



Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting Minutes
 May 2, 2024, 12 pm

Time	Agenda Item	Action	Discussion Leader
12:00 pm	Welcome		David
	<p>Council Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll call <p>In Attendance: David Rupkalvis, Anna Marie Slate, Kathy Abbott, Lisa DeSalvio, Katie Gonzalez, Robert Hall, Brenda Hall, Avery Horton, Shannon Hunter, Jeanifer Imbruglia, Coreen Lee, Katrinka McReynolds, Trudy Simpson, Sara Stephens, Stephanie Vaughn, Kristy Martindale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2024 minutes <p>Changes noted that Katie Gonzales added to attendance. Concern expressed that minutes do not include names and perhaps should. Discussion in room regarding changing this format.</p> <p>Motion to approve Minutes made by Anna Marie and Seconded by Katrinka. All in favor none opposed motion carries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Agenda <p>Motion to approve made by Kathy Abbott second by Katie Gonzalez,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion Box https://forms.office.com/r/B9NTwd9Mte <p>Nothing new received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations tracker. <p>Nothing new received.</p>	Approval	David
	<p>Open Floor/feedback loop voting CAC Representatives-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Problems and Areas/Opportunities for Improvement <p>What happened to the acronym dictionary? It is not attached to the agendas. This will be added back moving forward.</p> <p>This new rule that we cannot stand in the lobby and wait for our meeting is not acceptable. Meeting attendees are welcome to the conference room at 1130am and after.</p> <p>Member shares a little bit of information regarding information she heard in another community meeting that CCO's could be using Uber lift or another option for transportation instead of Bay Cities Brokerage. Discussion in</p>	Discussion / Action	

	<p>room that this could be helpful and provide more access. The barrier of having to schedule several days in advance is difficult. There is some potential movement on the state level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Partner Representatives 		
	<p>OHA update Attached to minutes. Participant shared resource for Peer Counseling: HTTPS://ccswebsite.org/warmline/ Participant shares concern that the information being presented from Bevin should be available to the members. Please remember to reach out to customer service if you have any concerns or questions. Kera Hood shared that there is a guide for behavioral help that we can include in the next meeting and talk about how we can get it out to the members. https://d2h9gmn08hej2v.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Easy-Guide-to-Mental-Health-Final-5.2023.pdf Please share the word about the HUB. https://cooscurryhub.com/</p>		Bevin
	<p>OHA Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demographics You will be receiving a link for our upcoming demographic report that is going to be due from OHA soon. When the link is received please fill it out by the beginning of June. If you need help with the form please call Sam. - CHIP progress report A CHIP progress report is due on Dec 31st 2024. We will be asking CHIP group leaders for assistance as we put this together. Please respond. 	Discussion	Sam
	<p>2024 CHIP update The Next CHIP meeting is on 05/16/24 at 2PM at the North Bend Library. We will be presenting the outcomes from the Data Walks. If you participated in the Data Walks please attend this meeting as well. In June we will put together action teams and action team leaders. Participant shares concern to be sure that youth will be considered as we build our priorities.</p>		Sam
	<p>Charter review– Charter shared by screen share. Purpose as written was discussed. Notes were added to the charter live to record recommendations. Recommendation to run it through CHAT GPT to make sure we are making it readable at a 6th grade level.</p>		Sam

	<p>Edits made live in collaboration. Discussion in room regarding the continued concern about the wait time for appointments. Edits made live in collaboration. Participant shares experience with a child needing an eye exam (preventative care) and having to overcome several barriers to get the child the exam that was needed. Open discussion regarding prevention. Suggestion to look at removing barriers as a parking lot discussion as it does not pertain to the Charter. Discussion regarding the numbers currently listed in the charter for the minimum and maximum number of participants. Edits made live in collaboration. Concern shared regarding the transportation section of the Charter and the barrier it creates for consumers to navigate. Sam will contact BCB to find out if it is possible to remove the phone call that is required prior to mileage reimbursement when you are driving yourself and allow the form to be submitted without the phone call required 24 hours prior to the meeting.</p>		
	<p>Open Floor – Public comment None heard</p>		David
	<p>Adjourn</p>	Action	David
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday, June 6, 2024 June is the quarterly evening meeting. Discussion invited if this is still acceptable. Suggestion to do a marketing push about this meeting to see if we can get increased participation.</p>		

OHA Update – **May 2024** – Advanced Health Coos County Community Advisory Council

2024 Southern Oregon Coast Housing Summit



The Mill Casino | Salmon Room
3201 Tremont Avenue, North Bend OR 97459
Monday, May 13, 2024 (9am - 5pm)

All are welcome! Private Sector Employers, State Legislators, Developers, Lenders, Investors, Builders, Planners, Elected Officials, City Administrators, Community Mental Health Programs, Housing Authorities, Community Action Agencies, Federal Partners...any and all who want to help create new housing in the region.

