



Greater Columbia Accountable Community of Health

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Board of Director Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2018 | 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Columbia Basin College (CBC), Library 102 (L102), 2600 N 20th Ave, Pasco, WA 99301

ATTENDANCE

Board Members (* denotes they called in):	Les Stahlnecker, Ed Thornbrugh, Lori Brown, Ronni Batchelor, Meghan DeBolt, Brian Gibbons, Dan Ferguson, Darlene Darnell*, Caitlin Safford*
Guests (* denotes they called in):	Jorge Rivera, Sierra Foster, Jim Jackson, Cheri Snowwhite, Martha Lanman, Savannah Parker*, Samantha Frederick*, Tonya Kreis (Yakama Nation Representative)
Backbone:	Carol Moser, Kylee Spence, Wes Luckey, Aisling Fernandez, Patrick Jones
Special Thanks:	Thank you, Columbia Basin College, for use of the facility. Thank you, CG Public House & Catering, for catering.
Welcome & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Gibbons, the GCACH Treasurer, facilitated the meeting. • Quorum was met with a total of 9 members present for voting (7 in person, 2 on the phone). • The agenda was adjusted for Savannah Parker to present on Intergovernmental Transfers (IGT) before proceeding to the rest of the meeting.

MINUTES & REPORTS

Action Items

IGT Presentation (Savannah Parker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savannah Parker presented to the Board on the topic of Intergovernmental Transfers (IGT) • This presentation was moved to the top of agenda to be courteous to Savannah's time • Savannah Parker, HCA, walked the Board through an overview of the Medicaid Transformation Funding (Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP)). She explained the two sources of CMS-approved matched funding are DSHP (Designated State Health Programs) and IGT (Intergovernmental Transfer). The DSRIP pool is more DSHP-driven in Years 1-2, and more IGT dependence grows significantly starting in Year 3.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergovernmental Transfer means a transfer of public funds between governmental entities, such as from a county or a public hospital to the state. The source of funding for each IGT that is proposed by a governmental entity must be reviewed to ensure that it meets state and federal requirements for permissible transfers. • Each ACH is not responsible for finding IGT contributors, however less than full participation by ACHs in an IGT strategy reduces the total DSRIP incentive pool proportionally. • The Board discussed the pros and cons of participating in the IGT strategy but came to the conclusion that it would be beneficial for the ACH to participate in the IGT strategy. No formal action was taken. 	
Consent Calendar (Board)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 21, 2017 Board Minutes • Updated Bylaws • Strategic Planning Workgroup (SPW) Charter: The name was changed from Strategic Planning Committee to Strategic Planning Workgroup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Ronni to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Meghan, Motion passed.
Director's Report & Updates (Carol, Wes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol reviewed the Director's report which included a summary of the State of Reform, Population Health Management, Innovations in Health Care, and office remodeling to accommodate new job positions. • She also reviewed the new schedule for Incentive Payments. Incentive Payments have been pushed out to occur in mid-May. 	
ACTION ITEMS		Action Items
Election of Ruben Alvarado to the Local Government Sector Seat (Carol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol introduced, on behalf of Martin Valadez, the Nominating Committee's recommendation to approve Ruben Alvarado as the Local Government Sector Representative to the Board of Directors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Lori for Ruben Alvarado to join the Board of Directors. Seconded by Dan. Motion passed.
YTD and December Financial Reports (Kylee, Carol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kylee Spence reviewed the Balance Sheet, the Budget vs. Actuals 2018, and the December 2017 Statement of Activity. These financials had been previously reviewed by Brian Gibbons, Kylee and Carol. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Sandra to approve the financial reports. Seconded by Ronni. Motion passed.
Revisions to the Nominating Committee Charter (Carol):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revisions to the Nominating Committee Charter were reviewed. Changes were made to be in line with the revised Bylaws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Meghan to approve the revisions to the Nominating

		Committee Charter. Seconded by Sandra. Motion passed.
Revisions to the Executive Committee Charter (Carol):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revisions to the Executive Committee Charter were reviewed. Changes were made to be in line with the revised Bylaws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion by Ronni to approve the revisions to the Executive Committee Charter. Seconded by Sandra. Motion passed.
Revisions to the Employee Sick Leave Policy & the Harassment Policy (Carol):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestions were made to revise the current Harassment Policy. Carol will work with Ed to revise language to bring back next month. 	
NEW BUSINESS		
Implementation Plan: Consulting Agreement (Carol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol reported that a consulting agreement for ACH implementation plans was currently under discussion between the ACH leads who are trying to find common contractual arrangements in order to find economies of scale and avoid duplication of consulting services. She stated that at the ACH Convening on January 23 and 24, the ACHs will be discussing the possibility of an association for this purpose. The Board agreed that this was a practical approach and were supportive of this idea. 	
Board Binder (Carol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The staff is putting together a board binder modeled after CAC's board binder as a way to orient new Board members to the organization and its various activities. Staff presented a draft index of the binder contents. The website that is currently under construction will include a Board member portal that will include all Board resources such as the minutes, agendas, handbook, policies, and charters in a convenient online library. The Board Roster, included in the Board Binder, was reviewed to ensure that representation by the Board members reflected their organization's regional boundaries. Several Board members mentioned that they represent multiple counties including Darlene Darnell (Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington), Ed Thornbrugh (Comprehensive Health), Les Stahlnecker (ESD123), Lori Brown (SE WA Aging and Long-Term Care (SE WA ALTC), Sandra Suarez (Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic), Caitlin Safford (Amerigroup WA), Dan Ferguson (Yakima Valley College Center of Excellence, Allied Health), Madelyn Carlson (People for People), Martin Valadez ((Tri-Cities Community Health), Ronni Batchelor (Lutheran Community Services). The discussion revealed that there is strong representation for each of the 9 counties. 	

OLD BUSINESS

Update on B&O Taxes (Kylee, Carol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kylee updated the Board regarding the current status of B&O taxes. Staff prepared a Ruling Request on Phase I & Phase II Funding that was sent to the Department of Revenue (DOR) on January 5th. The DOR responded on January 10 with the following, "Provided your organization meets the definition of a health or social welfare organization under the revised code of Washington (RCW) 82.04.431, income received from federal, state, or local entities for the purpose of providing or supporting health or social welfare services is eligible for a deduction under RCW 82.04.4297." Kylee is following up with Northwest CPA to confirm our understanding of the ruling. We believe the ruling is favorable and precludes GCACH from paying B&O tax.
Round Robin Committee Updates (Board)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was significant discussion regarding workforce and pending HB2436 regarding the community health workers. There was also discussion of the congressional budget eliminating funding for Community Health Centers, Indian Health Centers, Teaching Health Centers, and CHIP. There was great concern expressed among the Board regarding those who will be impacted by these changes.• Tonya Kreis advised that Frank Mesplie was no longer a member of the Yakama Nation Tribal Council and that Lottie Sam is new chair of the Health, Employment, Welfare, Recreation, Youth Activities Committee (HEW) committee of the council. JoDe Goudy is the chairman of the Yakama Nation Tribal Council. Staff will follow up with Ms. Sam.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m. Minutes taken by Aisling Fernandez.

Thank you for your time and engagement with the Greater Columbia Accountable Community of Health!

The regular Board meetings will be (from 12-2:30 p.m. at CBC, room 102) on the following dates:

- Thursday, February 15, 2018
- Thursday, March 15, 2018
- Thursday, April 19, 2018
- Thursday, May 17, 2018
- Thursday, June 21, 2018
- Thursday, July 19, 2018