



Present: Morgan Linder, Martha Lanman, Chelsey Eaton, Coug Logan, Katherine Boehm, Catherine Veninga, Bob Waring, Peggy Needham, Christy Lieuallen, Meghan DeBolt

Welcome

- Morgan started the meeting at approximately 2:05 pm
- The purpose of the meeting is to finalize the Community Health Improvement Plan and review the Consumer Survey results to produce Social Determinants of Health priorities for GCACH's Community Health Fund Initiative.

Early Learning Sessions and Survey Presentation

- Christy spoke about the United Way's Pre-K Parent Survey Report. Overarching themes from the project were parents want low-barrier access to a space that provides free playtime for families in addition to connecting them to services.
 - Many parents won't read emails from schools, but will read letters
 - Referring to parenting classes more specifically by saying what will be discussed could help them be more successful.
 - Milton-Freewater parents said that there was no need for serviced because many of them access the services available in Pendleton. This made it difficult to access families to get their input.
- The Early Learning Executive Committee is strategizing with WWPS on a hub to address the themes identified. Throughout the process, they are considering what has worked in other places. To address "a place for teens" identified through the process, they are planning on collaborating as the hub comes together to avoid duplication of effort.
- Next steps for this project include Wade Smith convening a group to examine what it would look like to make one school Pre-K. They will align local strategies with existing efforts and consider what's happening in this area in other communities.
- Martha noted that Columbia County is looking to do something similar. Columbia County could utilize similar Community Conversations because each county experience unique issues.

Blue Zones Update

- Meghan gave an update on the status of the Blue Zones project. Blue Zones conducted a site visit in January and Walla Walla County has received a proposal from Blue Zones. This proposal cannot be distributed widely as conversations about how to move forward with this project are still in progress. The general conclusions from Blue Zones is that Walla Walla County is in a state of readiness in terms of leadership, community interest, state/regional work, and cultures.
- Funding is the biggest variable at this point, and the proposal includes multiple models of how it could look. The two general models are Managed and Enabled, and there are many different options for each of these for project duration and cost.
 - Managed Model – Blue Zones leadership structure is created, not housed within an existing organization.
 - Enabled Model – Blue Zones leadership structure is housed within an existing organization. This model is generally cheaper than a Managed Model.

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- In both cases, funds would go to staff, data collection and systems support, and programming. Blue Zones aims to cause Policy-, Systems-, and Environmental-level changes, so funding does not go to infrastructure.
- Meghan is pulling together a team of funders, site planners, and community partners to reach a decision by the end of April on how to continue. This process needs to feel organic/grass roots in order to generate change.

Social Determinants of Health Priority Finalization

- Morgan gave an update on the selection of BMRCHP's Social Determinants of Health for GCACH's Community Health Fund. The CHIP Steering Committee convened and worked with Ruben to discuss the information available and the feedback from BMRCHP's February meeting. Based on this, the steering committee decided that the Consumer Engagement Survey generally reflects the concerns identified in the Community Health Assessment, but many respondents emphasized problems with knowing what resources are available or how to access them. The Steering Committee decided that for these reasons, the overarching priorities will be the same as those identified in the CHIP (Early Learning, Housing, and health care/behavioral health). The committee sees this coming to fruition as a "family advocate" that could help navigate families to resources addressing all priorities. Due to the funding available and timeframe of projects, funding will likely focus on Early Learning and health care as it is difficult to make an impact on housing with the funds available.
- WWCDCH will work with GCACH to get these priorities to our Third Party Administrator, Blue Mountain Community Foundation. Shortly after, applications for the available funding should be open. BMRCHP participants are encouraged to apply and collaborate to avoid duplication of efforts. Southeast Washington is also using BMCF as their third party administrator and applications are open for their funds. This will make it easier to set up BMRCHP's applications once the RFP is completed.

LHIN Contract

- Morgan gave an update on GCACH's new policies and contract updates. BMRCHP has \$5,000 allocated for training throughout the year. Applications must be submitted to GCACH 1.5 months in advance and we can collaborate with other LHINs to increase the funds available. Morgan asked the group to think of ideas for trainings and email her or bring them to the next meeting.
- GCACH also has a sponsorship policy available. These funds are available to organizations that are not currently receiving Medicaid Demonstration dollars from GCACH to support events related to GCACH services and project areas. Requests should be between \$500 and \$5,000.
- BMRCHP has signed the 2019 LHIN contract and 2019 updates are included on the PowerPoint that will be available on BMRCHP's website.

Announcements

- Morgan did not give announcements listed on the agenda due to time. She will send out necessary updates following the meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:08 pm



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Tuesday, April 16, 2019

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