



Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting
Minutes
May 1 2025, 12 pm

Welcome

Attendance: Katie Gonzalez, Jeanifer Imbruglia, Lisa DeSalvio, Avery Horton, Shannon Hunter, Coreen Lee, Katrinka McReynolds, Trudy Simpson, Drew Farmer, Stephanie Brouse (proxy for Stephanie Vaughn) Kristy Martindale, Amber Nichole Majeski, Ariel Hicks.

Guests: Lori Nagle, Ross Acker, Brandy Hille, Anna Marie Slate, Bevin Ankrom, Amanda McCarthy, Danita Tracy Carter, Jerry O’Sullivan, Jess Howel, Zaria Hamilton, Grist, Mike Hanks, Nina Corrie, Sarah Swanson, Doris Kiragu, Kera Hood, Lisa Frischkorn, Kelcy Szetela, Lisa Castle

Council Business

April 2025 minutes: Motion by Kristy M, 2nd Ariel H. – All in favor

Approve Agenda: Motion: Lisa D. 2nd Shannon H. – All in Favor

No new suggestions in the suggestion box.

Open Floor/feedback loop voting CAC Representatives-

Consumer Representatives

One consumer member was at a conference and was given a “bug out bag” for giving to individuals before an emergency such as a tsunami. This would be a bag in individual can keep in their car or at their house that would have a couple of days of essential items they need to survive. A brokerage in the valley had given them to members. Wanted to know if this is something that we could do for our membership. These would be similar to emergency bags CHW is giving out.

Community Partner Representatives

Concern raised over youth that attend Youth Era during the summer that may not be able to access health care during the summer because they will not be close to the School health center. They were informed that most of the councilors that visit the school to talk to students are through CHW and that transportation to a from Appointments are covered by OHP. (if they are an OHP member). There was some discussion about the CCAT bus system offered free rides to youth during the summer last year to get to appointments, and other activities, and hopes that this program will be offered again. Telehealth is always an option for youth during the summer as well.

For non emergency transportation they can call BCB and see if it is a covered benefit. Youth 12 and younger need an adult to ride BCB to appointments.

May 7th Cancer Screening event at Bay Area Hospital. See attached Flyer for more information.

OHA update –

CAC Charter Review approved Charter

Motion: Lisa D 2nd Drew F – All In favor

CHIP Grant 6 month reports- Report from 7 groups that were awarded CHIP grants in 2024.

SMART reading	\$ 10,000.00	<p>We are currently providing 429 students at 10 local sites with high proportions of under-served and under-resourced children with weekly shared reading time and have provided nearly 3,200 new books to children in the program to keep.</p>
Waterfall	\$ 4,500.00	<p>so far to help 22 patients with transportation to medical appointments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This grant has served the purpose it was intended for. Patients are very appreciative for the assistance. • We have not encountered any barriers <p>338 engagements at syringe services (235 unduplicated); 315 outreach engagements 119 items (41 clients)</p>
HIV Alliance	\$ 10,000.00	<p>100% referred 6,414 syringes 435 doses The basic needs resources distributed included tents,</p>

		<p>tarps, sleeping bags, backpacks, gloves, hats, and hygiene kits.</p>
<p>Lakeside community Center</p>	<p>\$ 10,000.00</p>	<p>The 2024 Holiday Food Basket Distribution exceeded its anticipated goal by distributing food to 980 families instead of the anticipated 950 families based on previous years requests for assistance. We were able to supply 115,000 pounds of food including non-perishables, fruits and vegetables and perishable meat and dairy products. The project reached families in Coos Bay, North Bend, Florence, Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Powers. We were able to reduce the level of</p>
<p>Holiday Food Baskets</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>	

		<p>demand on other local Food Pantries and Food Banks during the Holiday season and free up the limited financial resources of our recipients for use in paying utility bills and other cost of living expenses. We were also able to expand our network of collaborators strengthening our program in future years.</p> <p>Built and distributed 100 Compassin bags to date. With on going training to Churchs and other CBO distribution sites. Served 30 households, 76 food boxes, 6 returned, 905 lbs of food distributed</p>
Coos Health and Wellness Compassion bags	\$ 10,000.00	
Heart beats food pantry NBMC	\$ 7,000.00	
Open Floor – Public comment		
Adjourn		
Thursday, June 5, 2025, 5:30 pm		

COMMUNITY CANCER CONVERSATION

Wednesday - May 7th

10 am - 2 pm

Bay Area Hospital
(Main Entrance Parking Lot)

Learn more about ways to
prevent and screen for cancer!

Join us for a day of
learning, prizes, and
goodies!



*Eligible Waterfall Clinic patients
can receive a FREE FIT Kit for
colorectal cancer (CRC)
screening! Please contact Krystal
at (541) 756-6232 ext. 200

Thank you to our community partners!



