

Curry CAC meeting minutes 7/25/24

In Attendance: Bevin Ankrom, Ashley McGehee, Becky Yeager, Connie Hunter, Corrinne Potts, Doris, Kiragu, Isabel Valdez, Jess, Matt Vorderstrasse, Sam Baugh, Sarah Swanson, Jill Te Velde, Veronica Delmoral,

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

Quorum is not present held for approval until next month.

Opportunities at SWOCC:

Highlighted Graduates – 36 graduates from Curry County 6 Nurses 5 Medical assistants, A few Welding certificates 43 GED students. 6 earned and 9 that passed one or more tests on their GED.

14 students in the heavy equipment 9 graduated

Another class starting soon flier will be attached

Caring campus initiative – Held our first after COVID in person awards ceremony. Graduation for SWOCC works program, held our first annual Pi day, Planted a garden, We had a Nursing networking event, Mid term Cookie and Ice cream break, Trying to bring our students to campus and show them we care about them.

Upcoming classes – Flier Attached

CHIP priorities and Vice President:

The Priorities that were voted in are Housing and Homelessness, Access to Healthcare, Childcare and Food and Nutrition. Commissioner Trost was also voted in as our vice chair.

OHA Update: Presentation Attached to minutes

CAC/CHIP recruitment: We want to make sure we have as many voices as possible at the table as we shape and create our goals and strategies for our 2024 Community Health Improvement Plan.

Community Updates:

Matt Vorderstrasse: Continuing to develop Ellensburg. We are going to develop it into 26 units with a supported housing model. We are taking part in a task force with the governor's office in developing a sustainable shelter system. We have engaged with South Coast Equity coalition to do listening sessions and form a community needs assessment. That report has been given to the state of Oregon and has led to us doing a MOU with the South Coast Equity Coalition. This will allow our staff to expand their training.

OHSU: Still enrolling dental hygienists in our program and are offering free training to these professionals. We are still building courses for cancer-related work. If you have any input Sarah would love to hear from you swansosa@ohsu.edu

Connie Hunter: SHARING FROM COOS CURRY OLDER ADULT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE VIA OUR WONDEFUL OABHI PROVIDER LUALHATI ANDERSON: In collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Human Services – Office on Aging & People with Disabilities and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) – Public Health Division, is hosting COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS focused on Oregonian's experience with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, and Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI).

*****On Wednesday, July 31, at 6:00 to 8:00 pm, OHA will be hosting a listening session specifically for current and former Family Care Partners for those living with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia (ADRD).

*****The focus of the session will be on the experiences of family members and care partners of those living with ADRD. OHA is seeking feedback with a focus on issues such as increasing early detection and diagnosis, risk reduction, prevention of avoidable hospitalizations, and supporting dementia caregiving.

*****The session will be virtual via Zoom. Registration is required ahead of the meeting. You can register by emailing Connie.Hunter@outlook.com and I will forward info and link to register. Written comment will also be accepted via email to Rachael Hawk at racheal.hawk@oha.oregon.gov.

SCREL: The Early Learning hub recently launched a new tool on our website to help our families check eligibility and learn how to apply for programs that may help support them. The services that are highlighted range from pregnancy to Age 8. It is available in English and Spanish. We are also hosting a family activity about getting outside with your kids. It is free at

Eazy Manor park in August. To register visit: https://forms.gle/ENTCgML7DXxFKRqo7 or call 541-266-3909

To learn more about this and other upcoming Group Connections Gatherings, visit: https://screlhub.org/parenting/#group_connections

Jess: South Coast Equity coalition has hired someone in Curry focused on trying to engage our Hispanic and Latin community. We currently have scholarships open for medical and behavioral health training. Find more information on our website: