

# GREATER COLUMBIA ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITY OF HEALTH

## Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2020 | 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

*Teleconference ONLY*

Italicized: GCACH Board Member  
Name\*: Speaker

ATTENDANCE			
Committee Members	Abbey Cameron	Jill Adcock	Molly Calhoun
	Alana Pumphrey	Jill Whitman	Molly Schutt
	Alicia Lee Colasurdo	Jody	Nasser Basmeh
	Amy Osterman*	Joel Chavez	Natasha Chapin
	Angela Gonzalez	Joleen Carper	Nicole Matthews
	Annie Parker	Joshua Gartrell	Norma Soto
	Anthony Richards	Joyce Newsom	Norma Velasquez Guzman
	Arlen Washines*	Juan C. Correa	Patrick Jones
	Barbara Mead	Juan Valdez	Peggy Morache*
	Becky Highfill*	Kathryn McDaniel	Raina Peone
	Ben Shearer	Katie Goodale	Regina Myers
	Bertha Lopez	Kelly Sanders	<i>Rhonda Hauff</i>
	Beth Armstrong	Kerry Lopez	Robin Read*
	Brandi Cole	Kevin Martin	<i>Ronni Batchelor</i>
	Brenda Slagle	Kim Emery	Ruby Aleman*
	Carrie Barr	Kirk Williamson*	Sandra Aguilar*
	Cassie Heimgartner	Kristi Mellema	<i>Sandra Suarez</i>
	Cheri Snowwhite	Lauren Wickerath	Sandy Quiroga
	Chris De Villeneuve	Leslie Stahlnecker	Sara Clark
	Courtney Armstrong	Lindsay Engh	Sarah Lehr
	Courtney Hesla	Lindsey Underwood	Sarah Meyers
	Dan Aspiri	Lisa	Sasha Thomasson
	<i>Dan Ferguson</i>	Malia Lewis	Shane McGuire
	Deb Watson*	Mandee Olsen	Sharon Miracle*
	Deborah Persian	Marcia Baden	Shelley

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	Doug Fulp Edona Tahiraj Elizabeth Rice Greer Buchanan* Hannah Hayley Middleton Hollie Kaiser Holly Siler Jesse Flores	Mariana M Sital Mark Loes Marla Davis Martha Lanman* Melanie Olson Melissa Haney Michele Crowley Minnie Smith Misty Queen	Stephanie Macias Teresa Bicchieri Terri Brummet TS Viktoriya Broyan Wally Lee Whitney Bohn
GCACH Staff	Becky Kolln Brittany FoxStading Carol Moser Chelsea Chapman	Diane Halo Laurel Avila Lauren Noble Martin Sanchez	Sam Werdel Sula Savchuk Wes Luckey
<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>			
Welcome & Introductions (Dr. Patrick Jones)	<p>Dr. Patrick Jones of Eastern Washington University facilitated the meeting.</p> <p>GCACH has asked Local Health Improvement Networks (LHIN) leaders to share past, present, and future activities. In addition, GCACH has invited the Third-Party Administrators (TPAs) to share more information on their organizations and discuss their role in addressing the SDOH identified by the LHINs.</p>		
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>			
Benton Franklin Community Health Alliance	<p>Kirk Williamson of Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the organization.</li> <li>• Transition to remote meetings with key members in the community.</li> <li>• Hosting webinars on talking about suicide, what need to know before calling an ambulance, addiction and recovery, and surviving the COVID winter (targeted for parents)</li> <li>• Tri-Cities mental health crisis information – quick reference guide.</li> <li>• Supporting a state workgroup on need for a confidential tip line service that allows parent or student to report things that may be threatening in nature.</li> <li>• Community Health Improvement Plan that includes access to all care, BH services, and social determinants of health.</li> </ul> <p>Abbey Cameron of Three Rivers Community Foundation shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Determinants of Health focused on – housing, food insecurity, and mental health.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding received: \$434,537.09, Grants were awarded to Catholic Charities, Communities in Schools, Community Action Connections, Grace Clinic, Chaplaincy Health Care, and Tri-Cities Residential Services.</li> <li>• She went into detail for each recipient and their use of the grants. Some examples included:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communities in Schools of Benton Franklin – providing one-time housing assistance vouchers and helped 50 families to date (mostly with rental assistance)</li> <li>○ Grace Clinic – hired Clinical Social Worker to provide BH services to the Medicare population.</li> <li>○ Tri-Cities Residential Services – Utilize PEERS program to provide social skills training for residents with autism and mental health issues</li> </ul> </li> <li>• She invited Sandra Aguilar and Ruby Aleman of Catholic Charities to share their stories.</li> </ul>
<p>Community Health Partnership</p>	<p>Amy Osterman of Community Health Partnership shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinator change.</li> <li>• Meetings to focus on aligning with new community strategic plans in early learning, BH, and housing.</li> <li>• Mask distribution.</li> </ul> <p>Greer Buchanan of Blue Mountain Community Foundation shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding received - \$134,504.89.</li> <li>• She told stories for each grant recipient:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient transport van for Columbia County Health System. This van is used to assist with clients who lack transportation (this was to address reducing barriers to healthcare). There have been 110 transports since May.</li> <li>○ General operations for the Health Center, a student health center. They provide services with no charge to students. For the reporting period, they have been able to increase the services provided.</li> <li>○ Screening and referral services for Helpline.</li> <li>○ Contributed to Good Samaritan Program with Providence St. Mary Foundation.</li> <li>○ General operations for SonBridge Dental Clinic.</li> <li>○ Specialized transportation for disabled adults with Valley Residential Services.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Kittitas County Health Network</p>	<p>Robin Read of Kittitas County Health Network shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the network, leadership, and priorities.</li> <li>• Care coordination.</li> <li>• Opioid response.</li> <li>• Resilience and ACEs.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral Health.</li> </ul> <p>Sharon Miracle of Yakima Valley Community Foundation shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded \$100,000. The grantee was FISH.</li> <li>• Highlights:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increased connections with organizations in Kittitas County.</li> <li>○ Collaboration on grant opportunities (Department of Commerce Child Care Partnership Grant).</li> <li>○ COVID-19 relief funds (United Way of Central WA and Latino Community Fund).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• She invited Peggy Morache of FISH Community Food Bank to speak. FISH is the only food bank in Kittitas County and they serve the five food pantries.</li> </ul>
<p>Southeast Washington Alliance for Health</p>	<p>Martha Lanman of Southeast Washington Alliance for Health shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network activities – work with Regional Health District on Community Assessment and reaching agreement on health priorities: overweight youth, immunization, substance abuse, healthcare access/preventative services, bullying.</li> <li>• LHIN funds for GCACH, which included providing dental supplies in each county for dental outreach as well as mental health first aid training in Garfield County.</li> <li>• HRSA Grant.</li> <li>• Group Health Grant used for summer food program for kids, summer backpack program for kids, food bank, mental health opportunities, and more.</li> <li>• Community Health Funds used for transportation in each county for medical appointments, assistance in each county to help individuals find health insurance, assistance with the food bank, and more.</li> </ul> <p>Greer Buchanan of Blue Mountain Community Foundation shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding received - \$105,513.96</li> <li>• She told stories for each grant recipient:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient transport van for Columbia County Health System.</li> <li>○ Mental health services for Dayton School District to address family issues.