

## **Benton Local Advisory Committee (BLAC) Minutes**

Friday, September 25, 2015

Benton County Sunset Building, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

**Call To Order:** Meeting was called to order by Sam Sappington at 10:35 AM.

### **Introductions:**

Present:, Sam Sappington (Co-Chair), Amy Roy (Secretary), Judy Ball, Hilary Harrison, Lauren Zimbelman, Joe Zaerr, Richard McCain, Sr. (Stretch McCain). Karen Caul, Marisabel Gouverneur.

Ex-Officio: Rebekah Fowler (CAC Coordinator), Amy Esquer Yanten (Benton County Health Navigator).

Absent: Michael Volpe, Deborah Morera, Angel Kent

Guest: Lisa Pierson.

**OHP Enrollment** Amy Esquer Yanten one of 20 Health Navigators at Lincoln County, East Linn County, Lincoln School, Garfield School, Linus Pauling School, and some co-placed with Linn County. She works on OHP Enrollment. No deadline for applying for OHP. Deadlines apply to private marketplace. Private marketplace opens November 1. The navigators go to outreach events. There is also a dental navigator. They have fliers that they send home with children to let families know that they can apply for OHP. If transportation is an issue they can visit people to help. If they don't qualify for OHP they help then connect with a marketplace agent. If there is an urgent medical need they will help get that expedited. Sam Sappington asked what she is noticing about people who still have not enrolled. She said that the navigators outreach across the board. They work with homeless population, OSU outreach. Homeless people have general delivery address. 2013 30% coverage, 2015 56% coverage of people at BC health clinics (20% are still uninsured individuals). They encourage newly enrolled members to get signed up with a doctor so they can stay away for ER and urgent care. Amy Roy asked about when someone's income changes mid-year. Esquer Yanten said they the form wants to know your income for the current month, next month, and the year. Judy asked about challenges with working at Linus Pauling as opposed to the elementary schools. She said she has only heard that things are going well and the navigator there has been welcomed. Lisa Pierson said that OHP is not notifying families in a timely manner so people need to check on their enrollment status.

**NOTE:** Periodically asking for navigators to speak and give us updates would be useful Rebekah will follow up on that with Bill Bouska and Kelley Kaiser. She suggested DHS would be a good place to have navigators and literature available.

## **BLAC Charter:**

Rebekah suggests that she gets input on suggested changes and then bring the changes to the next meeting. Amy Roysaid the change to Chair and Vice-Chair is an improvement over the Co-chair system that was operating. Joe Zaerr said this is not a charter (approved by higher authority) this should be bylaws. They should be approved periodically. He said that a subcommittee should look at it ( which happened in August). In order to have an election of officers this meeting, there would be bylaws in place. Judy Ball said that the bylaws have not changed very much. What the committee did last month was wordsmithing. Rebekah expressed the need to fill the leadership positions, particularly Co-chair position so current Chair has help. Hilary moved that we move ahead electing new Co-chair before voting on bylaws. Karen Caul seconded. Amy Roy asked if all officials were being elected. Just Co-chair this meeting. Joe Zaerr suggested modifying the bylaws today to fit what needs to be done. Clarification suggests that Co-chair be elected for a two year term plus one month. 6 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain.

Sam Sappington asked Judy Ball and Joe Zaerr to tell about their interest in the position.

Judy Ball said that since Hilary Harrison got her new job, it has been difficult for Sam Sappington to do both jobs without much help. The recruitment committee asked if she had interest. She had and still has some reservations. She thinks the committee has important work to do and needs to get on with that work. It needs two people in leadership to help move that work forward.

Joe Zaerr echoed Judy's sentiments. We need to move forward and Sam Sappington needs help. He can see this operation going in directions he doesn't want it to go. He is not sure he wants to commit to more than one year. He thinks Judy Ball can do a good job and he would like to withdraw his nomination.

Judy Ball suggested he could resign after one year. Joe Zaerr said he would feel obliged. Sam Sappington confirmed that Joe Zaerr is withdrawing his nomination. Sam Sappington asked for anyone else who might want to be nominated.

No further nominations. Sam Sappington asked for voice vote. 8 Ayes, one abstention, no nays. Judy Ball is elected Co-chair.

**Bylaws update.** Members read changes and make suggestions by one week from today. Original work group reconvene to work on those changes. Hilary Harrison proposed that the changed draft in a final version can be available for review 2 weeks before the next meeting. Hilary Harrison asked Lauren Zimbelman to see about reserving the room. Hilary Harrison suggested Amy Roy ask Tammy Shandy to make room bookings. Hilary Harrison also suggested downtown meeting rooms.

