



Present:	<p><u>Voting Board Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas Logan-Community Representative, Chair</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dewann Bach, Behavioral Health Representative</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Cheng, Community Representative</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Hurwitz, Medical Representative</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Craig Richards, Business Representative</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norman Thiel, Social Services Representative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darya Tucker– Community Benefit Organization Representative</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathan Viavant, Legal Representative</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Volwiler, Homeless Housing Representative</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Alisha Walker, Community DD Representative, Walla Walla County</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Walter, Community DD Representative, Columbia County</li> </ul>
<p><u>Guests:</u> DCH Staff Participants: Cindy Wolski, Jodi Ferguson, Meghan DeBolt, Nikki Sharp, Morgan Linder</p>		

**Quorum Present – Yes**

**Welcome:** Doug Logan called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30pm. We went around the room and did introductions. Meghan DeBolt introduced new member Wendy Cheng.

**Vice Chair Discussion:** Previous vice chair Norm Osterman is no longer on the board and a new vice chair is needed. Alisha Walker has previously facilitated meetings in Doug Logan’s place. Norman Thiel moved to nominate Alisha Walker and Jeanne Walter seconded. Wendy Cheng nominated Norman Thiel. We took a voice vote with six votes for Alisha, two votes for Norman, and zero abstentions. Alisha was confirmed as Vice Chair.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Norman Thiel moved to approve the August 2019 meeting minutes as written. Darya Tucker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Department of Community Health Report – Meghan DeBolt - See attached.**

**CHAB Committee Reports – Committee Chairs –See attached**

- Behavioral Health – Doug Logan
  - Doug reported that the Behavioral Health Council’s next topic is to set priorities for behavioral health funding from the 0.1% Fund.
- Developmental Disabilities
  - Walla Walla County - Cindy Wolski reported in Alisha Walker’s absence.
    - Two new self advocates have joined.
    - The Dancing with the Walla Walla Stars event benefitting Valley Residential Services on October 12<sup>th</sup> is sold out.
    - The next ACAC meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> will feature a presentation from Wade Smith.
  - Columbia County - Jeanne Walter



- With funding left to spend, they will be providing cooking classes, craft classes, and community events including sensory-friendly movies.
- Council on Housing – Craig Volwiler
  - The council experienced a loss of momentum over the summer in contrast to its strong beginning.
  - Revised requirements from Commerce were received about 3 weeks ago, so the council is working on incorporating them into current plans. This guidance looks like a rubric of how to “grade” each county’s plan.

**Presentations:**

- Preparedness – Jodi Ferguson - see attached presentation
  - Jodi presented on the county’s plan to address Ebola Virus Disease and Other Special Pathogens. This plan will go to the BOCC and be shared with partners toward the end of the month
  - Monitoring and other Public Health response to these situations will be rare, but we need to be ready in case response is needed. Once notified, DCH will start to identify possible contacts and will monitor for 21 days or until symptoms present.
  - Walla Walla is one of 8 Washington hospitals identified as an assessment or treatment hospital.
  - The transfer component of this plan will be practiced during a full-scale exercise on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30am-10:30am with a regional hot wash at 4pm since the exercise will end in Spokane.
- Oral Health – Jodi Ferguson - see attached presentation
  - Jodi presented on the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) program. Jodi manages ABCD for more counties than anyone else in Washington state.
  - ABCD was started in 1995 in response to a high incidence of children with dental carries (decay) due to dentists not seeing children younger than 3 years.
  - The ABCD program helps with early education and prevention of the #1 most common childhood disease by encouraging a “knee-to-knee” approach in increase children’s comfort when receiving care.
  - A Dental Champion for Walla Walla and Columbia County will be named soon. Dental Champions do trainings for other dentists in the area and must accept Medicaid.
  - There is an upcoming pilot program working with Dentist Link to get people in for care and increase reimbursement options for providers.
  - A new dentist will be starting at SonBridge Dental soon. Jodi is working to get them ABCD training.

**Around the Room**

- Norman asked about GCACH’s role and past conversations about funding for a Care Navigator. GCACH will be addressing use of their Community Health Fund at their October meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm

**Next Meeting –  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | 3:30pm  
Location: SonBridge Community Center**



## **Directors Report**

### Department of Community Health Team:

- Our Healthy Communities Division Manager, Nikki Sharp started on 10/2. Nikki is an amazing addition to the team and she has hit the ground running.
- Nancy McKlenny Walters, our Traffic Safety Program Coordinator, gave her retirement notice. She will be with us through February – thus, we will begin to recruit for this position. Filling this will be difficult, as Nancy is amazing and has a passion for this work beyond recognition.
- Sierra Knutson, our Homeless Housing Program Coordinator, took a position with the Housing Authority and her last day with us was 10/3. Thus, we have an [open position](#).

