Central Oregon Health Council
Board of Directors Meeting
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Consent Agenda
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Creating a healthier Central Oregon.

The Central Oregon Health Council Board of Directors reserves the right to transition into executive session at any point during the Board meeting.
A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Central Oregon Health Council, an Oregon public benefit corporation (the “Corporation”), was held at 12:30 pm Pacific Time October 13, 2022, at the Latino Community Association, Bend, Oregon, and online via Zoom. Notice of the meeting was sent to all members of the Board in accordance with the Corporation’s bylaws.

**Directors Present**
- Tammy Baney, Chair
- Patti Adair
- Gary Allen, DMD
- Paul Andrews, EdD
- Megan Haase, FNP
- Brad Porterfield
- Divya Sharma, MD
- Kelly Simmelink
- Dan Stevens
- Rick Treleaven

**Directors Absent**
- Seth Crawford
- Linda Johnson, Vice Chair
- Iman Simmons
- Justin Sivill

**Guests Present**
- MaCayla Arsenault, Central Oregon Health Council
- Scott Aycock, COIC
- Rebeckah Berry, Central Oregon Health Council
- Jeff Davis, PacificSource
- Mickie Derting, City of Bend
- Molly Heiss, NeighborImpact
- Laurie Hill, COPA
- Gwen Jones, Central Oregon Health Council
Ms. Baney served as Chair of the meeting and Ms. Smith served as Secretary. Ms. Baney called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened in accordance with the Corporation’s bylaws, was ready to proceed with business.

**WELCOME**
Ms. Baney welcomed all attendees to the meeting and facilitated introductions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**
Ms. Baney invited public comment. No public comment was offered.

**CONSENT AGENDA**
The consent agenda consisted of the August meeting minutes.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**: Mr. Treleaven moved to approve the consent agenda; Ms. Haase seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**
An action item remains open: The Executive Director will create a proposal to add two new community representatives to the Board—on hold pending Strategic Plan work at the next Board retreat.

**REDETERMINATION UPDATE**
Ms. Wilder informed the Board that the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) had been extended; the CCO expected it would end on January 15, 2023. Members will have 90 days to respond to state determination requests, and disenrollment should begin in April. OHA will stage reenrollment by population types. Membership grew 36 percent during the PHE and is projected to drop by about 18 percent by the end of 2023 to an estimated 60,000 members.

On September 28, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS) provided Oregon with their final decisions on changes to the 1115 waiver for 2022–2027. The intention of the waiver is to...
advance OHA’s goal of eliminating health inequities by 2030. Oregon will be the first state to have continuous enrollment for kids up to 6, and two year continuous enrollment for ages 6 and up. This will not go into effect until redetermination is complete. OHA is conducting a partner webinar series to prepare for the PHE to end, with upcoming dates on October 18, November 15, and December 13.

**RHIP Update**
The RHIP update was postponed due to time constraints.

**REDMOND SAFE PARKING**
Reverend Rick Russell, pastor at Mountain View Fellowship, shared information on Redmond’s safe parking program, which provides space for people living in their vehicles to park without being harassed. They currently see 20 to 30 a night, with five or six church members there to help out. They added laundry and showers a year ago, which was funded by COHC, and also provide a caseworker to help set goals. They work closely with the police and city and do not allow unauthorized parking.

**REGIONAL HOUSING: WHO’S ON FIRST?**
Scott Aycock and Chris Ogren of COIC’s Housing for All, Lindsey Stailing, co-chair of the Homeless Leadership Coalition, Molly Heiss with NeighborImpact, and Cheyenne Purrington of Deschutes County’s Coordinated Houseless Response Office (which also represents the cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond, and Sisters) presented on the current state of the region’s homeless response.

The Homeless Leadership Coalition is not an organization but a collaboration of organizations that serves as the Continuum of Care for Central Oregon. They implemented and oversee the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and organize the annual Point in Time (PIT) count. NeighborImpact maintains the region’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and works with local providers, including Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Thrive, Bethlehem Inn, Saving Grace, FUSE, and many others. COIC serves in the Collaborative Applicant role, which must be a nonprofit or government agency, and provides professional support and guidance to the Continuum of Care. They conducted the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, a ten-year plan to address housing needs in the region. The Coordinated Houseless Response Office was recently established to connect resources, cut red tape, remove barriers, and advocate for funding channels.