In person: \$75
Online viewing only: \$60
Registration link below

Questions: Stephanie Hadley
shadley@socrh.org / 541-290-8970

- **Hear from Federal & State Partners** as well as housing legislative updates.
- **Green Energy** - Integrate energy efficient opportunities into your housing development, and learn what is on the horizon for Green Energy and how to leverage upcoming funds into housing projects.
- **Catching a Vision** - Developing a regional housing continuum of shelter, supportive housing, and workforce housing, you'll hear from speakers regarding these developments across the South Coast.
- **Networking Opportunities** - Meet with fellow problem solvers who want to create new partnerships and housing in the region.

During Mental Health Awareness Month, OHA reminds Oregonians of support resources for those in need and their loved ones

PORTLAND, Ore. – Oregon Health Authority is recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month during May by promoting resources that support mental well-being for all Oregonians.

One in five people will experience a mental health condition in a given year, and about half of all Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their lives, according to national statistics.

Nearly everyone faces challenges in life that can affect their mental health and emotional well-being.

“Too many people in our state are facing mental health challenges, and we want everyone to know you do not have to struggle alone,” said OHA Director Sejal Hathi, M.D., MBA.

Dr. Hathi, who has [spoken about her mental health journey](#), added, “In many of our communities, societal or cultural norms discourage people from reaching out, or even

admitting that we may need some help. Mental Health Awareness Month is a critical opportunity to highlight that mental health *is* health.”

Here are a few highlights of resources available for Oregonians:

- OHA provides support for Community Mental Health Programs that provide services related to mental health, substance use, and problem gambling, in counties and communities across Oregon. A directory of these services, listed by county can be found
- In Oregon, the [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The easy-to-remember 988 number is available for people experiencing any type of mental health challenge, substance use crisis or thoughts of suicide or self-harm. Anyone who needs support can call, text or chat in English and Spanish (interpretation services and American Sign Language are also available) and connect with trained crisis counselors. The 988 Lifeline is also a resource for friends and families concerned about a loved one.
- [The Mental Health Toolkit](#) was created through a collaboration between OHA and Oregon Department of Education to help educators increase students’ academic achievement through meeting their mental and behavioral health needs.
- [Online resources from Sources on Strength](#) - Sources of Strength has two online resource packets. The first is [Resources for Practicing Strength at Home](#), and the second is a shorter version that also offers a [wellness plan](#). Any resource in these packets can be used in classrooms, staff meetings, in individual or group counseling, or to practice strength wherever you are.

OHA encourages communities, organizations, and individuals to use the month of May to help raise awareness of mental health and well-being.

For news media reporting on suicide, find useful guidance here:

<https://reportingonsuicide.org/>

Immunization Policy Advisory Team meets June 6 via Zoom

What: Meeting of Oregon’s Immunization Policy Advisory Team (IPAT).

Agenda: Draft agenda items include:

- Public comment (see process below)
- Oregon’s latest non-medical exemption rates.
- Do high non-medical exemption rates equate to low childhood up-to-date rates?

Final agenda will be available at meeting or via email request three days before the meeting

date by contacting imm.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

When: Thursday, June 6, noon-2 p.m.

Where: Virtually via Zoom meeting – Requires registering in advance using [this link](#).

Those who register will receive a confirmation email with additional information. They should watch for that confirmation, as it is needed to join the meeting.

IPAT welcomes and encourages public comment, as it helps inform IPAT members. All written comment received by noon Thursday, May 20, will be shared with IPAT voting members and staff before the meeting June 6.

If you prefer to provide your comment during the meeting, you must register with Anne VanCuren at imm.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov before noon Thursday, May 20.

