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Community Advisory Council (CAC)



Tuesday, February 10, 2026

ATTENDEES: Caitlin Nemeth, Cassie MacPherson, Dan Cushing, Dustin Zimmerman, Emily Johnson, Guadalupe Vega, Jeff White, Marco Estrada, Maria Clayne, Maribel Dobbins, Rachel Flores, Rosio Hernandez, Shanna Moon, Tracie Moon, Tyler Hartman, Yvette Clark, Yvonne Robles

GUEST: Griselda

SCRIBE: Yvette Clark

Call to Order & Announcements (5:07 PM)

1. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Update – Innovator Agent (I, P)

- Provided update on HR1 Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
 - Oregon received the award from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in the amount of 197.3M for the first year
 - OHA is evaluating where funds can be applied, focusing on rural communities
- Medicaid data being shared with federal entities is of great concern
 - Oregon is involved in litigation to ensure member data is protected

2. Early Learning (EL) & Local Integration Family Team (LIFT) Update (I)

- Biggest transition with LIFT, formerly the Service Integration Team (SIT), is that it is now serving families with children under 18, and/or family reunification needs
- Aligns with Early Learning Model
- Application remains \$300. Applications should remain the same

3. Board of Directors (BoD) Update (I)

- Purpose is to keep the CAC informed of what is going on at the BoD level
- January 2026 meeting:
 - Early Learning (EL) Charter approved
 - EL Strategic Plan presented
 - CFO provided update on rates that will be applicable for CCO's
 - Approved contracts for related parties (any provider YCCO does business with and who has a representative on the BoD)

4. CAC Business (I, P)

- Member Roles
 - Each CAC should operate based on its own community needs. OHA does not offer specific guidance
 - Role 1 Staff Liaison
 - Role 2 Board Liaison – filled by CAC co-chairs
 - Role 3 Recruitment Liaison

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- Role 4 Integration & Retention
- CAC Calendar
 - Reviewed 2026 Calendar of Agenda Topics
 - Bring thoughts and ideas to the next meeting on what can be added
- 5. Government Affairs (I, P)**
 - Legislative Update
 - Continued discussion on the Prioritized List
 - Federal funding will decrease next year. This is still being discussed
 - Quality Incentive (QI) Metrics
 - OHA's proposed cuts to this program would eliminate roughly 5.4M in 2026
 - YCCO has qualified for 100% or more of the available funding each year since the inception of this program
 - Advocacy Training Part II
 - Reach out to Dan Cushing at dcushing@yamhillcco.org if you are interested in sending a personalized letter to our legislators
- 6. Funding (I)**
 - The CAC oversees funds received via grants
 - Will have 50K in funding in 2026
 - Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) addresses community health
 - The CHIP is informed by the Community Health Assessment (CHA) which the CAC oversees
 - Reviewed CHIP Progress since 2023
 - Largest gaps exist in Transportation, Mental Health and Substance Use, and Emergency Preparedness
- 7. Meeting Wrap Up/Next Steps**
 - For the Good of the Order
 - Short List from Funding Discussion: Nutrition, Rural Hospitals and Maternity Care, Emergency Preparedness, At-Risk Programs (no other source of funding)
 - Will vote on this next month – need quorum. Please attend

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette Clark, Administrative Assistant

Next CAC meeting: March 10, 2026 at 5:00 PM