

CLACKAMAS COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2009
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Public Services Building

1. Meeting Attendance

1.a. Members Present

Leticia Betancourt, Roxana Carrica, Klaudia Cuevas, Paula De Leon, Tina Moore,
Ada Ruiz, Mike Sluss

1.b. Members Absent

Tracy Keith, Graciela Rivera (excused)

1.c. Staff Present

Cindy Becker, Janelle McLeod, Bertha Moseson, Karen Slothower
Karen Erwin, Recorder

2. Call to Order

2.a. President Leticia Betancourt called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.. With four members present, a quorum could not be established.

3. Consumer Recruitment

3.a. The Community Health Council recruitment for three vacancies closed on April 13th with no applications received by Public and Government Relations-Citizen Involvement. For continuity, the recruitment was reopened to close on May 18th. A press release was issued by the county and the information was posted on the county website. Janelle McLeod and Bertha Moseson reported that Beaver Creek Clinic staff have the recruitment information and materials and are watchful for recruitment opportunities. Bertha spoke of additional efforts to recruit a student who utilizes our School Based Health Center services. An ideal candidate would be a student considering a career in the health care field who needs a student project for school. Klaudia Cuevas noted that she will post recruitment information at Clackamas Community College.

3.b. Roxana Carrica informed members that she will not be able to stay on the Council after the completion of her second term due to other commitments. May 20th will be her last meeting.

4. Evaluation of Fee Increases

4.a. Karen Slothower reported that this agenda item will need to be tabled until she receives the publication Council members adopted two years ago for use in the fee setting process. The material has been pre-ordered and will be sent out when the publisher has accumulated all data needed from across the country.

<A quorum was now established with seven members present>

5. March Minutes

5.a. Leticia called for discussion or a motion to approve the March 18 minutes.

5.b. **Motion:** Tina Moore moved to approve the March minutes as written. Roxana Carrica seconded the motion.

Approved: Leticia Betancourt, Roxana Carrica, Klaudia Cuevas, Paula De Leon, Tina Moore,
Ada Ruiz, Mike Sluss

6. Budget Adoption

6.a. Karen Slothower distributed a copy of the proposed budget for 2009-2010, noting that it is the same version that members received last month. Karen met with Mike Sluss of the Finance Committee to review questions and concerns brought up at the last meeting. They discussed challenges related to making projections for the next fiscal year based on a certain staffing level and a payor mix that in reality will show a deficit. There is always the challenge of maintaining a full provider staff and the replacement process can be lengthy, causing a loss of revenue. Not many health clinics are county operated due to the difficulties associated with running a business inside a government entity. Karen pointed out that the budget is balanced by county funds and Medicaid Wrap funds earned in Behavioral Health. Cindy added that neither is a consistent or predictable funding stream and the county cannot continue to fund the clinic. Janelle answered questions on staffing models, stating that it is time to look at other models around the area. Karen stated that the budget has been turned in and they are scheduled for a first review with county administration next Monday. She offered to review each line item again and will plan to do more analysis with the Council on the topics discussed today. After much discussion members were ready to move the process forward knowing there is work to be done this fiscal year.

6.b Motion: Tina Moore moved to adopt the proposed budget for 2009-2010. Mike Sluss seconded the motion.

Approved: Leticia Betancourt, Roxana Carrica, Klaudia Cuevas, Paula De Leon, Tina Moore, Ada Ruiz, Mike Sluss

7. Credentialing

7.a. Dr. Bertha Moseson provided background and current information on two providers up for re-credentialing, one being herself for her services as an Obstetrician/Gynecologist. Janelle McLeod assisted through the discussion of her credentialing and members were given the option to have Dr. Moseson step out of the room during discussion. Members indicated this was not necessary.

7.b. Motion: Ada Ruiz moved to approve re-credentialing for both providers. Roxana Carrica seconded the motion.

Approved: Leticia Betancourt, Roxana Carrica, Paula De Leon, Tina Moore, Ada Ruiz, Mike Sluss

8. Director's Update

8.a. Cindy Becker met with Carlos Olivares, the CEO of Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic last week to try to get a confirmation regarding Yakima Valley's intentions for building a new clinic. He will send us a response by June 30, 2009. They will also be talking more about federal stimulus dollars available for construction when Carlos next contacts Cindy with an update. In the meantime, Cindy is putting together a briefing paper for the Board of County Commissioners that will list several options with pros and cons regarding the county's future role in the delivery of primary care services. She will share this with Council members next month.

8.b. Cindy gave an update on the Governor's budget. Cuts are being proposed that would further weaken our finances by reducing our revenue. There are many uncertainties right now.

9. Finance Committee

9.a. Karen Slothower distributed two reports that Paula did not have the benefit of getting in advance this month. She gave line item descriptions and updates from the monthly financial statement. The report overall mirrors many of the same issues as prior months, resulting in a deficit balance. Karen pointed out on the monthly encounter report that we have surpassed the number of dental encounters that were budgeted. Many factors came together to make this happen. The new dental director brought about many changes and offers valuable hands on oversight resulting in better productivity. The dental payor mix is better than that of the medical patient payor mix. We predominantly serve

kids in the dental program but the bad economy could bring in more uninsured adults, or the governor's budget could cut dental services altogether.

10. Clinical Update

- 10.a.** Janelle McLeod has seen a trend toward less scheduling and more cancelations, thought to be a result of the bad economy. Appointments are now being scheduled out only one-two weeks. Proactive measures are being taken to contact and reschedule no-show patients and to reschedule patients with future appointments to be seen sooner.
- 10.b.** We received some stimulus dollars to increase services. We will add two days of dental care, one day of medical provision, a maternity case manager for prenatal services, two days per week of a midwife and a half-time lab technician. Clinic hours will be increased to provide for four evening clinics a week.
- 10.c.** The Canby High School Based Health Center opened April 6. We provide a Nurse Practitioner ten hours a week and are working on details around a behavioral health component that would not require staffing by our employees.
- 10.d.** The Board of County Commissioners is interested in our health care services and recently toured our Beaver Creek Center and Yakima Valley's Rosewood Clinic. The summary and recommendations we plan to prepare should be helpful to them. Janelle gave an update on local efforts to connect people to health care. The Project Access Program is being developed locally with grant funding. A number of providers will be coordinated to work together as a volunteer network to help meet community needs. The collaboration will also be reviewing "Volunteers in Medicine", another option for providing health care to the indigent. There is also a group from the Sandy area discussing health access issues. Janelle will meet with them to determine the status of their efforts, and invite them to join the collaboration as appropriate. These efforts do not include dental care at this time as there seems to be a good network of dental providers. Cindy has a meeting scheduled to learn more about dental opportunities in the county. Janelle will be working with our communications person to ensure that information on the upcoming health fairs, etc. is widely distributed.

11. Review May Agenda

- 11.a.** Members reviewed and approved the May 20th agenda. The Nominating Committee, comprised of Roxana, Ada and Tina, will prepare a recommendation for new officer nominations and additional nominations will be allowed in preparation for the June election of officers. Members are also tracking June as the month for their annual evaluation of the Director.

12. Adjournment

- 12a.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Community Health Council Meeting:
Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 6:00-7:30 pm
PSB, 2051 Kaen Rd, Room # 374

If you are late or need to contact us during the meeting, the phone number in our meeting room (#374) is 503-742-5320.

Submitted by K. Erwin, staff

_____, Secretary
Community Health Council Approval