

Date: February 27, 2025



Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm

Location: Gold Beach Public Library

Facilitator: Sam Baugh

Minute Taker: Isabel Valdez

Curry CAC Meeting Minutes

In person Attendance: Sam Baugh, Isabel Valdez, Kera Hood, Tricia Iverson, Elizabeth Caldaron, Trish Calderas, Bevin Ankrom, Ellenor Foskett

Virtual Attendance: Rachael Espy, Trudy Simpson, Lisa Frischkorn, Becky Yeager, Kelsey Matthews, Connie Hunter, Cynthia Ramirez, Sage Halverson, Jill TeVelde, Jay Trost

Approval of minutes: January Minutes. Open for discussion and edits, none heard motion to approve minutes Tricia Iverson Seconded by Jay Trost. All in favor of no opposed motion carries.

Approval of Agenda: Jay Trost approved Trudy Simpson second

Nominations for CAC Officers: Sam will send out job descriptions

- Chair-No one interested in chair at this time.
- Vice Chair, Tricia Iverson has expressed interest in the position

Job description for Chair and Vice Chair will be included in the minutes.

SAFE Project-Racheal Espy- Attached to minutes

Mission of the SAFE Project

The mission of The SAFE Project is to create a society where domestic violence and sexual assault are not tolerated; to promote a culture that respects, supports, and empowers survivors while holding abusers accountable.

The general Purpose of the SAFE Project

- Providing a trauma informed and survivor-led brand of safety, advocacy, education, and empowerment for survivors that can help them to reclaim themselves, their lives, and their future contributions to this world.
- Establishing cooperative partnerships with those who can help make things better and more just for survivors.
- Educating the community and those we serve about the dynamics of abuse and life-enriching alternatives.
- Interrupting patterns of abuse and victim-blaming through innovative education and empowerment of survivors and advocates.

- Teaching effective strategies and safety planning for non-violent living to survivors and the community at large.

History of the SAFE Project

In the late 1970's a group of Coos County women gathered to form a non-profit group focusing on women's issues. The group was named Women Center, and they sponsored consciousness raising groups, free pregnancy testing, and other activities. Seeing a need for services for battered women a new non-profit was birthed from Women Center, the Coos County Women's Crisis Service.

In the early 80's, through volunteer recruitment the agency was able to establish a 24-hour crisis line, a network of safe home providers, and crisis intervention counseling. In the late 80's the organization obtained the Cloe House, which continues to be used as an emergency shelter for women and children.

The Women's Crisis Service grew tremendously during the 80's in terms of the programs and services it offered the community. The agency began focusing more attention on building partnerships with other social and human service groups in Coos County. In the mid 90's the Women's Crisis Service secured an outreach office and was able to move its administrative functions out of the shelter. In the late 90's education programs for local schools were developed, as well as advocate positions for Native Americans, Latinas, and neighboring rural communities. At this same time the Women's Crisis Service also became a partner with the Newmark Center, a career and opportunity one-stop family center.

In recent years the Women's Crisis Service has continued to grow and strengthen its presence in the community. Most recently a partnership was established with the district attorney's office to provide an advocate and detective dedicated to working towards the prosecution of domestic violence cases. The agency continues to build and strengthen its role within the community.

In 2003 we changed our name to Women's Safety & Resource Center to better reflect our purpose and services and so that the community would know that you don't have to be in "crisis" in order to come to our agency.

In 2017 we changed the name once again to The SAFE Project to better reflect our mission to provide services to all survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and to demonstrate our goal to be gender inclusive.

Advocacy, Advocate-Victim Privilege, & Confidentiality-Types of Advocacy Programs for Survivors

- System Based: Law Enforcement advocacy programs, District Attorney offices and Victim Assistance Programs.
- Community Based: Non-profit, non-governmental, community-based advocacy and victim services program. (This is the SAFE Project)
- Campus Based: Advocates based on 2-to-4-year colleges; some models contract with DV Programs to have a confidential advocate based on campus and some models hire their own advocates. (The SAFE Project has a subaward agreement with SWOCC and provides a confidential advocate on campus for staff, faculty, and students.)
- Tribal Based: Culturally specific organizations traditionally operated under Tribal Governments and/or Tribal health & wellness programs.