Summer EBT is back in 2025

Families may automatically receive Summer EBT in 2025 if:

Your child got benefits for 2024 through an approved application. Or, your child experienced one of the following anytime during the 2024-25 school year:

- SNAP food benefits.
- TANF cash assistance.
- Medicaid and your household has income under 185% of the federal poverty level.
- Foster care.
- Attending a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) and meet household income requirements.



Families may need to apply if:

- Your household meets the income requirements for free or reduced-price meals at school, **AND**
- Your child attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP).



Quick Fact

Did you apply in 2024?

Applications submitted in 2024 will be re-used to determine eligibility for 2025.



Key Dates

Now

Paper applications available in 10 languages online at <https://sebt.oregon.gov> for families that need to apply.

May 23, 2025

Benefits begin issuing for families who are automatically eligible.

May 30, 2025

Online application opens

Sept. 3, 2025

Application deadline.



OHA seeks public comment on Oregon's Substance Use Disorder 1115 Medicaid demonstration
Attend OHA's virtual May 27, 2025 post-award forum
Oregon Health Authority (OHA) invites the public to comment on the progress of Oregon's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) 1115 demonstration at a virtual forum:

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Pacific Time

[Register for the May 27 post-award forum](#)

If you can't attend the forum, you can email comments to sud.waiver@odhsoha.oregon.gov. Put "SUD 1115 Waiver Post-Award Forum Comments" in the subject line of the email.

OHA will accept comments until 5 p.m. Pacific Time May 30, 2025.

About the waiver

Oregon's SUD 1115 waiver allows for expanded access to substance use disorder treatment and services through Medicaid, aiming to:

- Improve health outcomes,
- Increase treatment engagement, and
- Reduce emergency and inpatient visits.

The current demonstration focuses on two key areas:

- **Community integration:** Housing and employment support for individuals with SUD as they transition from residential treatment facilities back into the community.
- **Institution for Mental Diseases exclusion:** Allows Oregon to receive federal matching funds for services provided in residential facilities with more than 16 beds. These funds help expand access to necessary care.

Together, these efforts support more comprehensive care for individuals with SUD.

Oregon is a national leader in medical coverage retention April marks two years since our agencies united to launch the ambitious COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Unwinding (PHEU) Project. The primary goal of this joint effort was to conduct eligibility reviews for nearly 1.5 million individuals' medical benefits. Thanks to your dedication and hard work, we achieved one of the highest renewal rates in the nation. Approximately 83 percent of Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members retained their OHP or other medical benefits. Bravo!

During the COVID-19 PHEU, the federal government paused eligibility reviews, mandating that states keep nearly all individuals continuously enrolled. When the pandemic unwinding began, states had to resume renewals within a set timeframe. Oregon started its reviews in April 2023 and has now completed the process. This was no easy task.

The goal of the project was to keep people covered and connected to health care. To achieve this, we worked as one unified team, focused on equity, people-centered approaches, and innovation.

Oregon went above and beyond the standard. In addition to sending out mailed notices and issuing press releases, we collaborated closely with community partners and health care providers to ensure we reached traditionally underserved populations. Oregon also implemented innovative solutions, such as introducing the [OHP Bridge benefit](#) and offering members more time than any other state to respond before benefits were closed.

Renewal results were largely consistent across Race, Ethnicity, and Language, Disability (REALD), and Gender Identity groups. Renewal rates for age- and disability-based Medicaid and Medicare Savings Programs exceeded the overall average, demonstrating Oregon's commitment to equitable outcomes during the renewal process.

Together, we navigated the uncertainties of the pandemic and successfully managed the complex unwinding of the Public Health Emergency. This accomplishment is monumental! It's a testament to the power of collaboration in serving our communities and achieving the best outcomes. While challenges lie ahead, we will continue to rise to the occasion, as we did during the pandemic. Today, let's celebrate this success and draw strength from it as we prepare for the future. Thank you for helping keep our families, friends, and neighbors connected to health care so they—and Oregon—can thrive.

Marketplace affordability programs helped nearly 140,000 Oregonians obtain private insurance in 2024

Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace annual report shows Oregonians receiving an average \$531 per month in premium tax credits

A new report shows that during open enrollment for the 2025 plan year, 139,688 Oregonians enrolled in

private health insurance through the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace. The Marketplace reduces the out-of-pocket costs associated with enrolling in private health coverage.

According to the report, 80 percent of enrollees applied for and received financial assistance, helping to make health coverage more affordable for Oregonians:

- Individuals receiving financial help are getting an average of **\$531 per month** in premium tax credits to lower the cost of coverage.
- The average bottom-line monthly premium for Oregonians after premium tax credits is **\$272**.
- More than **11%** of Marketplace enrollees have a monthly premium of less than **\$10** after applying premium tax credits.

