

Trillium Community Health Plan North Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes



Thursday, September 5, 2024
10:00 – 11:30 AM

Attendance

Present: Sharif Maddox, Brooklyn Leader, Maddox Leader, McKenzie Leader, Naomi Hunsaker, Blanchette Villavicencio-Morrison, Susan Berns Norman

TCHP Staff: Kendra Pennington, Debi Farr, Dominique Lopez- Stickney, Sheri Lilli

Guest: Mark Cokenour

Welcome and Introductions

Sharif Maddox, CAC Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

Announcements

Sharif announced the need for a co-chair for the CAC. Currently out of compliance with OHA. Please reach out to Kendra or Sharif if interested.

Public Comment

No Public comments

Approvals

August Meeting Minutes

Do not have a quorum of CAC members to approve. Will move to have August Meeting Minutes approved virtually by CAC members.

Trillium Board Report

Shariff reported the TCHP North Board went to Portland Bible Church to pack and organize food boxes instead of hosting an August meeting. Portland Bible Church is now delivering food boxes to families leaving the hospital with a newborn. Portland Bible Church has online selection of foods to meet nutrition needs and cultural food preferences. TCHP has donated funds for this effort.

OHA Innovator Agent Update

Mark Cokenour shared slides (Presentation provided in a follow-up email)

Updates focused on:

- Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act (FCAA)
- Medicaid 1115 Waiver (also known as re-entry demonstration)

CAC Member Questions/Comments:

- For Capacity Building – will requests for proposals open again to community-based organizations? Yes, and the organizations will be more targeted those that support carceral populations.

- Naomi asked for a flyer that CAC members can share to promote the – [A Call for Families](#); Mark to send to Naomi
 - [English](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
- CAC members liked the graphics in the presentation
- CAC members have requested a presentation on the Bridge Program

SHARE Presentation

Dominique Lopez- Stickney, Senior Director of Medicaid shared slides (included in meeting slides) Update on SHARE projects and provided next steps for CAC support on SHARE for 2024 projects and 2025 plan.

CAC Member Questions/Comments:

- For Central City Concern – the name and project changed from Lolo Pass to 16th & Burnside. Housing beds were taken out of the project
- *What is SDOH?* Social Determinants of Health Dominique to change to food security/need
- *What is ASAM 3.5?* American Society for Addiction Medicine [Levels of Care defined](#)
- *For patients moving from one level of care to another how is that managed?* Concerns for smooth transitions with gap in residential treatment programs and how patients can move quickly between 3.5 to 3.7 for example. Dominique will ask and report back.
- For Central City Concern - *Does co-morbidity mean they have other diagnoses for mental health or other conditions?* The understanding is different levels are for people with higher needs. *Will these be separate units?* Dominique will ask and report back. *Are the 4 beds with Central City transition beds?* They are still deciding on the number of beds allocated for each level of care.
- Oregon Health Care Interpreters Association – *Will the CAC see data on languages members speak? How is it determined what language a member speaks?* They do not recall being asked or having opportunities to share that with the plan. TCHP receives through a few pathways, including from OHA. Dominique will ask and report back how member language is provided to the plan.
- *How does someone enroll in the Health Care Interpreter program?* As contracting proceeds, Trillium will identify limited diffusion languages. Oregon Health Care Interpreter Association will do targeted outreach and as the program rolls out recruit people to participate in the program.
- *How is Greater New Hope (GNH) getting word out to recruit for CHW training?* GNHC will market and recruit for the training. TCHP can also distribute to support recruitment. TCHP THW liaisons are also sharing it out. *Will trainees work only through Greater New Hope?* After certified, the 70-80 CHWs will not have to work for New Hope. GNH is tracking what organization employees the CHWs. *What is the plan if they fill to capacity?* Kendra said they have a waitlist for this training. They outreached the waitlist and learned there is a preference for evening training sessions. *What is sustainability for this program?* This is the first time doing it and GNH is collecting data to identify need and how to sustain.
- *What is accreditation for GNH?* Kendra will connect Blanchette and Kristinia to learn about accreditation.

- Clarify the role of the TriCounty BH Provider Association funding for the .5 FTE? The coordinator will help students get in the program and then do the paperwork for loan forgiveness. This is the first program of its kind, we will watch it.
- TriCounty BH Provider Association CADC 1 or 2? Dominique will check on this.
- Confirm that CAC will vote on the approval and have time to discuss and review the presented SHARE proposals. Dominique is proposing to have CAC help set priorities, review data (front end); review and approve projects; and then monitor the projects (back end).
- Will 2025 be new projects? It may, some may continue with current funding. The CAC will be asked to review the priorities and data to see what should continue (as part of project monitoring) and then review new proposals in 2025.
- Next Steps: Dominique will be back in 2025 to share data, funding priorities.

Community Benefit Initiative (CBI) Presentation

Kendra Pennington, Manager, Community Engagement & Health Equity shared slides (included in meeting slides) with 2024 CBI proposals

- Last year received over 100 applications for CBI funding. This year there will be much less money.
- *For Transitions Project: Is expungement only for housing? Could it be for employment as well?* It is only for housing. Kendra can check if they have an employment program for expungement. *Does it include felony expungement or misdemeanors that are a barrier to housing?* Kendra will ask and report back.

2024 CHP Progress Report

Kendra Pennington, Manager, Community Engagement & Health Equity

Presentation Agenda item will move to October meeting

Open Table

- *What resources for seniors/parents that are parenting disabled children? Why is there a disparity with this group? Can there be some reimbursement for family members to provide support paid family members?*
 - Having a [Disabilities Listening Session](#) 9/12 from 2 – 3:30 PM [Register Here](#)
 - Will add Demond to an upcoming CAC meeting to present on results of the listening session.
 - Sheri to send CAC members the online form/survey for community members to provide feedback if they cannot attend the 9/12 Listening Session

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. Next Trillium North CAC Meeting: Thursday, October 3rd 10 AM – 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted by Sheri Lilli