</li> <li>○ Healthcare Transportation Fund for Garfield County Transportation Authority.</li> <li>○ Access to fresh fruits and vegetables for Garfield County Food Bank to address nutritious food.</li> <li>○ Insurance Navigator for Garfield County Aging and Disability Resource Center to address navigating the health system.</li> <li>○ Other support in the region included connecting people, charitable causes, and community needs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>Yakima County Health Care Coalition</p>	<p>Dan Ferguson of Yakima County Health Care Coalition shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities and strategies – masking campaign, focus on workforce (sentinel network), behavioral health, and patient activation measures.</li> <li>• He described the Sentinel Network survey and its importance.</li> <li>• BH Impact Situation Reports with the Washington State Department of Health that helps understand organizations and communities can anticipate responding to the pandemic.</li> <li>• Operation Unmasked project to observe mask wearing at retail sites in Yakima County starting.</li> <li>• Rhonda Hauff shared information on the Patient Activation Measure performance report. This is an effort to get patients more involved in their healthcare, as the more they are involved the less costly they are over time.</li> </ul> <p>Sharon Miracle of Yakima Valley Community Foundation shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants amount distributed by the organization total equating over \$1 million dollars.</li> <li>• Recipients:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PNWU</li> <li>○ YNHS</li> <li>○ Campbell Farm</li> <li>○ Community Health of Central Washington</li> <li>○ Rod’s House</li> <li>○ Homeless Network of Yakima County</li> <li>○ Yakima Partners - Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>○ Sunrise Outreach Center of Yakima</li> <li>○ Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and Northern Idaho</li> </ul> </li> <li>• She highlighted Teen Health Clinic – Davis High School (most diverse high school in Yakima County). They added a drop-in clinic to provide care to teens and families. They have been successful during the pandemic. She also highlighted Respite Care and Rod’s House.</li> <li>• Partnership with the Homeless Network of Yakima County and Yakima County Department of Human Services. She also shared the Yakima Valley Needs website where they aggregated supply and volunteer requests.</li> <li>• LYFT ride credit program for clients needing transportation.</li> <li>• Rhonda highlighted that the criteria was housing justice, when they did a consumer engagement survey a year ago with over 500 people—they found that their greatest need to improve their family’s health was housing. That is why so many of the grantees were related to housing. She also shared that before they were able to expand the respite program, they had to turn away 75 people because of capacity. Since they were funded to expand program, they have served 205 patients. Of those, 80 were affected by COVID. Since then, they have been identified as the isolation and quarantine program for all of</li> </ul>
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Whitman County Health Network	<p>Deb Watson of Whitman County Health Network shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yakima Valley Farm Workers Dental Clinic</li> <li>• Pullman Good Food Co-op</li> <li>• Whitman County Opioid Resource Network</li> <li>• Community Resilience Program and Trauma Informed Care</li> <li>• Practice Transformation</li> <li>• COVID 19 AND ReadyCare Respiratory Center</li> </ul> <p>Becky Highfill of Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Families 10-14 years old. This is a 7-week family-centered education and prevention program.</li> <li>• Pre-Pandemic activities (put on hold).</li> <li>• Suicide Prevention Taskforce – build resiliency within communities, educate and train community members, develop effective interventions, and more.</li> </ul>
Yakama Nation	<p>Arlen Washines of Yakama Nation shared a presentation on their activities. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficult times for Yakama Nation Government and challenges to organize around issues of health of their people. They've had over 900 tribal members infected with the virus, with over 40 passing away as a result. It has taken a big toll on their people. Nevertheless, they continue on.</li> <li>• They've been working with the Behavioral Health Aid Program. They've been working with the Portland Area office and Heritage University to create an accredited program. They have a cohort of six people to go through the program to become Certified BH Aides. The program will begin in January 2021.</li> <li>• Working on legal and protocol frameworks across program patient consent mechanisms and government model for Indian Service Health Unit in Yakama Nation. This is to work more efficiently in delivering care, implement collaborative care model for physical and behavioral health, and coordinating care and other services. The program is called the "Commons Project" but has been put on hold as a result of the pandemic.</li> <li>• The biggest project is integrating behavioral health and Indian health service primary care. They are almost ready to place BH specialists in their clinic. They were able to purchase technology necessary for telehealth. They also agreed to collaborate with various tribal programs by forming a group of individuals that consists of sectors in education, BH, justice, child welfare, SUD, childcare development, and more.</li> <li>• Many of these projects have been put on hold. Their government was shut down Monday through Friday for a month. They are slowly going back to work but have various safety protocols put in place to ensure health of employees.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have also been working with the Northwest Pacific University in getting assistance to expand services in White Swan Health Clinic. He also spoke to their work with Red Hutch Cancer Research Center.</li> </ul>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	
Adjournment	<p>Ronni Batchelor commented her appreciation for what she heard during the meeting. Rhonda Hauff appreciated the projects were response to consumer engagement and each county's unique approach. Joyce Newsom shared that 211 appreciates the new resources coming into communities and thanked the presenters.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm. Minutes taken by Chelsea Chapman.</p> <p>Find the meeting recording here: <a href="https://youtu.be/BziDG3VSQCQ">https://youtu.be/BziDG3VSQCQ</a>.</p>

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