“The Marketplace remains committed to ensuring that Oregonians can access high-quality, affordable private health coverage,” said Chiqui Flowers, Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace director. “We continue to support individuals and families in finding coverage that meets their needs as health insurance enrollment evolves over time.”

The Marketplace today released its [annual report \(https://orhim.info/2024Report\)](https://orhim.info/2024Report), detailing the state of Marketplace health coverage in Oregon. The report describes key trends in enrollment and financial assistance and highlights policy changes that improved access to health coverage.

During the Medicaid redetermination process after the pandemic, many Oregonians who were no longer eligible for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) found private health plans through the Marketplace. OHP Bridge, Oregon’s new basic health program that provides a coverage option between Medicaid and private insurance, has also played a role in shaping enrollment trends this year.

“OHA’s goal is to ensure that no Oregonian is left without coverage,” said Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Interim Director Kristine Kautz. “The introduction of OHP Bridge and the Marketplace’s support for enrollees demonstrate our ongoing commitment to accessible health care for all.”

People leaving OHP or experiencing major life changes—such as a job change, relocation or family changes—may qualify for a special enrollment period to find private coverage. Oregonians who need to transition to a Marketplace plan from OHP or an employer plan should act before their benefits end to avoid a gap in coverage.

To explore coverage options, visit OregonHealthCare.gov, answer a few Oregon-specific questions and find the right application. Free, one-on-one assistance is available from insurance agents and community partners to help individuals navigate their options and enroll in the best plan for their needs. This assistance is available online, in person and in various languages.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+) Ally Training

OHA is pleased to announce that we are partnering with the Trevor Project during the spring months to offer allyship training for individuals working with youth.

This training is designed to foster dialogue about being an ally for LGBTQ+ young people. Participants will learn common LGBTQ+ terminology, understand the "coming out" process, and explore the challenges LGBTQ+ youth face at home, in school and within the community. Sessions run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To register, select the date below you would like to attend:

[May 14](#)

Awareness of new approaches to eating disorder screening, treatment and management

This training series aims to raise awareness of eating disorders within our communities, fostering earlier recognition and treatment. It is designed for therapists, dietitians, health care providers, and school counselors, but is also open to parents, family members, teachers, community health workers and anyone interested in learning more. Participants will gain the knowledge to describe eating disorders based on current research, use validated screening tools, identify signs and symptoms, understand effective treatment methods and make appropriate referrals. CEUs are offered through the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

Upcoming training session:

Gender Affirming Nutrition Care with Lindsay “LB” Birchfield, MS, RDN, CED-C

Date: Wednesday, May 7, noon to 1:15 p.m.

Location: Virtual Register [here](#)

Community Resources and Community Prevention Efforts for Eating Disorders

Date: Wednesday, May 21, noon to 1:15 p.m.

Location: Virtual Register [here](#)

Don't miss out on All Come and Para Todos webinars

All Come at 10am | Para Todos at 2pm

- **April 9 | 9 de abril**
- **July 9 | 9 de julio**
- **October 8 | 8 de octubre**

Be sure to register for these 1115 Medicaid Waiver information sessions:

Regístrese para los seminarios web sobre la Exención 1115 de Medicaid:

- [All Come webinar registration link \(English\)](#)
- [Para Todos \(en español\)](#)

You only need to register once for the 2025 series.

Sólo tiene que inscribirse una vez para la serie 2025.

The April 9 webinar will include:

- **Reentry Health Care:** expanding Medicaid services in jails, prisons, and youth detention facilities
- **Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN)** implementation updates
- **Benefit Update Project (BUP):** BUP is working on federally mandated changes to how Oregon

Health Plan organizes benefits

If you need any additional help or accommodations to participate, please email us at

1115Waiver.Renewal@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

All sessions will be recorded and posted on the waiver website

✓ VOTE

May 20, 2025

Ballots should be in your mailbox this week!

Immigration and Sanctuary Promise

Health providers can learn more about federal policy changes regarding immigration at the National Immigration Law Center.

The ACLU of Oregon has resources to learn more about immigration rights.

Oregon Sanctuary Promise As a sanctuary state since 1987, Oregon stands for the safety, dignity and human rights of all Oregonians.

Oregon was the first state in the nation to pass a statewide law stopping state and local police and government from helping federal authorities with immigration enforcement. It is against Oregon law for state and local law enforcement or public agencies (state and local government offices) in the state of Oregon to participate directly or indirectly in immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant.

To find out more including how to make a report about a potential violation, visit the Oregon Department of Justice the Oregon Sanctuary Promise.

<https://www.doj.state.or.us/oregon-department-of-justice/civil-rights/sanctuary-promise/>