



Lane Community Health Council

Lane Community Health Council Board

January 9, 2024

7:00am-9:00am

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Present: Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Lane County Health, and Human Services; Dr. Catherine York, Northwest Surgical Specialists; Ms. Isis Barone, Community Advisory Council; Dr. Pilar Bradshaw, Eugene Pediatrics; Ms. Ali Canino, South Lane Mental Health; Ms. Eve Gray, Lane County Health, and Human Services; Ms. Lindsey Hopper, PacificSource; Ms. Jamie Louie-Smith, Heritage Bank; Mr. Tony Scurto, Lane Education Service District; Ms. Kristin Soto, Capitol Dental Care; Dr. Robin Virgin, PeaceHealth Medical Group; Mr. Chad Westphal, Looking Glass; Dr. Vipul Lakhani, Oregon Medical Group

Absent: Mr. David Butler, McKenzie Willamette Medical Center; Ms. Melanie Maples, Willamette Family Inc.

Staff: Ms. Rhonda Busek, Lane Community Health Council; Ms. Suzy Kropf, Lane Community Health Council; Ms. Lauriene Madrigal, Lane Community Health Council

Guests: Ms. Jacqueline Moreno, Lane County Health & Human Services; Dr. Mark Buchholz, PacificSource; Ms. Kellie DeVore, PacificSource; Ms. Erin Fair Taylor, PacificSource; Ms. Leslie Neugebauer, PacificSource; Mr. Dustin Zimmerman, Oregon Health Authority; Ms. Kayla Watford, Lane County Health & Human Services; Ms. Kari Patterson, PacificSource; Ms. Caity Hatteras, Community Advisory Council; Ms. Josephine Williams, Community Advisory Council; Mr. Drake Ewbank, Community Advisory Council; Ms. Tannya Devorak, Community Advisory Council; Ms. Megan Moreno, PacificSource; Ms. Tricia Wilder, PacificSource; Ms. Iris Bicksler, PacificSource

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions, Public Comment, LCHC Board Retreat

Dr. Luedtke called the meeting to order at 7:00 am.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

LCHC Board Retreat: Dr. Luedtke announced that the Annual Board Retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 am – 10:30 am, in person at PacificSource.

II. Consent Agenda

Dr. Luedtke presented the consent agenda including the following actions. **A motion was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Approval of December 12, 2023, Minutes Lane Community Health Council Board:** No questions or discussion.
- **CCO Director Report:** No questions or discussion.
- **LCHC Financials:** No questions or discussion.

III. Nominating Committee

Ms. Busek announced that Dr. Bradshaw will be stepping off the Board. Ms. Busek thanked and recognized Dr. Bradshaw for her service to the Board since it's inception, and shared comments from the LCHC Board and community thanking her for her service. Ms. Busek shared that Ali Canino will step in as the chair of the Nominating Committee moving forward. Ms. Busek presented the Nominating Committee report recommending the following nomination for approval:

- **Lane Community Health Council CAC Board Member:** Tannya Devorak, PacificSource CAC member, has applied for the vacant CAC Member position on the LCHC Board. After consideration, the Lane Community Health Council Nominating Committee is recommending approval of Tannya Devorak for the vacant CAC Member position. **A motion was moved and seconded to approve Tannya Devorak's nomination to the Board. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**
- Dr. Luedtke welcomed Tannya Devorak to the Board.

