

# Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan 22, 2024

Location: Virtual Meeting

Note Taker: Amy Scholze

Time Started: 3:00pm

<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	In attendance			
	<b>Name</b>		<b>Name</b>	
	Debby Jones	X	Orrin Beasley	
	Erika Keener		Sara Hoover	X
	Gabriel Muro	X	Susan Lowe	X
	Joel Pelayo	X	Trish Elliott	X
	Maria Lourdes Torres	X		
	<b>Staff- CGHC</b>		<b>Staff- PacificSource</b>	
	Jenny Anglin, CGHC Exec Director	X	Lexi Stickel	
	Lissette Rivera, B2H		Elke Geiger	
	Katy Williams, B2H		Jacob Dilla	
	Amy Scholze, CAC Coordinator	X	Dustin Zimmerman (OHA)	
	Julie Jacobsen, Exec Assistant			
<b>Welcome and intros</b>	Araceli Avila, One Community Health Bridges to Health Community Health Worker; Buffy Hurtado, PacificSource Tribal Liaison; Gracie Mukai, Insight for Action Project Coordinator; Ronda Zakocs, Insight for Action Founder & Principal			
<b>Public Comment, Announcements and Bragging</b>	On a motion made by Susan Lowe and seconded by Trish Elliott, the CAC unanimously approved Orrin Beasley as a new CAC voting member.			
<b>Approve Dec CAC meeting minutes</b>	On a motion made by Susan Lowe and seconded by Trish Elliott, the December CAC minutes were unanimously approved.			
<b>Community Health Assessment – Data Party</b>	<p><b>Community Health Assessment (CHA) Parameters Discussed</b></p> <p>Discussion regarding Community Health Assessment (CHA) parameters, which focus on Hood River and Wasco counties, covering all residents, including the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) members.</p> <p><b>Data-Driven Decision Making and Funding Fairness</b></p>			

	<p>The collection and use of information for decision-making should focus on demographics, health status, and disparities by conducting surveys on additional populations and using raw data to direct funding toward specific Social Determinants of Health (SDOH).</p> <p><b>Income Inequality</b></p> <p>Discussion of income inequality in counties using the GINI index as a measure was addressed. Wasco County has higher income inequality despite having a higher median income. The data will be further examined to understand the factors contributing to income inequality.</p> <p>Socioeconomic conditions of Hood River and Wasco Counties were discussed, comparing demographic and economic data, noting that Wasco had a higher proportion of seniors and those on disability, which might influence income statistics. The conversation highlighted the impact of retirement, disability, wealth, and employment status on income levels and labor force participation. Social determinants of health were emphasized, focusing on the elderly and Hispanic populations. There is a need for bilingual-bicultural services for the Latino community when visiting doctors or other medical institutions.</p> <p><b>Community Health Survey Analysis</b></p> <p>Data was analyzed on life expectancy, premature death rates, and mental health indicators in different regions, noting the significant influence of chronic illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.</p> <p><b>Survey Feasibility and Methods</b></p> <p>Surveys must undergo vetting with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Concerns were raised about the potential impact on community partners and the feasibility of conducting a survey within the remaining year. The survey data collection method was discussed, with concerns raised about homebound people or those with disabilities who cannot complete surveys.</p> <p><b>Health Assessment Survey Challenges Discussed</b></p> <p>Difficulties with the health assessment survey were shared, particularly the low response rate and the challenges in follow-up. Understanding demographic data and its relevance to income inequality is important. Jenny Anglin suggested having a session with the CAC and core partners to address concerns and plan future actions. Discussion regarding inappropriate discharges from Adventist Hospital and the lack of reliable data was shared.</p>
<b>Next CAC Meetings</b>	<p>February 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 5:00 pm, CAC All Members welcome – In person, One Community Health. 849 Pacific Avenue, Hood River OR, 97031</p> <p>March 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 5:00 pm, CAC All Members – via Zoom</p>