



Date: January 23, 2025

Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm

Location SWOCC Brookings Campus-Room 206

Facilitator: Sam Baugh

Minute Taker: Isabel Valdez

Curry CAC Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Sam Baugh, Isabel Valdez, Marissa McCorey, Sarah Kaplansky, Brandy Hille, Ellenor Foskett, Jay Trost, Becky Yeager, Doris Kiragu, Sage Halverson, Trudy Simpson, Doris Kiragu, Lisa Frischkorn, Tricia Iverson, Olivia Davis, Danita Tracy Carter, Kelsey Matthews, Sage Halverson, Jill TeVelde, Kera Hood, Gordan Clay

Approval of minutes and agenda: October Minutes. Open for discussion and edits, none heard motion to approve minutes Matt Vorderstrasse Seconded by Tricia Iverson. All in favor of no opposed motion carries.

Introductions and Ice Breaker:

- Introduce Sage Halverson
- Name and Agency
- What are you looking forward to the most in the New Year?

Nominations for CAC Officers:

- Chair
- Vice Chair

We will discuss this in the February meeting. No nominees at this time.

Advanced Health Lisa Frischkorn-Foodsmart

HRSN Nutrition Lunch 01/01/2025

What is covered with HRSN

- Medically Tailored Meals and Assessment for Medically
- Tailored Meals
- Nutrition Education

Who is Covered for HRSN

- Members covered under the transition population
- Members experiencing Low Food Security or Very Low Food Security as measured by U.S. Household Food Security Survey

Members can get started today and unlock their **personal nutrition coach!** They can scan the QR code to begin their journey toward better health. <https://foodsmart.com/>

Bevin OHA Update: Attached to minutes

Coast Community Health Center (CCHC) update:

Official notice yesterday January 15, 2025, Coast Community Health Center (CCHC) will be closing the clinic effective February 15, 2025. There have been many efforts to save the Health Center in collaboration with Advanced Health and All Care Health, the two Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) that work closely with Coast. Also, community members, providers, and hospitals in the area. We will continue working together to ensure there is a smooth transition for all the patients. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is working closely with all of the partners and looking for other opportunities to find someone that might want to take on coast as an FQHC.

Reproductive and Sexual Health Survey

Want to better understand barriers to access Sexual Health Reproductive and Gender Affirming Healthcare"

Please register with the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/5uhcG883za>

Link in Spanish: <https://forms.office.com/r/Zveg8KRG3p>

Jess: jess@southcoastequity.org

Reproductive Justice and Access Lead: Zaria@southcoastequity.org

Tribes, 34 organizations, receive \$23 million to support home repairs:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has awarded \$23 million to repair and rehabilitate homes of low-income residents to eliminate risks to residents' health to the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon and 34 local organizations. The funds are from the Healthy Homes Grant Program (HHGP), established to improve health by rehabilitating living environments in Oregon.

For a [video highlighting this work](#) and to hear from recipients themselves, visit [this link](#).

A full list of competitive grant recipients are available on the HHGP website, www.oregon.gov/healthyhomes.

Providence Health Strike Information:

They have their nursing strike that started on Friday January 10th and that that is still in force.

Information directly from Providence:

1. Hospitals are open and ready to care for patients. Limited capacity at this time is Providence Saint Vincent (Portland area).
2. They have secured the services of highly qualified, experienced replacement workers who will be working alongside our existing caregivers.
3. If you have a Critical, emergency need, and you are near a Providence hospital, be assured we will take care of you. May experience wait times that are longer than normal.
4. If a patient needs to be deferred or reschedule procedures or appointments, Providence will contact patients directly.
5. Clinic appointments located in or near a Providence hospital, may need to check-in at a designated entrance.

Upcoming Training:

New Training Series: Awareness of New Approaches to Eating Disorder Screening, Treatment and Management.

Training series aims to raise awareness of eating disorders within our communities, fostering earlier recognition and treatment. It is designed for therapists, dietitians, healthcare providers, and school counselors, but is also open to parents, family members, teachers, community health workers.

Upcoming training sessions:

What are eating disorders?

Date: Jan. 29, noon to 1:15 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Register [here](#)

Screening and best treatment for eating disorders

Date: Feb. 12, noon to 1:15 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Register [here](#)

TPEP Council Cont'd

OHA is seeking up to 18 people to be on the Council. OHA is looking for diverse perspectives and people committed to reducing the harmful effects of tobacco. This includes, but is not limited to, representation from community-based organizations; Regional Health Equity Coalitions; Local Public Health Authorities; and cross-sector partners such as school districts, advocacy groups and state agencies.

Timeline:

December 5, 2024: Recruitment opens

January 15, 2025: Virtual information session

February 1, 2025: First round of application review begins

March 2025: Member invitations

March/April 2025: Member orientation

Learn more or alternative options for applying for TPEP contact:

Colin Baker, Recruitment Consultant cbaker@kearnswest.com

Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN)

New Oregon Health Plan program: Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN) will launch January 1, 2025, for eligible young adults aged 19 and 20 years old.