**PUBLIC HEALTH: COMMUNITY VIOLENCE UPDATE**
Janice Garceau, Deschutes County’s newly appointed Health Services Director, shared information on risk factors for community violence, noting that most individuals with mental illness are not dangerous. Being a young male or a substance abuser are greater predictors. Homicide death numbers are low in Deschutes County. Data show a much stronger link between mental health issues and suicide.

Deschutes County has been engaged in staff trainings, treatment services, the stabilization center, and high-risk huddles. They are active partners with the school system and the local provider of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), which helps people who were impacted by violence. Ms. Garceau emphasized two critical points: carrying the message that having a mental illness in itself
does not mean a risk of violence and making people aware of gun safety. Ms. Baney added a third—destigmatizing unhoused individuals—and suggested we use our bully pulpits to raise awareness.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Hill announced that COPA would begin to provide dental assessments and fluoride varnish at well-child checks and staff were being trained in the necessary procedures.

Ms. Madrid shared that the oral health workgroup still active from the 2016–2019 RHIP is merging with the Physical Health workgroup’s oral health subgroup. The Pain Standards Task Force will be joining the Opioid and Overdose Crisis Response Coalition helmed by Katie Plumb. Summit Health was awarded the EPIC Ten Gold Star rating.

COHC announcements also included the news that Miguel Herrada had moved from PacificSource to the Central Oregon Health Council. Renee Wirth had left to pursue a doctorate in public health and her contributions were acknowledged. Rebeckah Berry was also leaving COHC and was recognized for her phenomenal work spearheading the RHA twice, launching the grant platform and data website, and fostering many valuable partnerships. Ms. Berry expressed her deepest gratitude for the opportunity of serving on the Health Council and shared that she would be continuing her work at the Roundhouse Foundation around rural access to healthcare. Ms. Baney stated that it had been her honor to work with Ms. Berry and thanked her for her dedication, commitment, passion, support, and guidance. Many thanks and kudos were offered by other attendees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm Pacific Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Camille Smith, Secretary
The past month of October has been a month of staff development, staff transition, and ongoing planning for 2023. At our staff retreat, we discussed our existing operating model, with identified opportunities in more closely integrating our work to align with individual staff strengths. The staff is also developing foundational elements as we move through our work to advance broad systemic change throughout the region. The five principles we are developing and centering are integration, innovation, DEIJ (diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice), access, and advocacy. These elements are embedded within the CCO framework and critical to integrate into our work.

Alongside these elements, we have an aspirational vision of broad initiatives for further integration and collaboration of our CCOs. Staff is preparing to map our internal operations in preparation for this growth. Throughout the rest of the year, COHC seeks to fund these broad initiatives in response to external stakeholders and ensure that they are in alignment with our strategic plan.

Broad Initiatives

- **Integration Projects** These projects are ongoing to support the integration needed among medical, dental, and behavioral health, as designated by our JMA contract to convene stakeholders and move these efforts forward. These integration projects need pilots and incubators to test and innovate existing practices. A recent accomplishment here is that COPA (Central Oregon Pediatric Associates) will now be doing oral assessments and fluoride application at all well-child checks for children 6 months to 14 years old. Dr. Logan Clausen and Laurie Hill are successfully building this into their process. Training is currently in place with a launch before the end of the year.

- **Regional Initiatives** There are several regional initiatives that need convening and funding support from the Central Oregon Health Council to move our region forward. A few such examples are:
  - A Regional Housing Plan to position our region to access HUD dollars.
  - Our IT close loop referral system to provide stronger coordination of care between health care systems and patients.
  - Project Access Now regional assessment and how this program fits into our current care delivery system in Central Oregon.
• **Equity & Access** There has been ongoing feedback from underserved communities around accessing funding, having representation, and leadership development. Projects in this area will include capacity building for community organizing and nonprofit development.

