



Present: Morgan Linder, Annett Bivent, Chris Zagelow, Chelsey Eaton, Meagan Anderson-Pira, Jessalyn W Bruce, Liz Fraser, Ruben Peralta, Mike Denny, Mary Cleveland, Megan Toliver, Malia Lewis, Samantha Bowen (phone)

Welcome

- Morgan started the meeting at approximately 2:05 pm
- The purpose of the meeting is to inform the group about local work happening in CHIP priority areas and Blue Zones efforts, and plan for GCACH activities and available funding.

Presentation: Hope Heals

Blue Zones

- Annett shared the story of why and how she started [Hope Heals in Walla Walla](#) and the services offered to the community. Hope Heals provides care packages as people transition out of homelessness into permanent housing as well as shower bags for those currently homeless. Annett started the organization following her personal experience with homelessness and growing up with 10 ACEs.
- BMAC is Hope Heals' fiscal sponsor and they receive multiple grants from Hayden Homes, BMAC, Yeehaw Aloha, and more. Hope Heals also accepts donations in the form of money or items from the list of what they include in care packages.
- Hope Heals recently won \$15,500 at the 100 Women Who Care event which helped in the purchase of a box truck.
- Ruben mentioned that ACEs will be discussed at the [Trauma and Opioid Crisis Summit](#) and BMRCHP could use the training fund to support attendance.
- Hope Heals can be found online through their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#), where Annett shares current needs, success stories, and more.

CHIP Priority Areas

Early Learning

- Samantha summarized the [Effects of Early Care and Education on Children's Health Policy Brief](#). This information is relevant to BMRCHP's selection of Early Learning as both a CHIP priority and a Social Determinants of Health priority.
- The intent of the Progress Rating Tool is to assess how much progress the community has made thus far based on the Early Learning Building Blocks. Samantha asked the group for feedback on health-specific areas of the [Early Learning Building Blocks Progress Rating Tool](#). Levels within each goal are intended to build upon each other and are rated a 1 (just getting started), 3 (making progress), or 5 (well on our way)
 - 1.3 Community members support and understand the importance of early childhood health, learning, and well-being
 - Level 1: The group agreed we are just getting started (1) as most haven't heard much in the community related to early learning, evidenced by low awareness of Early Learning programs and lack of discussion of Early Learning topics in 5 newspaper columns.
 - The group agreed we were just getting started (1) for all 3 levels under this goal.
 - 2.1 Families have access to high-quality, basic services that proactively promote and support health, learning and family strengths



- Levels 1 and 2: The group agreed that efforts are being made, but there's been little progress thus far (1)
- Level 3: The group determined the community is making progress (3) on this level as there are quality services available, but they are not necessarily streamlined.
- 2.2 All children receive routine screening, identification, referral and linkage for risks and needs
 - Level 1: The group determined the community is just getting started (1) on this level as screenings are available, but referrals aren't efficient.
 - Level 2: The group determined the community is making progress (3) on this goal as screening services are available but not necessarily streamlined
 - Level 3: The group agreed that there is not a centralized point of intake for referrals – the community is just getting started (1)
- Feedback from other groups will be consolidated into a single living document that will be available online. Once this document is available, the group will receive a survey to help select priorities based on the feedback.

Blue Zones

- Jess gave an update about Blue Zones progress. The planning group is meeting on Thursday to discuss the proposal and how to raise the required 50% of costs of becoming a Blue Zones community.

Behavioral Health

- Jess noted that there will likely not be many updates concerning Behavioral Health until after the Behavioral Health Planning retreat.

Housing

- Morgan announced that the Council on Housing is hosting a Community Summit on June 14. RSVP is required. The email containing further information can be accessed [here](#).

GCACH Updates

- Ruben gave an overview of GCACH, LHINs, and the Community Health Fund for new attendees.
- The BMRCHP received the first of three LHIN payment from GCACH for the year was the first LHIN to meet deliverables and receive payment. This payment is separate from the Community Health Fund.

Community Health Fund

- Ruben announced that Community Health Funds have been transferred to Blue Mountain Community Foundation and the RFP will be open soon. Applications will be available on BMCF's [website](#).

Training Policy

- Morgan asked the group to review the [training policy](#) and send any ideas for how to spend the \$5,000 available to the BMRCHP. Those interested in utilizing the Training Fund to attend GCACH's [Trauma and Opioid Crisis Summit](#) should contact Morgan.

Announcements

- Mike announced that the Trails and Recreation Plan is moving forward. This will look like professional aid through the EPA to start a recreation hub. The goal is to get people outside and moving. Another result of the Community Council's "Enhancing Outdoor Recreation Opportunities" study, *The Secret Life of the Forest*, recently won a Kelly Award.
- Morgan announced that the 2nd Annual [Summer Parkways – Walla Walla in Motion](#) event is on June 2nd from 2p-5p and is intended to promote active transportation by closing streets to motorized traffic and providing activities, giveaways, and education.



- There will be Youth Mental Health First Aid training on June 5th from 9a-5:30p. Jess will see if there are still spots open for this date. [Flyer](#)
- The [Council on Housing Community Summit](#) is on June 14 at 11a. RSVP is required. Contact sknutson@co.walla-walla.wa.us for more information.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 pm

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Walla Walla County Training Room

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