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Community Advisory Council (CAC)

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Attendees: Dustin Zimmerman, Emily Johnson, Maria Rodriguez, Megan Emerick, Rachel Flores, Rosio Hernandez, Seamus McCarthy, Shanna Moon, Tracie Moon, Yvette Clark, Yvonne Robles; Guests: Sam Moreno
Absent: Caitlin Nemeth, Cassie MacPherson, Gianella Contreras, Griselda Ceja, Guadalupe Vega, Maria Gonzalez
Scribe: Yvette Clark

Call to Order (5:05 PM)

1. **Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Update – Innovator Agent (P, I)**
   - Work or activity rule screening steps reviewed
     - Walked through "funnel" of screening steps
   - Reviewed who does not need to meet work or activity rules
   - Reviewed the list of serious or disabling health conditions
   - Additional guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expected in the coming months
   - Reviewed how to keep coverage
   - Reviewed the updated Public Charge Rule, effective September 18, 2026
   - Shared additional resources, links, and guide to help families navigate emergency department (ED) visits
   - Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Farm Direct Season advertisement shared
     - Find a location to shop at myoregonfarm.org HERE
   - Bridge Program – renewal schedule should not change
   - Healthier Oregon (HO) Transition
     - Members with questions can go in person to a local ODHS office or contact OHP client services at 800-273-0557 to contact a live person
     - For questions about renewals or to report changes visit Benefits.Oregon.gov
     - Stay informed by visiting the HR 1 web page at OHP.Oregon.gov/HR1
2. **Board of Directors (BoD) Update (I)**
   - Video Member Success Story played
     - Head Start invested in the member's education and apprenticeship in Early Learning (EL) education, now owns her own childcare business, Sweet Harmony Childcare in Newberg. Inspired to utilize music, and nature to connect with children
   - BoD met on 9/21/2026
     - EL Apprenticeship program successes shared
     - Expanding childcare in Yamhill County

- Task Force in Yamhill County to address childcare desert
- Goal is to increase the # of childcare providers
- 20 graduates from the program, 7 from Yamhill County

3. **CAC Business (I, P)**
   - LIFT Update
     - LIFT Bulletin Newsletter_October_2026
     - On Oct 9th, EL & Behavioral Health (BH) Teams hosted the Early Childhood (EC) & BH Summit – hosted 85 individuals
     - Right to Read event flyer shared and distributed. Event is on Thursday, 11/12 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at The Grand in McMinnville
   - Member Led Session
     - Highlighted that YCCO would like to hear what CAC members have to say
   - Member Roles Update
     - Provided update on vacancies
4. **Annual Compliance Training (P)**
   - Fraud, Waste & Abuse (FWA) and Conflict of Interest (COI) Training
   - Shared the definitions of FWA and what the differences are
   - Shared examples of each (unintentional errors versus intentional)
   - Reviewed how to report suspected or potential or both FWA
   - Reviewed steps YCCO takes when something is reported
   - The Law
     - False Claims Act
     - False Statements
     - Anti-Kickback Statute
     - Stark Law (self-referral prohibition statute)
     - Whistleblower Protection Act
   - Possible penalties depending on the violation
     - Civil monetary penalties
     - Criminal conviction/fines
     - Civil prosecution
     - Imprisonment
     - Loss of Provider License
     - Exclusion from Federal Healthcare Programs
   - Retaliation
     - YCCO aligns with and upholds Federal Whistleblower Laws
     - YCCO's policy prohibits any form of retaliation against an individual who reports potential or suspected (or both) FWA, non-compliance, or policy violations in good faith

- Retaliation may include, but is not limited to:
  - Termination or demotion from employment or committee membership
  - Spreading false rumors
  - Verbal abuse or increased scrutiny
  - Making threats, however minor in nature
  - YCCO will protect the identity of reporters to the best of their ability
- Conflict of Interest (COI)
  - Reviewed COI definitions (Covered person, Family Member or relative, Member of Household), and what triggers a COI
  - Duty of Care & Duty of Good Faith reviewed
  - Duty to disclose reviewed
- Evaluation of conflicts reviewed

5. CEO Update (P)

- Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is a changing landscape
  - State budget – consistently over budget, continued Quality Incentive Program (QIP) cuts, recurring Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) financial hardships
  - Medicaid Advisory Group (MAG) – potential funding cuts for CCO Admin, clinical efficiency cuts, mandated program changes, and cuts to the number of CCOs
  - Procurement – application due next Fall, state will award contracts
    - Potential risk of other CCOs applying to service YCCO zip codes
  - Benefits Update Project (BUP) – Loss of prioritized list, uncertain levels of Medical and Administrative Cost Increases & lack of mitigation
  - HO members (2,700 in Yamhill County) transitioning to fee for service (FFS)
    - Increased Care Management (CM) expenses, Care Coordination
    - Biggest concern is they will simply not reapply
- HR 1 Statewide Impacts CY 2027
  - CMS approval: OHA does not have approval of all plans to date
    - Medical Frailty definitions and potentially more accelerated timelines for implementation are key
  - Eligibility – Affordable Care Act (ACA) centric focus and impacts
    - Enrollment declines expected to start in April from Community Engagement/Work Requirements
    - Redetermination frequency impacts expected to begin in October, post expiration of Oregon's current Medicaid waiver (pushes greater impacts/member losses into 2028)
    - OHA assumes only about 5% membership losses in the ACA in 2027

- Currently, members renew every 2 years. Will change to at least annually
- Best way to fight this is to educate the community and keep people on the plan

- Medical Frailty
  - CMS requires a qualifying condition AND a functional limitation. Qualifying conditions include:
    - Blind or disabled
    - Substance use disorder
    - Disabling mental disorder
    - Physical intellectual, or developmental disability limiting daily activities
    - Serious or complex medical condition
  - OHA has developed Tier 1 and Tier 2 diagnosis/treatment methodology; still under review by CMS
  - Lawsuit has been filed
- Reviewed timeline for Member notices
- Reviewed CY2027 YCCO Membership Forecast
- What YCCO is doing:
  - Sharing OHA messages on our platforms
  - Working with OHA on data sharing to identify at-risk members
    - Sharing information with provider offices
  - Urging OHA to adopt policies that maximize *ex parte* verifications
    - Caregiver status, medical frailty diagnoses, etc.
  - Informing our partners and developing shared workflows (in progress)
  - Future efforts: community job training, continuing education

Meeting Wrap Up/Next Steps

- For the Good of the Order

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette Clark, Administrative Assistant

Next CAC meeting: November 10, 2026, 5:00 PM