

## **Lane County Community Advisory Council Notes Summary – July 28, 2025**

12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Hybrid (online and in-person)

### **Attendees:**

- 11 CAC members representing Trillium and PacificSource OHP.
- 8 CAC organizational partners representing Trillium and Lane Community Health Council Clinical Advisory Panels, Advantage Dental, Public Health, Development Disability Services, Oregon Department of Human Services, Head Start of Lane County, and The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.
- 18 staff representing Lane Council of Governments, Public Health, Trillium, PacificSource, Lane Community Health Council, and OHA.
- 6 guests representing Florence Area Community Coalition, CAC's Rural Advisory Committee, Lane Transit District, Be Your Best Cottage Grove, United Way, and The ARC of Lane County.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

- Michelle welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Kayla shared information about the Health Equity Committee meeting on August 12 and introduced two new CAC staff members with Lane County Public Health:
  - Teresa Roark – Health Promotion and Prevention Strategist
  - Del Borden Jr. – Community Health Analyst
- Tannya led a calming breathing exercise.
- There were no public comments.

### **II. Remembering Drake Ewbank**

- Drake Ewbank, a CAC member, passed away. Members shared kind words about Drake's work in the community and described him as a behavioral health advocate. He used to lead SAFE, a treatment center in Springfield. Kayla asked members to share ideas on how to honor him.

### **III. 10 Minute Break**

#### IV. Member Approvals

- June 23 Meeting Notes: The group approved the notes from the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- CAC Quarterly Summary (April–June 2025)
  - Kayla shared photos and updates from community events.
  - The CAC and Youth Health Council will meet in September.
  - A new Community Health Improvement Coalition (CHIC) was formed with 10 CAC members.
  - Members also attended a webinar on Indigenous Social Determinants of Health.
  - **The group approved the quarterly summary to be sent to the CCO boards and Clinical Advisory Panels.**

#### V. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHP) Report & Community Health Assessment Update

- Leilani shared slides about the 2021–2025 CHP report.
  - Final report will be sent to OHA by the end of 2025.
  - The report includes disaster response, community resilience, and collaboration with 20+ partners.
  - **The group approved the CHP Progress Report.**
- Jennifer shared the 2024 Community Assessment Statements and asked for questions—none were shared.
- Olatorera encouraged members to reflect and give feedback on the Community Health Assessment Process (see handout).

#### V. Legislative Session Update & Future Planning

- Courtney shared:
  - Oregon Medicaid and Healthier Oregon are fully funded through 2026.
  - New laws passed to support behavioral health, doulas, and community health workers.
- Kellie DeVore shared:
  - A special session will focus on transportation funding.
  - Federal changes to Medicaid could be coming and are being monitored.
- Questions from CAC members for the September Meeting with the Legislative Liaisons:
  - Members wanted updates on:
    - Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) funding and future changes.

- If federal funds might be pulled back.
- How transportation cuts could affect rural and coastal health services.
- Details about the new six-month eligibility process for health benefits.
- More information on waivers for continuous eligibility.
- Ideas: More use of Uber/Lyft, teaching people how to ride the bus.
- Opportunity: A transportation meeting will happen August 21 in Cottage Grove (see invitation).

## **VI. Updates & Calls to Action**

- CAC Member Openings
  - Kayla said there are three open member positions representing PacificSource OHP, plus the RISE partner position.
  - Recruitment is open now with interviews expected in August or September.
  - Outreach materials are available in Spanish and English.
  - Youth, alternative medicine users, and people from Oakridge/McKenzie Bridge were named as outreach priority areas.
- Intertribal Connection Updates
  - Jessica shared feedback from the June 5<sup>th</sup> Health and Wellness Carnival hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Eugene Area Office.
  - Feedback was positive and touched upon the following:
    - Variety of foods, accommodated Gluten Free
    - Welcoming and friendly
    - Abundant Children's activities
    - Diverse and Innovative Information Tables
  - Jessica announced that they are working to move into a new Eugene office and CAC members would be invited when opened.
- (Postponed) Quality Incentive Metrics
- CCO Governing Board Updates: Kayla reminded members that board updates were in their packets and to contact Board liaisons with questions.

## **Meeting End**

- Michelle said there is no meeting in August due to summer break.
- The meeting ended at 2:00 p.m.