this concern.		



	<p>Beginning Feb 8th those 80 years and older will begin getting vaccinated. Nat was able to find this information on the link.</p> <p>You can register on Curry Health Network's website to sign up to be on the list to receive a vaccination.</p> <p>First clinic will take place this weekend. It will be for teachers and first responders. PO on Friday. Gold Beach on Saturday and Brookings Sunday and Monday. You can also email covidvaccine@curryhealth.org To get signed up. The number you can call to get scheduled is 541-247-3119.</p> <p>They are expecting to schedule 40-90 people to receive the vaccine each day.</p> <p>There is a list on Oregon Health Authority that explains the criteria for each vaccine group.</p> <p>OHA Innovator Agent Update for January 2021 As of January 20, 2021 The latest in Vaccination news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governor's Updates on COVID-19 for January 15, 2021 "Last week, I directed OHA to speed up our efforts and reach the benchmark of 12,000 vaccinations administered per day," said Governor Brown. "On January 8, we hit that mark, and today Oregon added more than 26,000 vaccines administered to our registry. OHA has been working with health care providers, hospitals, pharmacies, local public health partners, and our National Guard to streamline the distribution process and vaccinate Oregonians more quickly. "To further expedite vaccinations, just a few days ago we heard from U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar that the federal government would be releasing its entire supply of COVID-19 vaccines to states. With this news, we announced plans to begin administering vaccines to Oregonians 65 and older, as well as educators and childcare providers, beginning January 23. But yesterday we received the disturbing news that this federal reserve of vaccines does not actually exist. "Let me assure you that Oregon's priorities, and my priorities, have not changed. I remain committed to vaccinating our seniors quickly. But this latest news will unfortunately cause a two-week delay in beginning vaccinations for seniors. Additionally, being supplied less vaccines than promised forces difficult choices. Beginning on February 8, we will start vaccinating our most 		
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	<p>vulnerable seniors, those age 80 years and older. Our experience shows that this group has among the highest mortality rates. "And, because one of my main priorities is getting our kids back to in-person instruction and protecting our educational staff to help achieve this goal, starting the week of January 25 we will begin vaccinations of our educators and school staff. In some counties, this may even start sooner." A copy of the Governor's prepared remarks from today's press conference is available here . A recording of today's live-streamed press conference is available here .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oregon's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan https://www.oregon.gov/oha/covid19/Documents/COVID-19-Vaccination-Plan-Oregon.pdf . That plan prioritizes health care workers to receive the initial doses of vaccine available in Oregon followed by long term care facilities. Oregon Health Authority is convening a panel of experts to make further decisions about how to prioritize available doses. Individuals will need 2 doses to be protected. Only adults will be eligible for vaccination, as there have not been clinical trials done with children yet. - Safe and Strong Helpline is here 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/ - Racial Equity Support Line The Racial Equity Support Line is a service led and staffed by people with lived experience of racism. Staff offer support to those who are feeling the emotional impacts of racist violence and microaggressions, as well as the emotional impacts of immigration struggles and other cross-cultural issues. https://www.linesforlife.org/racial-equity-support - Seasonal affective disorder and the pandemic: Dark winter days can make us feel down, unmotivated and sluggish. Those low, gray skies sap our energy and enthusiasm. In about one person in 20, these feelings can be symptoms of seasonal depression, called seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Many more people get the winter blues, a milder version of SAD. This 		
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	<p>winter, with many of us feeling added stress and anxiety from the pandemic, brighter days might seem very far away. If managing your mental and emotional health this winter feels like more of a challenge, you are not alone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You Are Not Alone resource: Digital advertising continues to promote the You Are Not Alone https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-not-alone resource for reducing isolation and to prevent and address abuse, neglect and exploitation during the pandemic. Promotional materials are available in 12 languages on its website. Please share with your community! - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extension of the emergency allotment of food benefits through January. This allows program participants to receive the maximum amount of benefits for their household size. 2. A temporary, 15% increase in SNAP benefits for program participants from the latest federal coronavirus relief package. 3. The increase lasts from January 1 through June 30, 2021. 3. Approval of the “no interview” waiver for SNAP applicants and recertifications through Feb. 28, 2021. Learn more and apply online: https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/assistance/food-benefits/pages/about-snap.aspx <p>Please contact Nat Jacobs nat.jacobs@state.or.us, OHA Innovator Agent with any questions</p>		
<p>4.0 Advanced Health Updates</p>	<p>Bonnie Ell reminded everyone that the Curry Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) coalition meets the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom from 2-4 pm and to contact bonnie.ell@advancedhealth.com for the login.</p> <p>CEO Ben Messner from Advanced Health Shared that he is happy to be here. They are continuing to make strides and continue to see improvements in Dental. There is a lack of access and providers in Curry and they are working on increasing both. Mental health is also a focus and is making slow growth.</p> <p>Laura Williams mentioned the equity plan was completed and submitted to the OHA. It is a 43 page document that will be coming to the Advanced Health website. She is focused on communicating this</p>		



