

Trillium Community Health Plan
North Community Advisory Council (CAC)
Meeting Minutes

July 21st, 2026
10 – 11:30 AM



Attendance

CAC Members Present: Sharif, Tom, Jeff, Brooklyn, Maddox, McKenzie, Aidee, Christine, Darren, Kamryn, Katie, and Naomi

Trillium/OHA Staff: Salma, Sheri, Dominique, Lamar, Mark Debi

Introduction

Sharif called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Attendees shared introductions and an ice breaker.

Announcements

Continue to check for Medicaid mailings, emails and One Oregon app notifications for updates or renewals. Some community members are seeing renewal updates.

Public Comment

As a reminder, the CAC meetings are public meetings, and we allow “Public Comment” time for non-members of the council from the community to directly address the CAC. It serves as a formal opportunity for citizens to voice concerns, offer feedback, or share ideas on community issues.

CAC meetings are posted [on the website](#), Sheri can also share invites with interested attendees.

No public members attending the meeting.

Approvals

Tom asked CAC members to review the June meeting minutes on screen and asked for any edits. No edits were made, and Brooklyn commented it is good to capture all links shared in the meeting minutes. Tom requested a motion to approve. Christine made the motion and Maddox seconded the motion. Tom requested a vote and the motion passed to approve June meeting notes.

Presentations

Trillium Board Report

There was no July board meeting. The time was used to review answers to questions the CAC had at the May board report.

1. **How will eligibility work for self-employed people to meet the requirement?** The [Interim Final Rule](#) issued by the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) defines “work” broadly to include paid work, self-employment, unpaid work, and in-

kind work arrangements. Most states should be using earnings data to verify if they meet work requirements if they have sufficient wages. If there is no wage data, self-employed individuals may have to submit proof to meet the requirements.

- *What is in-kind work? "In-kind work" means **work performed in exchange for goods or services rather than wages or cash payment**. Example: A person may help at a farm in exchange for food, assist with property maintenance in exchange for housing, or provide services in return for transportation or other necessities.*
 - *Can in-kind be part of income for self-employed people? Sheri will submit this question.*
2. **When will currently enrolled members start to be impacted by the eligibility requirements?** Depends on how the state chooses to implement eligibility requirements.
- *If someone is disabled, what do they need to provide? What is their disability documentation in process when they receive a renewal notice? Sheri will submit this question.*
3. **What should members have ready? Documents, bank statements? How will documents be authenticated?** This is dependent on state requirements. CMS has left a lot of discretion for states to implement and define processes. Trillium is awaiting guidance from states to further define what exactly will be required. All states are required to try to verify compliance or exemptions using available data prior to requesting additional documentation.
4. **What counts toward the income? What does not count towards income?** This is based on the statutory/regulatory definition of [Modified Adjusted Gross Income](#) as defined by the Tax Code and further defined and caveated in the Public Health Service Act. It is primarily measured as taxable income; with several exceptions for certain individuals and Native Americans. Scholarships, awards, or fellowship grants used for education purposes *and not for living expenses* are excluded from income.
- *Sharif would like the link. Will the state use the federal definitions for how the state will define income? Sheri will submit this question.*
<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/medicaid-work-requirements-tracker-state-national-data-and-policies/>
 - <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-C/part-435/subpart-G/section-435.603>

OHA Innovator Agent Update

The information CMS provided in June is broad information that Oregon now takes to define how we will implement the House Resolution 1 (HR1) changes. Definitions are there to help the state make decisions on how to implement the changes and Oregon has created the framework and general timeline to implement the changes. OHA continues to work and has many workgroups to get information out to address questions. Some of the questions are

specific, and OHA is working to develop FAQs and will get them out to the public as soon as possible.

To answer the question about when work (or activity) rules will be implemented. No one will be affected by work requirements until January 1, 2027, at the earliest. There is some ability for the state to roll this out in batches – within the federal rules. Oregon is exploring this currently. Oregon is planning to share information in September and in October the first letters go out. May not impact all OHP members. CMS requires 3 months' notice given to members.

Community Investment Review, Discussion and Approval

Sheri presented one proposal for the CAC. Transition Projects is requesting continued funding for the pilot project approved three years ago to provide fixed-rate legal services at no cost to participants to remove barriers to housing and prevent eviction. Legal support clears pathways to permanent housing for those who may otherwise remain chronically homeless. The proposal includes funding for staff, emergency need funds and payment for legal services. Transition Projects has demonstrated success with the current pilot and seeks funding to continue the work and expand the service to more people. Other funding sources for legal services are being cut or ended, so it is important to support this program long term.

One member asked if the program would only be available to Multnomah County residents. Sheri responded that the increased funding would allow for more people to receive support. Transition Projects will define program reach once as the funding amount is finalized. Tom called for a discussion. No additional discussion was needed. Tom requested a motion to accept the Transition Projects proposal for three years of continued funding with SHARE. Aidee made the motion; Naomi seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Open Table

Members shared the following resources as wildfires and hot weather are starting:

- <https://multco.us/programs/help-when-its-hot>;
- <https://www.kgw.com/article/weather/cooling-shelters-opening-portland-heat-wave/283-33159f9f-0768-4d60-8881-ccb1c45b7a4e>
- <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/childnutrition/sfsp/pages/summer-food-oregon.aspx>
- <https://www.clackamas.us/relief>
- <https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/public-health/hot-weather>

Next Meetings

- CAC Member Engagement Meeting – July 23rd
- CAC Meeting - August 18th
- OHA Office Hours for the CAC – August 27th