Benefits: Enrolled members will qualify for enhanced vision and dental benefits and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) ([Link](#)) and may have access to Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) benefits ([Link](#)).

Eligibility: YSHCN will offer more benefits to young adults ages 19 and 20 with a family income up to 205% of the Federal Poverty Level ([Link](#)) who also have special health care needs

Learn more about YSHCN here ([Link](#))

Oregon records highest pertussis:

As Oregon closes out 2024 with a record-breaking number of pertussis (whooping cough) cases, health officials remind everyone that vaccination is the best way to prevent pertussis and, particularly, severe illness among babies. If you do not know when or if you were last vaccinated against pertussis, we recommend all people over age 10 receive a [dose of Tdap](#).

Infants cannot be vaccinated against pertussis until they are two months old, [pregnant people](#) are recommended to get the Tdap vaccine at 27–36 weeks' gestation. Additionally, when pertussis strikes a household in which an infant or pregnant person lives, OHA recommends [all members of the household](#) receive a course of antibiotics effective against *Bordetella pertussis*—typically, a five-day course of azithromycin. Learn more about where to get vaccines in Oregon [here](#)

Donate blood and help save lives:

As the American Red Cross continues to face the fewest number of people donating blood in the past two decades, they are urging people to donate this post-holiday season. As a special thank-you, the Red Cross is offering everyone who donates blood between Jan. 1 – 26, 2025, a chance to win a [trip for two to Superbowl LIX](#) in New Orleans in February. You can help save a life. Make an appointment today to give blood or platelets. Use the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Learn about blood donor eligibility requirements [here](#) and check out the work being done by the Red Cross Cascades Region [here](#).

Radon Action Month in January: *Colorless, odorless gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer behind smoking.*

The Radon Awareness Program monitors which areas of the state [have the potential for high radon levels](#) and identifies regions where educational outreach efforts need to be focused. The program is offering a free radon test kit to residents whose homes are in ZIP codes with fewer than 20 radon test results. Residents can learn more about the free radon test kit program and how to apply at www.healthoregon.org/radon. Free test kits are available while supplies last.

Home testing kits can be purchased at hardware or home improvement stores, with prices ranging from \$20 to \$30. You can also order a radon test kit online from the [American Lung Association](#). If you would prefer to have a professional test your home, contact a [certified radon measurement company](#).

For more information on radon, including which areas of the state are at moderate to high risk of elevated radon levels, radon testing and mitigation options, or to order a test kit online, contact OHA's Radon Awareness Program at radon.program@oha.oregon.gov or visit www.healthoregon.org/radon.

Governor Kotek's Budget 2025-2027

State of Oregon employees are encouraged to learn more about the Governor's investments and priorities by reading the [2025-2027 Recommended Budget: Building on Progress](#). The Governor's Recommended Budget, commonly referred to as the "Short Book" by state employees, details a high-level narrative for her funding priorities. You can also [click here](#) to see the Governor's full recommended budget.

You can watch a recording of her remarks on YouTube in [English](#), [American Sign Language](#) and [Spanish](#) languages.

Legislative session starts January 21, 2025, and is scheduled to end on June 30, 2025.

OHA Director Sejal Hathi, M.D.:

Dr. Hathi directed leaders within OHA to review the concerns local partners raised and develop action plans to address them. [The new report describes 16 separate efforts](#) that state officials are pursuing to respond to the challenges they heard, including:

- Reducing administrative burdens on mental health and substance use programs.
- Supporting traditional health workers to bill Medicaid for services.
- Preventing health care facility closures in rural communities.

Reducing lead exposure among children.

Community Updates:

Point in Time Count (PIT)

January 27-31, 2025

Tricia- South Coast Family Survey- **THE SURVEY WILL CLOSE AFTER FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2025**
[HTTPS://PACIFICRESEARCH.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV_8OXU2OUGLJTR10A](https://PACIFICRESEARCH.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV_8OXU2OUGLJTR10A)



Matt- Update for our Curry County Ellensburg project is looking like it was going to go forward as a home project with OHCS which would mean that we can build Curry County units down there in Gold Beach with

grant funding and not having to check out permanent debt on the property and so that would actually be a big capacity builder for the housing authority in this region.

Brookings CORE Response Courage Lane

New DV Shelter in Gold Beach Hattie House in the Summer of 2025

Becky-211 is in a phone call crisis. HRSN benefits have overwhelmed the phone line. There is a 2 hour plus wait and will be calling individuals back.

Sage- Wanting to know if there is a Extreme Weather Shelter for people in Gold Beach.

Ellenor-Curry Health Foundation will be moving to a new location to assist with visibility. Moving in February 1 2025, please allow them time to settle in.

Gordan-Are you Ok brochure. All Care assisted with Spanish Translation of the brochure.

Brandy-THW Hub in Curry to meet every other month. March will most likely be our first meeting
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Adjourn Meeting: Next Meeting February 27, 2025