**Operations**

• The COHC budget for 2023 will be ready for approval at the December Board meeting.
• Assumptions included in the budget will be funding and support for broad-range initiatives in Central Oregon, staff development and training, support for RHA community focus groups for survey collection, and external funding for growth.
• A status report of our existing strategic plan will be reported in March 2023. At this time, a legislative update will also be provided to the Board on health care bills that would impact the community.
• The employee handbook will be finalized by the end of the year, which will include new and updated policies for the following:
  o Hybrid model
  o Safety procedures
  o Conflict of interest statements

**Staff**

• Rebeckah Berry is continuing to support staff in training on our grant platform. Kelley Adams is successfully transitioning this work to move our grants forward.
• New hires: We welcome Miguel Herrada, who joined COHC September 30, 2022, and Whitney Schumacher, who will be with us November 29, 2022.
• All staff are starting to receive ToP facilitation training.
• Staff development plans are to be designed and launched during annual performance reviews.

Questions: Please contact Carmen Madrid at carmen.madrid@cohealthcouncil.org
CCO Director Report  
**Date:** November 2022  
**To:** The Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) Board of Directors  
**Prepared by:** Tricia Wilder, Director, Central Oregon CCO

**PACIFICSOURCE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS (PCS) CENTRAL OREGON CCO UPDATES:**

**Quality Incentive Metrics (QIMs)**  
The region is on track for this point in the year, with a prediction that the CCO will earn the full Quality Pool payout. The CCO continues to see multiple provider groups losing providers and Medical Assistants across the system which ultimately impacts quality metrics.

**Medicaid Redeterminations**  
The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recently launched a web-based tool for CCOs to gather updated contact information directly from members and report those changes to OHA, versus the member needing to contact OHA or use the ONE system to formally report changes. The tool is live, and PacifiSource customer service representatives are collecting and submitting a large volume of address changes for CCO members. Additionally, OHA began mailing notices to all CCO member households on September 26th, informing members how to report address changes. These notices also serve as a way for OHA to quantify out of date addresses. The OHA has seen a 4% return rate on letters mailed to date. OHA also anticipates launching a partner toolkit this fall, which will include sample letters, flyers, social media content, and FAQs about what to do before and during the renewal process. This information will be available in multiple languages. The CCO will share this information as it becomes available.

**1115 Waiver**  
The OHA recently released new requirements within the final 1115 Medicaid Waiver, which will provide members with supports for health-related social needs. There are several things to be excited about, but perhaps most significant is that Oregon will be the first state to have continuous enrollment for kids 1- to-6 years old, as well as 2-year continuous enrollment for nearly everyone else enrolled in Medicaid. This will greatly reduce churn, and thereby result in more effective screening and prevention programs, ability for continuous work with families for kindergarten readiness, and more consistent panel attribution and overall risk management. The Waiver package also focuses on housing supports, food assistance and protection from climate events.

**PACIFICSOURCE COMPANY-WIDE UPDATES:**

**Oregonian Names PacificSource A Winner Of The Top Workplaces 2022 Award**  
PacificSource has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2022 honor by Oregonian Top Workplaces. The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage LLC. The anonymous survey uniquely measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization, including alignment, execution, and connection, among many others.

“This honor is really a testament to the amazing group of employees that make up PacificSource across all of our regions,” said Ken Provencher, president and CEO of PacificSource. “It’s their tireless efforts to live our company values every day that make PacificSource a place where people enjoy working and going the extra mile to not only serve and take care of our members, but each other as well.”
CAC Members Present:
Brad Porterfield, Chair, Consumer Representative
Elizabeth Schmitt, Vice Chair, Consumer Representative
Conor Carlsen, Consumer Representative
Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz, Mosaic Medical
Mandee Seeley, Consumer Representative
Mayra Benitez, Consumer Representative
Miranda Hill, Klamath County Public Health
Natalie Chavez, Jefferson County Health
Stacy Shaw, Consumer Representative, Crook County Health Strategist
Theresa Olander, Consumer Representative

CAC Members Absent:
Linda Johnson, Community Representative
Tom Kuhn, Deschutes County Health Services

COHC Staff Present:
MaCayla Arsenault, Central Oregon Health Council
Gwen Jones, Central Oregon Health Council
Kelley Adams, Central Oregon Health Council
Carmen Madrid, Central Oregon Health Council
Camille Smith, Central Oregon Health Council
Miguel Herrada, Central Oregon Health Council

Support & Guests Present:
Kristen Tobias, PacificSource
Dustin Zimmerman, Oregon Health Authority
Tania Curiel, Oregon Health Authority
Ariel Salgado, Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace
Buffy Hurtado, PacificSource Tribal Liaison
Tricia Wilder, PacificSource
Introductions
- Brad Porterfield welcomed all attendees. In order to save time at the meetings, only CAC members and those people in attendance who are new, changed roles, or guests will verbally introduce themselves. Everyone else will use the Chat to enter their name and role.