### Business Office:

- 2020 Budget – We had our budget meetings on 10/9. From the likes of it, we may need to cut back a bit, but with our 2019 ‘budget give’ of \$69K we may be ok.
- Contract Update – We no longer will be using AmpliFund, the grant management software we purchased in 2018. It was not able to do the level of tracking that we needed and there were too many inaccuracies in the system reports. Thus, we have amended all sub-contracts to remove language referring to AmpliFund and we have created new Budget and Expenditure Workbooks to track contract budget and expenditures. All sub-contractors seem to like this change.

### Foundational Public Health Services and Capabilities:

- FPHS Funding was approved at the 2019 legislature –
  - In 2019, the legislature passed an additional \$20M for FPHS. This will result in Walla Walla County receiving an additional \$58,000, totaling \$100,000 for FPHS. The focus for this added funding is heavily on Communicable Disease and Environmental Health. For our 2020 budget we added a Disease Investigator, once the position is approved, we will create a job description – the position will be focused on: communicable disease, the disease side of environmental health, preparedness, and possibly other foundational capabilities such as assessment.
- Communicable Disease –
  - Gonorrhea – we are ‘in the clear on this’
  - Hepatitis A – Although we have not seen an increase locally in Hep A cases, WA State is on outbreak status. Hep A is mostly prevalent amongst homeless individuals thus, we have vaccine ordered (free from DOH) and will be providing vaccinations at the sleep center and shelters.
- Vaping Related Illness –
  - With the emergence of vaping related illness, we are staying up to date on all DOH and CDC materials and recommendations.
  - There is an emergency ban on all FLAVORED vape products. Thus, there will be outreach to retailers and signs coming from DOH to post in the stores around the County.
- Environmental Health –
  - On Site Septic – Regional Loan Program (RLP): We submitted a letter of interest to the Department of Ecology to join the RLP. Once the current membership votes in October we will sign an MOU and the County will officially be part of the program.
    - Public-Private Partnership: Ecology & Health, Craft3, Local Governments
    - Allows LHJs to connect landowners to affordable lending without financial risk or program overhead.
- Preparedness –
  - There is a lot of chatter around vaping related illness.



- Ebola exercise with Providence – we will ‘play’ in an Ebola exercise with PSMC on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We will pick up from where we left off last year (case identification and notification to the treatment hospital in Spokane). Now we will be transporting an already identified case to Spokane. Thus, the ambulance service will come and to the ‘burrito’ wrap and take a fake patient to Spokane.
- Assessment – No update.
- Maternal Child Health – GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

Developmental Disabilities: We had our site visit from DDA and it went great! Cyndi is a Rockstar. Also, we have contracts going out now for 2020 Ad valorem funding.

Homeless Housing:

- Council on Housing – We are working on the 5-Year plan. To be complete and to Commerce by 12/2.
- Behavioral Health: the newly formed Behavioral Health Council has met and is charged with coming up with new priorities and programs for the 2021/22 funding cycle.

Traffic Safety – we received a new Bikes on the Road grant and all is going well. Nancy is recruiting for volunetters for Topsy Taxi.

Veterans:

- VSO RFP – we did not get this.

Other:

- Blue Zones: we are still workign with WWU and PSSMC to bring a Blue Zones project here to WW.

Ongoing DCH involved/convened meetings:

- Anchor Community Initiative, Core Team – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 3pm, DCYF
- Blue Zones Planning Team – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 8am, DCH Conference Room
- Veterans Relief Advisory Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 9am, Vets Center
- Community Health Advisory Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 3:30pm, SonBridge
- Blue Mountain Regional Community Health Partnership – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 2pm, Training Room
- Traffic Safety Coalition – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 11:30am, El Sombrero
- Council on Housing – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 9am, Training Room
- Behavioral Health Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 9:30 am, Training Room

**Behavioral Health Council  
Sept, 19, 2019  
9:30am  
Training Room**

**Council Members Present:** Melissa Club, Diane Marr Longmire, Doug Logan, Heather Rodriguez, Katherine Boehm, Roger Esparza, Troy Tomaras, Everett Maroon, Becky Betts, Justine Taylor, Nikki Sharp  
**Absent:** Kim Doepker, Tim Meliah, Craig Richards (notified in advance)