Karen Caul suggested we decide to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of November and December because of the holidays. November 20 and December 18. Judy Ball suggested meeting

here (Sequoia Room) through the end of 2015, then looking into a downtown meeting room.

### **Leadership Nominations**

Hilary Harrison proposed a request for nominations. Amy Roy said she will be leaving the committee the end of the year but would be willing to serve as Secretary until then. Sam Sappington asked the committee to confirm that his term extends for another year. Sam Sappington asked if anyone else wishes to put themselves forward for Secretary. Karen Caul expressed a willingness.

**Note:** Secretary will be voted on at the October meeting.

### **Announcements**

Coordinated Care Model Summit Nov.17. All expenses paid for Committee members. Reimbursement can be in advance. It will be at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Health Equity Conference November 16 also reimbursed. Links for registration sent to members via email. Rebekah Fowler is working on the regional planning retreat. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> all day retreat. Philomath Boy Scout Lodge 660 Clemens Mill Road. Goal planning is on the agenda. Will talk about doing more community engagement. There will be a survey about how meetings are working. Members can suggest questions for the survey. Rebekah will be asking for RSVP..

November 9 CAC is 1-4 at CASA of Linn. 5-8 that night will be behavioral health town hall at Linn County Expo with Sara Gelser and Lynn Saxton.

Lisa Pierson explained at the Regional CAC about her struggles with transportation reimbursement. She explained her problems and also made suggestions for changes and she will be testing some of the changes.

Joe Zaerr learned about a report from the healthy Columbia Willamette Collaborative. CAC got money from the hospital community benefit fund to make a survey for OHP members from 3 counties. They got ideas from the community about what the OHP members wanted. IHN-CCO CAC could take the initiative to collect information that we can use to update the CHIP. Samaritan hospital has a community benefit fund that the CAC can apply for. [www.healthycolumbiawillamette.org](http://www.healthycolumbiawillamette.org)

Lauren Zimbelman said the Regional Health Assessment is looking at the whole county population. They could build the question "Are you an OHP member?" into the survey that they are doing.

Sam Sappington said that Larry Eby requested names of people who are interested in finalizing the outcomes and indicators matrix. He reported that 6 people have signed up from BLAC to help out. Larry Eby made the decisions of who would be on the committee. He has chosen Judy Ball, Mike Volpe, and Sam Sappington from BLAC.

Marisabel Gouverneur wanted to know if there would be a representative from BLAC or Regional CAC going to the OR dental health conference in Portland on Oct 2. Hilary Harrison brought up at the regional CAC meeting information about One Key ! Question. Someone created a brochure and mailed it to every woman of reproductive age in the 3 counties. That caused some controversy. Keven Ewanchyna apologized for that misunderstanding. They are working on a vetting process for communications to OHP members. Lisa Pierson said that private health insured patients are struggling with their copays. Some people with private insurance can't afford their copays but if they qualify for OHP they can apply to get help from OHA for copays.

**Outcomes and Indicators:** Lauren Zimbelman reported on the team of the Regional Health Assessment. Jessica Dias is shifting focus. She was a CDC public health associate. She was working on the RHA. In mid-October she will change to childhood vaccination in the 3 counties. There is some changing around of positions within the project. They are looking at the CAC outcomes and indicators work of the CAC. They have community level data on some of the indicators but their data is community level not just OHP membership subset. Lauren Zimbelman is contact for the assessment team. Email [lbregionalhealthassessment@co.benton](mailto:lbregionalhealthassessment@co.benton)

### **Community Input**

Lisa Pierson has read the bylaws and charter MHADAC (Mental Health and Addictions Developmental Advisory Committee). She has been a member for several years. With ACA and CCO system this CAC is the next step in her advocacy. She was also on YFAC (Youth and Family Advisory Committee) with Rebekah Fowler. She has two youths who are interested in being involved. She is interested in the Regional Health Assessments. She is also interested in data measurement, outcomes, and involving the community who utilizes the services. She is excited for the possibilities for change with the ACA.

Health Disparities Committee Meeting Monday 4pm at Hewlett Packard St. Helens Room C. Looking at health disparities, their root causes, and developing a plan.

Ann Schuster wonders if the CAC might want to do outreach to homeless community. Hilary Harrison suggests we focus on access for people who are enrolled and others focus on enrollment.

**Adjourn 1:30 PM**

**Next meeting: October 30, 2015 (last Friday), Sunset Building 10:30 – 1:30pm**