

Curry CAC meeting 8-28-25

Attendance

**CAC Members**

Corinne Potts

**Other Attendees**

Sam Baugh	Doris Kiragu	Becky Yeager
Alicia Benavidez	Liz Hill	Brett Bailey
Veronica Delmoral	Cynthia Ramirez	Sarah Swanson
Naomi Brazille	Kera Hood	Jess Howell
Polo Pedraza	Lisa Castle	Siemone Moll
		Bevin Ankrom

- Ice Breaker: What is your favorite famous landmark?
- Approval of Minutes and Agenda (February - September)
  - o No Quorum available to vote
- Presenter: Sarah Swanson
  - \*\*In Partnership With: Cancer Institute

1. Liver Cancer

- \* Incidence has tripled in Oregon since 1996
- \* Higher rates in Coos, Curry, Douglas, and Josephine Counties
- \* Risk factors: Hepatitis B/C, alcohol use
- \* Vaccination and testing are key prevention strategies

2. **Breast Cancer**

- \* 1 in 7 women in Oregon will be diagnosed (higher than national average)
- \* Screening access is lower in rural areas, leading to later diagnoses
- \* Curry County shows lower incidence but higher mortality

### 3. Colorectal Cancer

- \* Most preventable cancer with early screening
- \* FIT kits are an alternative to colonoscopy in rural areas
- \* Screening now recommended starting at age 45

### 4. \*\*HPV Vaccination

- \* Prevents several cancers
- \* Vaccination rates are declining, especially in rural communities

~More information, available on slides, email: swansosa@ohsu.edu

\* “We’ve had some spots open up for this training to be held at Advanced Health Conference room in Coos Bay (289 Laclair) on Sept. 2 from 12-2 pm. If you have staff that are interested in attending, this training is free. They can register using the QR code in the attached flyer. We encourage all attendees to bring their lunch and enjoy a community of practice opportunity for learning. Thank you!” (Flyer attached to minutes)

\* A Community Cancer Conversation is planned for late September at the Elkton Education Center

\* Continued collaboration encouraged to support screening, prevention, and outreach efforts

-CAC Member updates

- Member 1
  - **Limited Access in Curry County:**
    - Participants expressed concern about the lack of local healthcare providers, especially for cancer screening and treatment.
    - Many residents must travel to Coos Bay, Medford, or Grants Pass, which creates transportation and cost barriers.
    - Existing services like Ready Ride are inconsistent or unavailable on short notice.
    - The difficulty of accessing care can lead to fear of diagnosis due to an inability to afford or reach treatment.
  - **Need for Mobile Services:**
    - Suggestions included bringing portable clinics or screening units (similar to existing mobile dental services) to Curry County on a regular basis.
    - Emphasis on services for elders and homebound residents.
- Member 2
  - **Lack of Information:**

- Raising a child with autism shared how difficult it is to navigate available services under Advanced Health.
  - There's a gap in awareness about benefits, support groups, and specialty resources.
  - Requested for more consistent communication, such as:
    - Monthly email updates
    - Easy-to-understand materials outlining covered services and community programs
  
- OHA Update by Bevin Ankrom
  - **Forward Together Webinars**
    - Monthly Zoom webinars with updates on Oregon's response to federal policy changes (HR1).
    - Next session: **Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 10:00 AM.**
    - Focus: Impacts on OHP, SNAP, and other federal/state programs.
  - **OHP vs. Healthier Oregon Program**
    - OHP requires citizenship; Healthier Oregon does not (though partially federally funded).
    - CMS has requested member data; Oregon is pushing back on full compliance.
    - Current data shared: names, DOBs, addresses, SSNs (if provided), and citizenship (if known).
  - **Data Privacy Concerns**
    - Acknowledged community concerns about personal info being shared with CMS.
    - Oregon is part of a multi-state lawsuit to challenge CMS's data requests.
  - **Support Resources**
    - Contacts and websites shared:
      - OHP support email
      - Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement
      - Equity Corps of Oregon (free legal aid)
      - "Thanks for Your Promise" Community Toolkit (available in 17 languages)
  - **Opportunities for Feedback**
    - **Rural Health Transformation Survey** open until **Sept. 5.**

- Encouraged input from all community members to influence federal rural health funding.
- **Additional Public Health Announcements**
  - Legal protections for breastfeeding at public pools (WIC program).
  - Food preservation safety tips and OSU Master Food Preserver hotline.
  - Community feedback session on **sign language interpretation access** (Sept. 4, 5–7 PM).
  - Hospital **Community Health Needs Assessments** (CHNA) now publicly available for comparison across Oregon.
  - Children’s Behavioral Health monthly meetings (next on **Sept. 9, 12–1 PM**). Contact Hilary Harrison to join.
  
- **Community Updates**
  - **Jess Howell – Lower Rogue Valley Health Equity Org.**
    - **Scholarships Now Open**
    - For students identifying as BIPOC, 2-Spirit, and LGBTQIA+.
    - **Upcoming Events**
      - **Gathering of the People** – September (details in newsletter).
      - **Reproductive Justice Advisory Council** – Monthly; next meeting tonight.
      - **Community Partnership Collaboration Hub** – Sept. 5, 12–1 PM.
      - **Reproductive Health Inclusion Workshop for CHWs** – Oct. 10–12 (with CEUs, meals included).
      - **The Lotus Collective (private Facebook group)** – Support space for menopause and perimenopause, centering trans and BIPOC individuals.
      - **Día de los Muertos Celebrations** – Sponsorships now open (Coos & Curry).
      - **Courageous Conversations Conference** – Save the date for April (formerly “Diversity Conference”).
      - **Brookings Office Update**
        - Still in setup phase (furniture, utilities).
        - Open house planned for **early October**.
  - **Corinne Potts – South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub (SCREL)**
    - **Preschool Registration & Family Services**
    - Ongoing support through [screlhub.org](http://screlhub.org).

- **Family Engagement Opportunities**
  - **Emergency Preparedness Zoom Gathering** – September.
  - **Parent Cafés** – Full 2025–2026 schedule now open for registration.
  - **New Initiative: Every Child Belongs**
    - Aims to keep children in preschool placements with behavioral/emotional challenges.
    - Seeking a **regional infant & early childhood mental health consultant**
    - Covers Coos & Curry counties.
  
  - Sam Baugh
    - **Upcoming Events**
      - **High in Plain Sight** Training – Sept. 9 in Gold Beach (on identifying youth drug concealment).
      - **Curry County Health & Wellness Expo + Suicide Awareness Walk** – Sept. 27 at Port of Brookings Harbor.
  
  - Cynthia Ramirez
    - **ODHS Mobile Unit**
    - Offered to share more info via contact or email (shared in chat).
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## Final Announcements

- **Upcoming Meeting**
  - **Next CAC Meeting: Sept. 26 in Brookings**
  - Bevin will be absent; OHA update will still be provided.
  - Expect updated meeting links and facilitator changes in Sept./Oct.
  
- **Meeting Adjourned at 1:14 PM**