Land Acknowledgement
- Stacy Shaw read the Land Acknowledgement (see October packet for statement).

Meeting Practices
- Brad Porterfield reviewed the Meeting Practices and how the CAC meetings are meant to be welcoming for all (see October packet).

Public Comment/Patient Story
- Brad welcomed public comment.
- Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz, Mosaic Medical would like to add medical transport wait times to the emerging issue topics. This will be added to a future meeting’s agenda.

Approval of September Meeting Notes
- Brad Porterfield asked the CAC members in attendance to vote on approving the notes from September. There were no objections to the meeting notes, so they are approved.

CAC Member Small Group Breakout Session
- The topic for the October meeting was: Do you believe in ghosts?

2022 Community Health Projects
- MaCayla Arsenault thanked the CAC members for time and effort put into reviewing the 73 pre-applications. There were 4 members who were able to review all of them. The results of the reviews were shared listing the highest to lowest scored projects. Based on these scores MaCayla pointed out how many of projects could be funded with the $1.9M available.
- Carmen Madrid shared that Central Oregon Health Council will be able to use additional funds for the lower scored projects. These projects could be funded at 50% of their requested amount.
- Buffy Hurtado, Tribal Liaison explained her view of the projects indicating they were working with tribal nations. Buffy vetted each application and gave points to those who are actually in the tribal community and making a difference. This bumped up 3 projects from the lower scored into the higher scored and pushed down 3 other projects. The CAC members discussed these changes.
- After much discussion Brad Porterfield took a vote to approve funding of the projects using Buffy’s suggestions. All members in attendance voted to approve.
- Central Oregon Health Council staff will notify the applicants of these decisions.
RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for The Environmental Center
“Garden for Every School program – Eastside Boys & Girls Club Garden”
Reviewed by the Promote Enhanced Physical Health Workgroup

Summary of Results:
- In summer 2021 we worked with the teens at the East Bend Boys & Girls Club to plant a small in ground edible garden area and build 6 self-watering garden bins to grow additional annuals.
- This grant funded the transition from summer youth and staff to school year based staff and youth that live on-site or nearby.
- We had weekly food and/or garden based activities with a younger and older group of students from September through December.
- During the harvest season we took advantage of ripening peppers, watermelon, carrots, potatoes and tomatoes to include in tastings, samples and snacks.
- The new year kicked off garden planning, food tastings and getting the garden ready for another spring planting.
- 21 youth received weekly garden and food based opportunities, September - December 2021 and February - April 2022. (Weekly attendance was shifting depending on student pick up time, on average we reached 8-12 students each week).
- Youth planted early spring crops, and weeded as they came up, while choosing seed packets for crops they were excited to try.

Story:
A teen who lived on-site and did the summer garden program, became an intern "garden caretaker" for the fall. He was then invited to join our emerging youth led group, the Green Leadership Coalition (GLC). He joined to represent the Bend High Botany Club and used the garden site this spring as a project/team building activity for the club. He graduated but remains involved in GLC serving as a Program Coordinator. While not in the grant objectives, it’s an unintended benefit of this grant.

*Order of projects is by final report submission date

Published October 2022
RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for Silver Rail Elementary, Bend
“BRYT at Silver Rail - The Crossing”
Reviewed by the Address Poverty and Upstream Prevention Workgroups

Summary of Results:

- I am proud to say that through our work this year, we were able to successfully transition numerous students full time back into their general education classroom settings, equipped with skills and supports they were able to use independently so that they could meaningfully participate with the peers for the full extent of their school days.
- I am also proud to say that while students were supported by our intervention, we were able to increase reading scores for all we served!
- In addition, we were able to use the resources purchased with this grant across our school building, allowing for access to regulation equipment in nearly every classroom within our school building.
- As a result of this project, every student we served this year increased their time back into their general education classroom and only one student spent more than 30 minutes away from their classroom for the purpose of regulation.
- We had one student with attendance challenges whom the BRYT program supported this year as the primary reason for their referral into the program. By the end of the year, this student was attending full time daily.