Safe Project Service-Community Based Advocacy-Service area includes Coos, Curry, and Coastal Douglas County

- 24-Hour Crisis Hotline via voice and text
- 24-Hour Crisis Response Team
- Financial Aid Assistance
- Case Management
- Court Advocacy & Accompaniment
- Emergency Shelter Program
- Campus Outreach Program
- Emergency Relocation Assistance
- Hospital Accompaniment
- ODHS Co-Located Advocate
- Trauma Recovery Support Group
- Art-Based Support Groups
- Survivor Housing Program
- Housing Search Assistance
- Information and Referral
- School Outreach
- Community Education and Training
- Transportation Assistance

Hattie's House in Curry County June 02, 2025

Shelter Interior Layout:

- 1 ADA Bedroom and Bathroom w/ 2 adult beds plus 2 trundles
- 3 rooms for single adults or families
- Total of 14 beds between 4 rooms, not counting pack-in-plays, cribs, or trundles
- 2 laundry facilities (one on each floor)
- Shared Kitchen & Dining area
- Shared Livingroom & Computer Space
- Outreach Office & Shelter Administrative Space
- Increased gated parking for Outreach & Shelter
- Indoor "Kid's Corner" in living room
- 24/7 Access Food Pantry & Clothing Closet
- 24/7 Access children's/baby supplies & hygiene products

Installation of an Outdoor Playground – fundraising now!

Bevin OHA Update: Attached to minutes

Talking points with Community Partners

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

At this time, no changes have been made to health programs OHA administers, including OHP and Healthier Oregon.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/Pages/Federal-Changes.aspx>

Healthier Oregon Program

Healthier Oregon was passed into law in 2021 (Oregon House Bill 3352) and has increased access to healthcare so that people of any age or immigration status may qualify for full Oregon Health Plan (OHP) benefits.

Legislators: Find your local legislators: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/districts-initial.html>

Immigration and Sanctuary Promise

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.

Upcoming training session:

Reducing barriers: Navigating eating disorder care for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities

Date and time: March 26, noon to 1:15 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Register [here](#)

Oregon Health Plan (OHP) returns to 30-day renewal response timelines

Normal 30-day timelines started in October for members who renewed early in the unwinding. Members whose benefits close because they did not respond within 30 days will still have a 90-day reconsideration period. During that time, they can respond and reopen benefits without a new application.

For members: Self-service options for benefit help

Oregon offers several alternatives to waiting on hold. [Go to benefits.oregon.gov to see all options for contacting us.](https://benefits.oregon.gov)

People can create [ONE Online accounts](#) to apply for and manage their medical, food, cash and childcare benefits at any time.

The [Oregon ONE Mobile app](#) also offers a safe and supportive way for individuals who have applied for benefits to manage their benefits, wherever and whenever they feel most comfortable. The free Oregon ONE Mobile app is available in English and Spanish on Apple and Android.

Constraints with OHP eligibility criteria for Medicare members-

ODHS and OHA have heard and share concerns about older adults and people with disabilities losing their OHP benefits at higher rates than other OHP members. We are committed to advancing health equity and access to quality care through all available means.

A similar change in Oregon would require legislative action and funding. ODHS and OHA are monitoring California's progress and exploring options for Oregon.

Prioritize List -Benefits update project

Monday, March 31, 10:30 am–12:00 pm

Our primary focus for this meeting is to: Discuss the Benefit Update Project and its effects on OHP

Hear from OHP members, as well as their caregivers and providers and others in Oregon who care about OHP coverage

Attend to listen: Please self-register for the webinar: 3/31/25 session:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1614087388?pwd=mvKRED5J2DrXdNWWHEZ8BAu8Jn0xc.1>

Providence Health Strike Information

It's Over! The Oregon Nurses Association have agreed to terms with Providence.

Community Updates:

TONIGHT: SUDS on the Coast 4:00-6:00pm Port Orford Library

Ms. Wheelchair Oregon Advocacy and Empowerment Program

Always looking for members to join the CAC of are consumers of AH-Contact Sam or Isabel

MEEC (Member Engagement Education Committee) is looking for two members to join.

Wally's house Masquerade Ball- April 26, 2025, at the Chetco Brewery. Black Tie Event, DJ, catering by Black Trumpet Bistro. Link will go live on Monday, with only 200 tickets available.

Harmony & Me-Teens Teach Technology- the 2nd and 4th of every month from 1:00-3:00 at the Library Annex

Project in development to set up location to allow teens to support seniors with learning use of technology to communicate with loved ones during the holidays, learn and understand online ordering, and encourage self-sufficiency on-going. Teens and young adults benefit by developing important workforce readiness, leadership skills, effective communication and professional work ethics. Life & Times interview and creation of DVDs for aging adults and Veterans

Curry Health Foundation-High on Health Kentucky Derby Pary Saturday, May 3, 2025

<https://www.curryhealthfoundation.org/events/high-on-health-kentuck-derby>

Adjourn Meeting-Next Meeting March 27, 2025, at 12:00 SWOCC Campus