**WWCDCH Staff:** Peggy Needham, Jessalyn Waring-Bruce, Meghan DeBolt

- Diane called the meeting to order at 9am and went around the room to do introductions.
- Diane reviewed:
  - Creation of the Behavioral Health Council and why we are all here
  - Emphasized on the charge to the Council over the next six months – to have Sales Tax Funding Recommendations to DCH/CHAB
  - Timeline over the next few months (page 2)
- Former priorities and funding allocation- Meghan reviewed the former funding priorities (see page 3) and allocation ([Google Drive](#)), highlighting the fact that they are very broad and all encompassing, which makes it difficult to create RFPs, for partners to create 'asks' and for the evaluation committee to make decisions on funding allocation. Thus, the work of the Council will be to research and determine:
  - Unmet community need, gaps in services (geographic, service area), identify barriers to accessing care, etc...
  - Use this information to identify trends and establish priorities with specific outcomes, and potential programs to implement to achieve/address said outcomes.
- Create Sub-Committees were created:
  - Data – Everett Maroon, Katherine Boehm, Nikki Sharp, Justine Taylor (Peggy and Meghan)
    - Chare is to identify data and create a 'data' book for the Council to use to identify trends and priorities
  - Town Hall Form Planning – Becky Betts (chair), Heather Rodriguez, Melissa Clubb (Peggy)
    - Will convene in November to plan for February Forum.

To Do:

- Data subcommittee will meet weekly from September 24<sup>th</sup> through mid-October on Tuesdays at noon. The subcommittee will create a data book and send to the Council before the October meeting.
- Council members are encouraged to continue to look through the [Google Drive](#) information.
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### Timeline

**GOAL: By March 2020 have Sales Tax Funding Recommendations to DCH/CHAB**

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

- Homework - [Google Drive](#)
  - Reviewing information about the current use of sales tax funding and county housing funding
  - Reviewing previously established priorities
- Welcome to the Council and Overview of the process – what to expect
- Review:
  - Former priorities



- Funding history
- Create Sub-Committees:
  - Data
  - Town Hall Form Planning

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

- Data review
- Identify trends

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019: (note Meghan will not be here, I will be in

- Data part 2
- Identify 'big priorities'

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Priority setting – Big Priorities

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Identify programs/interventions to address priorities
- Town Hall in Late Jan/Early Feb?

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Town Hall for Community input on: DATE TBD
  - Priorities
  - Intervention/Programs to address priorities

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Sales Tax Funding Recommendations to DCH/CHAB

**Walla Walla DD Committee Meeting**  
**October 4, 2019**

Present: Nancy Riggle, Cindy Wolski, Libby McCaw, Cyndy Knight, Betsy Leija  
Absent: Alisha Walker, Sherrill Clark, Kate Probst, Shamra Baez, Mike Stevenson  
Updates:

Welcome Betsy Leija (Cyndy)

- ✓ Cyndy introduced Betsy to the group. She is a Walla Walla Community College student who is interning with Walla Walla Valley Disability Network. She has been helping WWVDN at Information and Health Fairs and accompanied Cyndy when she met with the Wa-Hi architects regarding accessibility for the school improvements. Betsy is interested in accessibility and advocating for, not only herself, but for others who cannot advocate for themselves. Welcome, Betsy!

Valley Residential Services (Nancy/Libby):

- ✓ Cooking and Craft classes continue to go well. The group made Enchilada Casserole on October 3<sup>rd</sup> which was fun and well liked!
  - Cooking class is held on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Attendance is usually between 15-25 people plus care givers and other volunteers.
  - Craft class is held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Valley Residential Services. Attendance runs about 20 people per class.



- ✓ The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dancing with the W2 Stars will be held Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Gesa Powerhouse Theater. Still need volunteers, which will give you free admittance to the show.
- ✓ VRS has taken three new people, all local, over the last few months. They get up to 15 referrals a week but have to say no because they cannot support the high needs and are always juggling staffing due to high turnover.
- ✓ Affordable housing and how it affects people/families with a disability is a huge issue and Nancy and Cyndy will work together to hold an informational meeting for parents on how they housing systems work, planning for the future and how families can voice their concerns to make a difference.

DCH/CSHCN (Cyndy/Cindy for Amanda):

- ✓ The Family Support Team continues to meet to improve support for our Birth-to-three families. Still working on increasing the DDA eligible numbers and referrals to Parent to Parent. At the last meeting it was noted that ten B-3 DDA applications had been sent in for processing.
- ✓ The focus groups that were formed at the May CICC continue to meet:
  - DDA Eligibility – next meeting Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.
  - Autism Support services – next meeting Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

Employment (Cindy for Mike):

- ✓ Sodexo (food service at Walla Walla University) has a new Director and is doing some restructuring of their positions. Four positions for our supported employment clients have been eliminated. There is an interim Manager in place now, but a new one will be hired.