Story:

A student we supported this year entered our intervention feeling negative about himself, the behaviors they experience while dysregulated, and the way challenges interfered with their ability to learn. At their graduation celebration they shared with their classmates’ things that they were proud of, what helps them regulate, and what they learned from their experience within our intervention. Their self-pride and confidence as a learner increased dramatically as a direct result of this project.

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Published October 2022
RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for Stroke Awareness Oregon
“November "Make F.A.S.T. a Household Safety Word" Campaign”
Reviewed by the Promote Enhanced Physical Health Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- This project was more successful than we anticipated.
- Distributed almost 300% more FAST post cards than anticipated.
- Developed relationships with organizations that work with marginalized populations who are also at higher risk for stroke.
- Opportunity for training of volunteers and staff in those organizations about stroke by providing copies of the book "Just Say Yes To Life" and "Primer on Stroke".
- Developed relationships with those organizations which will now maintain a supply of FAST postcards for their transient populations.
- Stroke Awareness Oregon also distributed over 1,000 flyers inviting people to join the important stroke survivor groups.

Story:

One foci of this project were veterans’ groups. Because of COHC support, the project coordinator attended the Bend Veteran's Day parade 'armed' with FAST postcards and brochures. Walking the parade route and talking with veterans, their families AND Bend businesses was a fantastic opportunity. People were welcoming, loved the information and our projected coordinator successfully told the important story about stroke.
Summary of Results:

- Bridge for Youth in Transition (BRYT) is designed to support students who experience significant trauma.
- Within BRYT, students are offered an adapted academic structure, a highly supportive environment, and specific policies and practices to promote good mental health and academic success.
- At Bear Creek, the program was known as The DEN (Therapeutically Designed Education and Nurturance).
- Staffing was a significant factor in our first year. We had multiple staff members quit throughout the year for a variety of factors (one of which is difficulty of role).
- We also realized that having students in a single space was not as beneficial as having them with their pro-social modeling peers.
- Over time, as student schedules were changed and needs more appropriately met, we saw some growth in a couple of students.
- We ended the year with our staffing significantly different than the beginning and students who needed the most modeling was with someone 1-1 all day.
- Although this model supported students, it is not sustainable long-term.
- During our next year, we are increasing our expertise with staffing considerations as well as creating more of a focus on teaching to improve lagging skills rather than simply "supervision coverage".
- With more instruction and practice, our hope is that students will begin to transfer these skills to be successful with same-age peers.

Story:

A student started the year needing significant support and was often frustrated that a paraprofessional was always "following them around". As the year progressed and relationships were created, this student shared their feelings and needs more readily with their support teacher. This student ended the year by expressing how much they loved their "helper", and they were excited for the new year. They are connected to our Bear Creek community now in a way they weren't before.

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Published October 2022
RHIP Final Mini-Grant Report for Miller Elementary, Bend
“Miller BRYT Room”
Reviewed by the Address Poverty Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- The BRYT project was designed to meet the needs of all students that are experiencing complex behavioral challenges.
- Our priority was to a particular student who made great gains in managing his emotional outbursts and spending more time in general education setting.
- Our team focused our energies early in the school year on one student. As this student began to make progress the BRYT team was able to expand their focus and support more students at Miller.
- This meant that we were able to serve students that were not identified or labeled and be more proactive in our approaches and plans.
- Our team met weekly to discuss our plans and what supports the BRYT students and families would need. We were better able to understand our process and support and communicate with families.

Story:

The general education classroom that one student attended was able to understand that we all have differences, and that support and guidance can be given even after difficult interactions. The families also were better able to understand that public education serves All students. Our gen ed teacher was amazing and did an outstanding job supporting and including this student.

