Trillium Community Health Plan
North Community Advisory Council (CAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 15th, 2026
10 – 11:30 AM

Attendance

CAC Members Present: Sharif, Tom, Jeff; Brooklyn, Christine, Darren, McKenzie, Maddox, Stephanie, Blanchette, Kamryn, Katie,

Trillium/OHA Staff: Lamar, Brit, Sheri, Mark (OHA)

Introduction

Sharif called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Attendees shared introductions and an ice breaker. Sharif shared links for an Oregon Metro website that has Healthy living and waste reduction and some guides: Healthy Personal Care Products; Health Personal Care Products (Spanish)

Announcements

Brooklyn reminded members that some farm stands/markets will close in October. Encouraged members to visit and get local produce.

Continue to check for Medicaid mailings, emails and One Oregon app notifications for updates or renewals. OHA is sending over 600,000 OHP members mid-late September to make people aware of coming benefit changes. You can access example letters and Frequently Asked Questions about Oregon Health Plan upcoming changes here.

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 August meeting minutes on screen and asked for any edits. Updates were made to some acronyms and the reason for Katie to abstain. Sharif said these are important updates to make since these meeting notes are public record. After changes were made, Tom requested a motion to approve. Jeff made the motion and Katie seconded the motion. Tom requested a vote and the motion passed to approve July meeting notes.

Presentations

Trillium Board Report

Jeff shared an update from the September 10th board meeting. In August, the board volunteered at the Family Peace Center and learned more about the organization while sorting out donations and preparing for a back-to-school event. Jeff shared the importance of volunteering and how it can also be a good self-care tool.

Board meeting highlights included a board meeting sharing a letter that was sent to the Oregon Health Authority with recommendations on how to communicate with members; House Resolution 1 updates; and discussion on HR1 changes. The meeting ended with next steps for the joint board meeting in October.

A CAC member had a question about Open Card and how Trillium works with Open Card. Mark said he will connect with the CAC members to discuss more about how to get support for the patient. He noted, CCO and Open card are two different things. It is a state funded Medicaid program. Providers can contract to accept Open Card members. Open Card – FFS. Acentra is the contractor that runs Open Card for Oregon.

OHA Innovator Update

Mark shared recent updates from OHA relating to Medicaid changes and answered questions including:

- Why are OHP members being moved from CCO to Open Card? With the new federal changes, immigration status impacts if people can be on Medicaid programs that accept federal match dollars. Since Open Card is state funded, people with different immigration statuses are moving to Open Card.
- One CAC member noted seeing many messages about changes and wondered what would happen if Oregon elected a new governor. Will they make changes? It may, but uncertain
- A link to Open Card was shared in the chat. One member confirmed the American Indian and Alaskan Native members on OHP can choose which plan and will not all be moved to Open Card. They are exempt from HR1 changes.
- Other links were shared in the chat:
  https://healthcare.oregon.gov/marketplace/coverage/pages/tribes.aspx
  https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ohp/pages/ccos.aspx

Healthy Columbia Willamette Collaborative – Community Health Needs Assessment Planning and Discussion

Sheri introduced Faviola Robles Saenz, PhD from the Health Columbia Willamette Collaborative. Faviola presented to share information with the CAC on HCWC and start to learn what the CAC want to learn from HCWC, how to engage in the process and share feedback on where the process is now.

- All HCWC partners are required to do community health assessments. HCWC was created to avoid asking the same questions multiple times to reduce duplication and burden to partners and our community.
- Review the Community Health Cycle and how Trillium and the CAC engaged in this already.
- In the next member engagement meeting, Faviola will spend time discussing more with the CAC about:
  - What are focus populations? What mixed methods to use? How to partner with community in making the design?
  - What does the CAC want to learn or hear from HCWC?
  - Would you like to be part of the process? If so, how?
- Year one is planning; Year two is collecting data; Year three is data analysis and report writing.
- One CAC member wants to hear updates from HCWC and wants the CAC to engage in sharing feedback/experiences of community & communicate, share input on questions. Suggests HCWC simplify the message; break things down.

Open Table

Did not have Open Table, members may email Sheri with any questions or requests.

Next Meetings

- *Member Engagement Meeting - September 24th*
  - Topics will be Medicaid Updates with Dominique & discussion with Faviola on the Community Health Assessment Learning Questions.
- *CAC Meeting – October 20th*
  - Review of the Annual Community Health Improvement Plan Progress Report
- *OHA Office Hours – October 22nd*