Columbia County

Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date & Time:
August 4, 2026, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Meeting Location:
Columbia County Public Health
230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051

Attendees:

- In-person: Madison Riethman (CCPH), Haley Medina (CCPH), Shanna Duggan (City of St Helens), Doug Treat (St Helens Police Department), and David Casey (OHSU Scappoose)
- Virtual: Candi Balabon (CCMH), Jenelle Harrison (CCMH), Todd Jacobson (CCMH), Kjersti Machado (CPCCO), Sara Love Sanderson (Boulder Care), Leyla Duechle (CHS), Patrick Speake (CCMH), Robin Vest (OHSU Scappoose), Shelby Schuppe (D2A Oregon), and Larry Evenson (Columbia County Community Justice)

Meeting Materials:

- Agenda
- Slides

Minutes

Welcome & Introductions (All)

- Name, pronouns, organization, and icebreaker: What season best matches your personality?

Public Comment (Open)

- None

County Opioid Settlement Fund Updates: Community Wellness Grants (Madison Riethman)

- Community Wellness Grantees have been selected, including 6 grant awards, 10 applications, and $148,430 awarded.
- The Review Panel included:
    - Haley Medina, Health Promotion Specialist at Columbia County Public Health
    - Joe Skariah, Provider at OHSU Scappoose and Health Officer for Columbia County
    - Rosa Gonzalez, System of Care Bilingual Program Coordinator at Amani Center

  - Kelly O'Donnell, Deflection Program Coordinator at Columbia County Community Justice
  - Meli Rose, Deputy Director at Iron Tribe Network
  - Miriam Parker, Deputy Director at Columbia Community Mental Health
  - Sara Love Sanderson, Regional Community Outreach Manager at Bouler Care
  - Kelli Jo Smith, Columbia County Commissioner
- Grant awards included the following projects:
  - AEDs for Every Patrol Car, St Helens Police Department
    - $36,180
    - Harm reduction and response support with increased access to life-saving equipment
  - Childhood Trauma Informed Care Network (CTIN), United Way of Columbia County
    - $6,500
    - Supporting collaboration for CTIN; addressing childhood impacts of substance use
  - St Helens Recreation Youth Opportunity & Workforce Program, St Helens Parks and Recreation
    - $43,500
    - Substance use prevention and resilience through career development and skills building for teens
  - Logger Strong: Student Wellness, Resiliency, & Prevention Initiative, Vernonia High School
    - $44,750
    - Prevention and resilience through evidence-based education and engagement programs
  - Positive Community Connection, EngAGE Northwest
    - $7,500
    - Peer support and other prevention and recovery programming at Broadleaf Arbor affordable housing complex
  - Prevention and Awareness for Students K-12, Vernonia School District
    - $10,000
    - Implementing evidence-based substance use curricula; increasing access to counseling and supportive resources

CCMH Executive Updates (Todd Jacobson)

- Soliciting Feedback on Service Types, Levels, and Access
    - Service types: Youth or adult, outreach housing, day programming, etc.
    - Levels: OP, IOP, ASAM 3 - Residential
    - Access: Issues with OHP or Indigent? Issues with commercial or under-insured?
- Community Needs Assessment coming soon, partners look out for more information.
- OPAS Director position recruitment is ongoing.
- Detox Development
    - Occupancy permit, Oct/Nov 2026
    - Begin recruitment for RNs and LPNs, Nov/Dec 2026
    - Finalize EHR, Feb 2027
    - Licensing, Feb/Mar 2027
    - Doors open, Mar 2027
- Q: Does CCMH take open-card members? A: Yes, similar to Medicaid members. CCMH serves as a safety-net organization where the state provides funds for un/underinsured individuals that are not OHP eligible. This is a priority population.
- Q: Is transportation still an issue for members utilizing services? A: Yes, it remains an issue for the community and organization. Finding solutions is difficult; even if the organization bought a bunch of fleet cars, it would not be billable.

BHRN Updates (All)

- Iron Tribe Network:
    - Continuing to operate at capacity with minimal funding.
    - Community Rental Assistance program funding received each quarter is currently out until October. This remains a high need in the community.
    - Beginning in September, Iron Tribe Network will be a HRSN Housing Benefit provider.
- Boulder Care:
    - Services able to provide with designated BHRN funding:
        - Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment
        - Peer only support
- Medicine Wheel Recovery Services:
    - Not present
- CCMH:
    - None at this time

Guest Speakers, Trainings, Workshops (Madison Riethman)

- Ideas:
    - Parents in recovery.
        - CPCCO: Supporting parents in recovery as an upstream/youth prevention initiative. The Behavioral Health (BH) System Partners Meeting space has not been able to address this need.
        - Iron Tribe Network: Interested in supporting this as it related to the organization's work and population served.
        - CCMH: The Jordan Center has ongoing Dads in Recovery and Moms in Recovery groups that meet regularly.
        - CHS: Offering a Parents in Recovery course for Columbia and Clatsop individuals that is both court-approved and available virtually. Also, co-hosting newly adapted Stronger Together: Community Classes as parent/caregiver education events, starting in September.
    - Hearing from a state ADPC representative.

Partner Updates (All)

- Prevention:
    - CHS: Bridges & Beyond is expanding Family Night Events into "Stronger Together: Community Classes" with topics of the month with related information and resources. The first one being hosted in September will be a Suicide Prevention/QPR Training opportunity with free food and course materials for those that register. A virtual and/or recorded option will be available as well.
- Harm Reduction:
    - CCPH: Our community's annual Overdose Awareness & Recovery Event just took place on 8/1 and was successful with partner engagement, impactful speakers, and local business support. 35 participants received Narcan training and free kits.
- Treatment:
    - None
- Recovery:
    - None
- Youth:
    - None

Next meeting: October 6, 2026, 12-1pm (Hybrid at CCMH/via Teams)