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Published October 2022
RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for Capitol Dental
“Capitol Dental Care PoC Diabetes Testing and Closed Loop Referrals”
Reviewed by the Promote Enhanced Physical Health Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- It has been widely published that periodontal therapy reduces Hba1c values by 1-2 points after 3-6 months in Diabetics whose Hba1c value is greater than 7.0.
- Capitol successfully overcame barriers noted above and has been able to generate an implementation guide for all other dental providers.
- Continued challenges have been care coordination for visits with physical health and behavioral health providers and unknown redundancies of test due to HIE/CIE barriers.
- Similarly, a platform doesn't exist for dental offices to place this information on HIE due to cost barriers that range from 10-20K per office.
- Moreover, many discussions have been had with Pacific Source medical directors and scheduling times to educate physical health providers with referring to dental health providers.
- This project has instigated my interest as a co-chair of HIE workgroup with Brian Wetter and support a singular health record system.

Quote:

“Greatly appreciate the seed investment that was provided. Since then, Capitol has provided greater than 50K in in-kind services and >300K has been committed to the purchase of additional units of the testing unit for placement in other dental offices.”

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RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for Three Rivers School, Sunriver
“Three Rivers School BRYT Otter Den”
Reviewed by the Promote Enhanced Physical Health Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- The Otter Den served students with a wide variety of needs.
- Twelve students used the rooms daily (either one class period per day scheduled in the Otter Den or scheduled breaks taken there).
- Ten students used the rooms when needed on a drop-in basis (~2-3 times per week).
- Students’ behavioral needs varied from refusal to work on classroom activities and internalizing behaviors (signs of depression and withdrawal) to more external behaviors such as class disruption, verbal outburst, defiance, and physical aggression.
- The rooms were also used for some limited academic instruction and support (for students who struggled to complete their academic work in their classrooms).
- Most of the students accessing the rooms have been formally diagnosed with mental health, social/emotional, or behavioral disorders or challenges.
- Additionally, most of the students have been experiencing trauma outside of the school. Several of the students have been dealing with homelessness.

Story:

In September, two 6th grade twins enrolled at Three Rivers School from out of state where they had previously been in a self-contained program for students with severe behavioral challenges. After a challenging fall (daily outbursts, defiant behaviors, failing classes), both twins started to improve, becoming more compliant and productive in academics, better able to communicate their needs, and happier overall. By the end of the school year, both twins were passing their classes with reduced incidents. The twins’ father repeatedly expressed his appreciation of all the support his sons received. He was very pleased with the fact his sons were able to be included with their peers in general education classes rather than attending a self-contained class as they did during their previous school experience.

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RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for Crook County School District
“Crook County Schools – Reduce period poverty”
Reviewed by the Promote Enhanced Physical Health Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- Our project was to install free tampon and pad dispensers in all bathrooms in both high schools and the middle school in Crook County School District.
- We wanted to also be able to provide enough product for the school year.
- The school district was extremely supportive and excited about the project. Finding the right dispensers for our needs was a little difficult.
- Once we got the machines the building engineers were very quick to get them installed.
- There are also tampons and pad available the counseling centers for students to take home if needed.
- It has been fantastic for all students to have access to period products.
- This has enabled students to come to school when then normally would have stayed home or went home early.
- This grant has allowed students to stay engaged in their education and earn better grades.

Story:

In speaking with a group of students they were able to openly talk about difference having period products has made. One student talked about not worrying about the smell of not being able to change products as often as they should be changed. Another student shared that having access to tampons in addition to the pads has made being involved in sports so much easier. They had always had the fear of leakage, and now that was not such a concern.

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RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for SriPonya
“Wisdom of Trauma Movie Screening & Homeless Panel Discussion”
Reviewed by the Upstream Prevention Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- SriPonya collaborated with The Bethlehem Inn, Shepherd's House, BendFilm, and Out Central Oregon to bring the documentary, Wisdom of Trauma to the Tin Pan Theater.
- Following the screening of the movie was a panel of individuals in our community who have experienced homelessness.
- There were three panelists, two from the Shepherd's House recovery program and one board member from The Bethlehem Inn who had experience homelessness.
- The panelists shared the trauma they experienced while living homeless, and how difficult it has been to recover from that experience.
- They also shared their lived experience, strength and hope.
- We had an engaging conversation about substance abuse disorder, mental illness and homelessness.

Quote:

“The panelists felt very honored by being given the opportunity to share their lived experience, strength and hope. After experiencing the affects of mental illness, living poverty, homelessness, and substance use disorder, to be able to provide each of them with an opportunity to share the most painful parts of their life with our community and have it be a gift to the community just filled everyone who was present with gratitude, humility, compassion and love. It was truly a healing event.”

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