	<p>plan out to members. The plan is about what we need to do to advance health equity within ourselves within our provider network and our community population. She is interested in hearing about other equity initiatives in Curry county. Bonnie Ell and Mellissah Hendrickson will be completing some training with ORCCA for equity training. Open discussion if any of our CAC members are involved in equity groups in Curry? Jen Schaefer from United way got some funding to preform some equity training under grants. Curry county has many recipients and there will be more information to come. CHIP prioritized health equity as a priority. South Coast ESD and SWOCC have been involved in equity work. Every child statewide team is working on equity training and efforts. Hard copy member of handbooks available by requesting in Chat. Electronic copy available on Advanced Health website.</p> <p>Update on CASA of Curry county. Last year our local office was closed unexpectedly. Under the leadership of Greg Dalton, every child Coos, and ORCCA It is being developed to reopen. Online training for new CASA volunteers will be the first week in March. We need more volunteers.</p>		
<p>5.0 Presentation from OHA, Ombuds Program</p>	<p>Introductions completed.</p> <p>Ombuds – the name means We are here to help. 1 in 4 Oregonians is covered by the Oregon Health Plan. Members come to them for various reasons. Including medical billing for Medicaid members, Denials made by providers or CCO’s, Assisting with Transportation to appointments.</p> <p>When a member comes to them for help, they walk aside the member to assist. Institutional language can be confusing and sometimes we assist in helping them to understand what to do next through simplifying that language.</p> <p>Data is collected from each call. The information is brought to leadership to allow a voice and experience to drive change in policy, processes or even system issues that may arrive.</p> <p>You can contact Ombuds program at 1-877-642-0450 This is a message line but if you leave a message they will call back. There are currently 6 team members. You can also email OHA.ombudsoffice@dhsosha.state.or.us</p>		



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	<p>Community Partner Outreach Program (CPOP)</p> <p>Community Partners are needed to provide warm referrals into this program. They train and certify community partners to help Oregonians apply for, enroll, and renew their health coverage.</p> <p>They have monthly county collaborative meetings. The meeting is virtual, and they share system updates, networking, and collaboration.</p> <p>You can find a community partner that provides OHP assistance by going to: https://healthcare.orgon.gov/Pages/find-help.aspx</p>		
<p>6.0 Community Partner Updates</p>	<p>CHIP housing committee update: Neighbor works Umpqua has given a grant to Curry for a housing coordinator position and we have not heard any updates. 18 people applied to be on the committee, and it is a great group. We need to proceed to get the position filled.</p> <p>Beth Barker-Hidalgo: Drive thru COVID testing events for Free COVID testing Feb 2nd 10AM-4PM Langlois church Flu shots also avail at this event, March 3rd 11AM-3PM Gold Beach Community Center March 10th 11-3PM At the Chetco community Public library.</p> <p>SOCRC has moved to a mobile model. Mobile services available 10-2PM Tues SDA Food bank Wed Gold Beach Community Center Thur Gold Beach Community Center</p> <p>11 households in hotels not between Brookings and Gold Beach. Some families have vouchers but cannot find affordable housing to use the vouchers.</p> <p>Mendy Hayne: Teaching on tech wise for families. This is to help parents have some safe guidelines and boundaries in their homes. Tech-Wise Family Small Group https://brookingsnaz.churchcenter.com/groups/begroups/tech-wise-family</p> <p>Second resource for Moms of preschoolers. Preschool moms have care provided for the meeting. They meet twice a month and have someone take care of their kiddos while they get some much-needed networking.</p> <p>MOPS Small Groups (Mothers of Preschoolers) https://brookingsnaz.churchcenter.com/groups/mops-groups</p>		



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	<p>Connie Hunter: Letter to editor in the pilot that talks about the work being done in the VA taskforce group. New Veteran’s outreach coordinator at the VA. She is getting more communication from the VA about collaboration. There is a gap in dental care for Veterans in Brookings.</p> <p>Every Child Curry: We are at a critical need for foster families. There are about 24 families in Curry county and only 2 are general applicant homes and they are in Gold Beach. This means we do not have any general applicants in Brookings. 1 of the General applicant homes are at full capacity. To learn more about foster care and the online certification process, visit: https://everychildcurry.org/foster-care/</p> <p>Gordon Clay: Suicide went up 7.8% in our county. We need to get aid for suicide prevention. Oregon ranks #4 in the number of people in the nation calling the suicide prevention hotline. National numbers are going down but not in Curry county and not in Oregon.</p> <p>Correction to the minutes 2.25.21: Community Partner Updates: Gordon Clay - up 7.8% in Oregon, ranks #4 in the number of people in the nation texting the Crisis Text Line 741741</p> <p>SCBEC update: SCB is currently hiring for a career coordinator in Curry county. You can apply here: https://scbec1.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a2tyw8psjb0e</p> <p>We are also offering scholarships for truck driving and several one year certificate courses offered through SWOCC. We can provide assistance in finding employment to job seekers or assistance finding employees to employers.</p> <p>Curry Health Foundation: Looking for a volunteer platform to find volunteers. SOWIB has a platform to match volunteers to nonprofit agencies to volunteers and vice versa. www.sowib.org</p>		
<p>7.00 Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Public meeting was called to an end at 1:30 pm. Meeting ended at 1:37PM</p>		

Mellissah Hendrickson, 1/28/21