There are 15 minutes on the agenda for public comment, allowing three minutes each for five people. If more than five requests for live public comment are received, the five will be chosen via lottery. Those not chosen are encouraged to submit comments in writing by the same May 20 deadline.

Background: The Oregon Immunization Program works to reduce the incidence of vaccine-preventable disease in Oregon. Staff members identify and promote evidence-informed public health best practices to both the public and health care professionals throughout the state. For more information, visit the program's website: www.healthoregon.org/imm.

Medicaid expands to cover young adults with special health care needs

Starting January 1, 2025, the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) will offer benefits to certain young adults under a new Medicaid eligibility category: **Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN)**.

Who qualifies as YSHCN?

To qualify as YSHCN, a person must:

- Be 19 or 20 years old in 2025
- Have at least one qualifying health care need that began before age 19
- Have an individual or family income up to 305% of the [Federal Poverty Level](#)

Current OHP members who qualify for YSHCN will automatically receive YSHCN benefits. Individuals can also complete a short set of questions in the OHP application to qualify for

YSHCN.

About YSHCN benefits

Starting January 1, 2025, YSHCN will:

- Qualify for enhanced vision and dental benefits and [Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment \(EPSDT\)](#) up to their 26th birthday
- Have access to [Health Related Social Needs \(HRSN\) benefits](#)

What this means for CCOs

More information about YSHCN is coming soon. Right now, it's important to know that:

- In 2025, the YSHCN benefit will cover approximately 6,000 new young adults who currently don't qualify for OHP. In addition, approximately 16,000 current OHP members will receive enhanced benefits through YSHCN.
- Some YSHCN will turn 21 during 2025. Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will need to adjust their systems to ensure that YSHCN maintain their EPSDT and enhanced vision and dental coverage after their 21st
- CCOs and OHA will need to screen YSHCN individuals annually to determine their need for HRSN benefits.

Questions?

1115waiver.renewal@odhsoha.oregon.gov



Register for the Upcoming 1115 Medicaid Waiver All Come and Para Todos Webinars

[¡Oprima aquí para la invitación en Español!](#)

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PST (All Come)

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM PST (Para Todos)

[ALL COME](#)
[Register Here](#)

[PARA TODOS](#)
[Regístrese Aquí](#)

Audience:

Community Partners, Coordinated Care Organizations, Health and Human Services Providers, Medical Providers, Local Government, Members, and more!

Please Note: These sessions will be recorded and will be accessible post-webinar.

Resources

Community Capacity Building Funds Two-Pager:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Documents/CCBF-Two-Pager.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – CCBF:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Documents/CCBF-FAQ.pdf>



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programs and services. Some examples of the free help we can provide include sign language and spoken language services. For more information, please [contact us](#).

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Health Licensing Office, Board of Sign language Interpreters seeks public comments on proposed administrative rules

What: The Health Licensing Office (HLO) at the Oregon Public Health Division and the Board of Sign Language Interpreters are seeking public comments on proposed rules related to the sign language interpreting profession.

The Board, under the Health Licensing Office, has filed proposed rules with the Oregon Secretary of State. The rules are scheduled to become effective June 8, 2024. The Board's statutes and administrative rules can be found on the Board's [website](#).

How to comment: The period to comment on the proposed rule changes opened Sept. 1, 2023, and will end at noon April 28, 2024.

The public comment period allows external experts, individuals, entities, advocates and communities likely to be affected by the proposed rules to have their voices heard by the HLO and the Board during the rulemaking process.

Background: Rules are needed to continue to license sign language interpreters under the regulation of the Board. The Board was established within HLO during the 2023 Legislative Session by passage of [HB 2696](#). These rules make the Board operational by proposing Board-approved minimum qualifications and licensing requirements for sign language interpreters in Oregon.

To comment on the proposed rules, contact Samie Patnode at Samie.Patnode@oha.oregon.gov or Carrie Edwards at Carrie.Edwards@oha.oregon.gov. Comments can also be submitted via postal mail to:

Health Licensing office

Attn: Samie Patnode

1430 Tandem Ave. NE, Suite 180

Salem, OR 97301-2192

For alternative formats, contact Samie Patnode at samie.patnode@oha.oregon.gov.