IV. Finance Committee Update

- **PacificSource Financials:** Ms. Patterson presented the Lane CCO Finance Report. October financials report a year-to-date operating income of \$24.5M, ahead of the budgeted amount of \$12.9M. This includes \$2M of positive adjustments related to prior years. There was a \$756k reserved for large cases this month with \$224k in estimated reinsurance recovery. She then presented the 2024 Budget, based on the best estimate of membership projections. She noted the impacts of continued redeterminations, which began in October 2023. Redeterminations will continue into the first half of 2024. She also noted the expanded Healthier Oregon Program (HOP), which began in July 2023, and expanded membership eligibility for the ages 26-65 that previously were not eligible. Additionally, she noted the new Bridge Health Program (BHP) will be available July 1, 2024. Ms. Patterson then reviewed the 2024 Budget – Gross Dollar Basis, which indicates a significant decrease in the rates, which will put pressure on the CCO. The budget also reflects benefit expansion expected for 2024. Ms. Patterson reviewed each line of the budget, including impacts from HRS: Flexible Services and HRS Community Benefit Initiatives, and adjustments due to the Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) benefit (new benefit through the 1115 Waiver). She presented the overall budget and the membership by rate category. The board discussed the climate benefit, which will include coverage of devices including air conditioners, air filters, portable power supplies, refrigeration units, and heaters. The CCO has been purchasing these devices. The new benefit will expand to include coverage of the acquisition and delivery of these goods for specific subpopulations as a full entitlement benefit. It was noted that the 2024 JMA shared savings is budgeted to be a net recoupment of \$18.7M. The CCO has the reserves to cover this deficit. This was a noted item for further discussion and strategy at the Board Retreat in February. Ms. Patterson concluded by noting that the 2024 Budget Assumptions were included in detail in the board meeting packet. **A motion was moved and seconded to approve the 2024 Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Update on 2024 LCHC Budget:** Ms. Busek shared an update that the Community Benefit Initiatives (CBI) amount is \$405,000 for 2024 and Quality Improvement Metrics (QIM) is expected to be close to \$15M.

V. Shared Savings

- Ms. Busek reminded the Board that based on their prior approval, Shared Savings will be distributed among the Board's four identified priorities: Youth Behavioral Health, Housing, Healthcare Workforce, and Food Insecurity.
- **Youth Behavioral Health:** Dr. Lakhani reported that in September 2023, he and Ms. Busek began meeting with 15th Night to identify strategies to impact youth behavioral health. In December 2023, a Traditional Health Worker hub concept was brought forward to the Board. As requested at the December Board meeting, a subgroup met to discuss additional Youth Behavioral Health strategies and approaches. The subgroup agreed that they would like to proceed with a grant process seeking to address youth behavioral health and crisis needs in the community. The group also agreed to continue to provide funding to 15th Night for their work in creating a Traditional Health Worker hub, in addition to opening a grant process. With the Board's approval, the grant cycle will open January 9, 5:00 pm. The Board discussed an interest in having a FAQ resource, communication channel, or a Bidder's conference to address applicants' questions regarding the funding requirements. Feedback was also provided regarding the process, transparency to the public, and timeline. The Board also discussed the process for consideration of funding 15th Night in addition to the grant process. The Board also discussed ways to strategize early in 2024 to inform funding distribution approaches. A request was made that all applications and the rubric be provided to the Board to ensure transparency.
- **A motion was moved to reallocate the Youth Behavioral Health funds to a grant process to be launched at 5:00 pm, January 9, 2024. Ms. Hopper opposed the vote due to concerns regarding public transparency and process. Dr. York opposed the vote due to concerns regarding impacts to relationship with 15th Night. After discussion, the motion passed.**
- **Food Insecurity:** Ms. Busek provided brief updates regarding the Food Insecurity priority strategies. No changes have been made to the strategy since the December Board meeting. It is expected that these strategies will meet MLR criteria.
- **Healthcare Workforce:** Regarding the Healthcare Workforce priority, Ms. Busek updated the group that she and Dr. Luedtke have been meeting with Lane Community College (LCC) and Bushnell University to explore ways to increase the healthcare workforce. There could be opportunities to expand the Bushnell nursing program, as well as an opportunity to establish a paramedicine program at LCC. There will be further discussion of this approach at the February Board retreat.
- **Housing:** Dr. Virgin updated the Board that discussions have continued with CBOs and key community health leaders regarding 1115 Waiver implementation. From these discussions, it is recommended for the Board to consider investments in four areas: severe weather shelter support; continuing Lane County Rural Outreach Program; support of permanent supported housing; and community emergency shelter operations. It was noted that many of these

programs are at risk of closure, so this is an opportunity to keep existing programs operational. Further information will be provided to the Board in an upcoming discussion.

VI. Community Advisory Council

Ms. Barone facilitated a discussion with the PacificSource consumer members in attendance. CAC and CAC subcommittee members representing PacificSource Community Solutions (PCS) provided feedback and input to the LCHC Board to inform their priorities to improve community health in 2024. Some members joined the meeting to share their experiences, while others submitted written testimony to be shared on their behalf. A summary of the discussion will be written and provided to the LCHC Board and Community Advisory Council.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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