DCH/DD Program (Cindy):

- ✓ The ACAC meeting schedule has been set through 2020. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday, every three months. All meetings are from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at SonBridge Community Center in College Place. The meetings are open and anyone can attend.
  - November 20, 2019: Guests Wade Smith and WaHi architects will discuss the accessibility improvements to our local schools and answer questions.
- ✓ There is a webpage dedicated to ACAC on the Walla Walla County website. Meeting agendas, minutes, schedule and grant request forms can all be found here: [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health\\_department/acac.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health_department/acac.php) The ACAC also has an email address: [ACAC@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:ACAC@co.walla-walla.wa.us)

Senior Center (Libby):

- ✓ Things are going well. They received the Senior Nutrition grant. It is a three-year grant for the meal program and adult day care. The center currently services 80-100 at the center for lunch and delivers 125 meals to homes each day.
- ✓ The Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. (flyer attached). There are still tables left to rent. Lunch will be available (Turkey dinner or hamburger) and there will be a big bake sale.
- ✓ Quest classes are running at the center (Fall schedule)
- ✓ The adult day care has received three new clients. Alex is attending the VA's Fair.

Walla Walla Valley Disability Network (Cyndy and Shamra)

- ✓ The ARC of Spokane presented a Healthy Relationship Education training which was very informative. It is the second time it has been presented here. Cyndy shared the power point, parent guide and Power & Control Wheel (attached).
- ✓ The IEP meeting has been postponed.
- ✓ The Autism Support meetings are going well and growing. There were 12-13 people at the last meeting. Child care is provided.
- ✓ See the website [WWVDN.org](http://WWVDN.org) for a list of all activities on their [Event Calendar](#).

**Next Meeting: November 1<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Valley Residential Services**





**Columbia County DD**  
September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- ✓ The Columbia County Developmental Disabilities Sub-committee met on September 16th. Joe Huether provided an updated spreadsheet of Ad Valorem fund usage (attached). This committee will continue to meet on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ The DD sub-committee is working on identifying a speaker to bring to Dayton. Jeanne is coordinating with Walla Walla Valley Disability Network as there is a possibility, they can share the same speaker with Walla Walla. There is also interest in doing a workshop in Dayton on IEP's and possibility bringing Sherry Mashburn from Washington PAVE (Partnerships for Action, Voices for Empowerment) in to talk with parents on how to advocate for their child within the schools.
- ✓ The Columbia County cooking classes continue at Noble Hunt with instruction from Alicia Walker.
- ✓ Craft classes began in September. Classes are taught by Wendy Frame. In the first class participants painted rocks to hide throughout the community as part of "Dayton Rocks".
- ✓ The Liberty Theater changed the Sensory Movie to a Sunday Matinee showing; hoping to attract a larger number of families. The August Sensory Friendly movie, The Lion King, was very popular and produced the biggest crowd to date.
- ✓ The Rascal Rodeo combined with Walla Walla this year and was held August 31<sup>st</sup>. It went well. There were long-horned steers this year and kids were able to sit on them.
- ✓ The Columbia County Parent-to-Parent support group has resumed meeting following the summer break. They will rotate the meeting at local Dayton restaurants on the third Friday evening of the month.
- ✓ Parent-to-Parent is also working on scheduling another Peer Mentor training for high schoolers. Following the training there will be opportunities for students to earn volunteer hours needed for graduation by participating at Cooking/Craft Classes, P2P meetings and family activities.





### **Finance**

Did not meet.

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### **Council on Housing September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 9am-10am WWC Training Room**

#### **Quorum Present – Yes**

**Welcome:** Craig Volwiler, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 AM.

**Approval of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Minutes:** Review of notes by board, Renee Rooker motioned to approve minutes, Norrie Gregoire seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Housing Plan Review-**

- Commerce sent new guidance which we need to incorporate.
  - Consensus that we need to focus on the objectives that Commerce sent, which are required and due to Commerce by December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.
    - Will pause on work for the broader plan.
    - Homeless Action Plan will be an appendix in the larger Housing Plan.
  - Meghan will formally ask for an extension for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- Comments on the Housing Plan:
  - Want to include drivers of homelessness – Affordable Housing and Transportation
  - Local v. Regional Focus:
    - Discussion about the need to have a Walla Walla County focus.
    - However, will need to acknowledge that a lack of resources regionally, impacts our local efforts and capacity.
- HH Plan Taskforce-
  - Renee, Kathy, Craig, Meghan, Nikki, Sierra
  - Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm, and possibly additional times
  - Will report back in October

#### **Communications Committee:**

- Tyler reported that the committee has been discussing the difference between the HUD and McKinney Vento definitions of homeless – and that we need to adopt one.

#### **New Business-**

- Veterans Committee to report at October meeting.
- Consideration around Prescott presence – Randy will reach out to Prescott Mayor.

#### **Legislative Update: 2019 Legislative Session Wrap-Up (see attached)**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 AM

**Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9am**