With most medical renewals complete, Oregon among top states keeping people covered

With more than 88 percent of the state's 1.5 million renewals complete, more than 4 out of 5 Oregonians are keeping their Oregon Health Plan (OHP) or other Medicaid benefits.

At this point in the unwinding process, most of the initially planned 10 waves of renewals are complete.

- Under 4,800 members, about 0.3 percent, still need to respond to renewals from those initial waves.
- About 2.9 percent of members have responded to their renewal but are awaiting state action on the response.
- The remaining renewals, about 8.6 percent of the total, will occur over the summer.

Oregon's 82.6 percent renewal rate continues to one of the [three highest in a national comparison of state renewal rates by KFF](#), a nonpartisan health policy organization.

[Read the Oregon Health Authority news release for details about total renewals completed this month](#)

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Change to newsletter schedule; next full issue in April 2024

Starting in April, Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will publish "Keep Covered" every other month. You can expect to see the next full issue in June.

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Resources



**Communications
Toolkits**



Data Dashboards



**All Partner
Resources**

Email your questions, comments and concerns about the COVID-19 PHE:
We will use your feedback to help improve our services.



About this newsletter

During the COVID-19 PHE, the federal government provided regulatory flexibilities and temporary benefits. Some of these flexibilities and temporary benefits are ending.

The **Keep Covered** newsletter shares the latest information about changes coming for people with OHP and other benefits, including services and supports for people with disabilities and older adults, and food benefits.



REPEATED INFORMATION:

OHA Reproductive Health Program launches *Abortion Access* website

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Reproductive Health Program at Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has launched a new website that makes it easier for people to seek abortion care information and services.

The [Abortion Access in Oregon](#) website, viewable at oregon.gov/abortion, includes webpages and links with current and accurate information about accessing abortion services in Oregon, including:

- [Information About Abortion](#) – Describes different types of abortion services, including some frequently asked questions.
- [Legal Rights and Privacy](#) – Explains people’s legal and privacy rights to abortion in Oregon.
- [Where to Get an Abortion](#) – Includes a list of abortion providers in Oregon, as well as resources for accessing abortion services outside of Oregon.
- [Paying for an Abortion](#) – Provides information about different options to help cover the cost of abortion services.

- [Abortion Access Plan](#) – Describes OHA’s program to cover abortion services for people who have health insurance through Providence, or whose religious employers provide insurance that does not cover abortion.
- [Abortion Support](#) – Includes resources for travel and other related support, as well as resources related to emotional support before, during and after an abortion.

“The new *Abortion Access in Oregon* website helps us reaffirm to people in Oregon that abortion remains legal and protected in our state, and that anyone who comes to our state for an abortion, regardless of immigration status, has the legal and protected right to that abortion service, not just Oregon residents,” Governor Tina Kotek said.

“As challenges to women's reproductive freedom mount across the country, OHA remains staunchly committed to protecting access to the full range of reproductive health care -- including and especially abortion, fertility services, and contraception -- for all those who live in and visit our state,” said OHA Director Dr. Sejal Hathi. “The foundation of access is knowledge: of your rights, of available services, of the nuts and bolts of obtaining care. This website takes us one step closer to sharing that knowledge, and enabling greater access to protected care.”

The *Abortion Access in Oregon* website was created in collaboration with community, clinical and state partners to ensure the information it contains is relevant to, and accessible for, people seeking abortion care in Oregon.

OHA’s Reproductive Health Program, based at the state Public Health Division, has asked community, clinical and state partners to share the website link with their colleagues and staffs, as well as with community members and patients they serve.

New climate-related resources available to some OHP members

Oregon Health Plan (OHP/Medicaid) members with a medical need and who are facing certain life changes may now qualify for [new climate-related benefits](#).

These benefits include devices that promote healthy temperatures and clean air such as air conditioners, heaters and air filters, as well as mini refrigeration units for storing medications. Portable power supplies to operate medical equipment (i.e., ventilators during power outages) may also be available as a new benefit.

Eligible members are experiencing life transitions and often face social injustices, including but not limited to those currently or previously involved in the child welfare system, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, or released from incarceration within the last year.

“People with lower incomes and chronic conditions are among those most likely to experience heat exhaustion, heat stroke or complications of other health conditions related to extreme climate events,” said Dave Baden, deputy director of OHA. “By connecting wrap-around health benefits to traditional Medicaid coverage, Oregon is recognizing that non-medical factors influence health outcomes. Access to these services will reduce health disparities and offer life-saving resources to people in Oregon.”

The new climate-related benefits are part of Oregon’s federally funded expansion of OHP coverage to include [health-related social needs](#) (HRSN) services, which can help maintain health and well-being but aren’t traditionally thought of as medical services.

OHP members interested in receiving climate devices should [contact their coordinated care organization](#) (CCO) to learn more.

[Read for more](#)

CDC recommends another COVID-19 vaccine dose for people 65+

Oregonians ages 65 and older are now advised to get an additional dose of the 2023–2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine released last fall, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“Vaccine-induced immunity can wane over time, but a second dose restores that protection, which can help keep people in this particularly vulnerable group from being hospitalized or even dying,” said Dr. Paul Cieslak, medical director for communicable diseases and immunizations at OHA. The additional dose of the 2023–2024 vaccine should be given at **least four months after the first dose.**



People who are [immunocompromised](#) are already eligible for additional doses of the 2023–2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine, **at least two months after their most recent dose.**

While the state has seen a [steady decline](#) in COVID-19-related hospitalizations and percentage of positive COVID-19 tests since late December, the virus is still circulating briskly

across Oregon. OHA continues to recommend anyone who has not received the 2023–2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine to get it as soon as they can, as vaccination remains the best way for people to protect themselves against the virus.

Additionally, the CDC recently updated its [isolation guidelines](#) to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, which align with Oregon’s guidelines.

[Read for more](#)

Telehealth service to receive COVID-19 medication ending soon

The Color Health telehealth service in Oregon to receive low- or no-cost COVID-19 antiviral medication such as Paxlovid is ending after **March 31**. Additionally, the last day to receive this medication through Color Health’s home delivery option was, March 8. After that and through March 31, the only option will be pharmacy pickup.

Outside of [Color Health](#), there are a few ways for eligible people to get COVID-19 antiviral medication.

<https://lnks.gd//eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkijoxMTksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylsluVybcI6Imh0dHBzOi8vcGF4bG92aWQuaWFzc2lzdC5jb20vP3V0bV9tZWVpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkijoiMjAyNDZMDcuOTE0NzI3NjEifQ.AtC-NKpJonnLmhaaX8kkzDwuCI66FPPiSaYjXG61dA8/s/2986471437/br/238457289402-l> target="" _blank" style='position:absolute;margin-left:65.05pt;margin-top:0;width:116.25pt;height:166.5pt;z-

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- If you are uninsured or have Medicare or Medicaid (OHP), *and* you have a prescription for Paxlovid, you can receive Paxlovid at no cost through Pfizer's patient assistance program, PAXCESS, regardless of income, insurance or immigration status. Overnight home delivery of Paxlovid is possible upon request. Enroll online for PAXCESS [here](#). Call **877-219-7225** to learn more.
- If you have private insurance and become sick, contact your health care provider or go to an in-network urgent care facility to get a prescription. Most private insurance plans will cover COVID-19 antiviral medication with possible co-pays. Those with private insurance can also enroll in the [PAXCESS](#) co-pay program for help paying for Paxlovid.
- Check with your pharmacy to see if they will prescribe Paxlovid directly to you, without a doctor's prescription. State-licensed pharmacists may prescribe Paxlovid to people [under certain conditions](#).

COVID-19 antiviral medication cannot be prescribed in advance, *in case* someone gets sick. It must also be taken within five days of symptom onset. Learn more about COVID-19 treatments, including Paxlovid, [here](#). For questions related to COVID-19 treatment options, contact the Oregon Immunization Program Help Desk, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 1-800-980-9431 or

alertiis@odhsoha.oregon.gov

OHP Bridge — Draft Rules and Community Input

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) would like your help building Oregon's upcoming expansion of health care coverage, Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Bridge. OHP Bridge:

- Is a new category of OHP benefits that will cover more adults with higher incomes, launching in July 2024.
- Will offer OHP coverage through coordinated care organizations, with no enrollee costs.
- Will serve adults aged 19-64 in Oregon who have incomes between 138 and 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, have [eligible immigration status](#), and do not have access to another form of [affordable coverage](#).

OHA is currently drafting rules for OHP Bridge and is now accepting community input for the draft rules.
