

Community Advisory Council (CAC)

Meeting Recap Jume 11, 2025

Welcome & Introductions

Luci welcomed the council members and reviewed the agenda, followed by a round-robin of introductions with an ice breaker.

Topic: Operations

Sponsorship Update

Abraham shared that the sponsorship application remains open and encouraged those interested to submit requests through the designated application form on Health Share's website. He emphasized that all sponsorship decisions are guided by priority areas listed on the same webpage, with a focus on initiatives targeting OHP members in the tri-county area. Additionally, a form to request community engagement, such as presentations or meetings with team members, is also available. Luci expressed appreciation for the coordinated community conversations and Abraham's efforts, noting that these discussions help community-based agencies align better with sponsorship priorities.

Joint Board/CAC Meeting Update

Phyusin provided an update on plans for a joint gathering between the Board and CAC on July 16th, aiming to foster deeper collaboration and strategic alignment. The meeting will include a session on equity and power dynamics led by Lily Farling from Human Impact Partners, marking a valuable opportunity for the Board to engage in equity training. The session will be private to allow for open dialogue, and organizers are currently seeking a suitable venue. Candice and Rachel offered potential locations for future meetings.

Topic: Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Christine Kan provided an update on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and reflected on recent engagement efforts. She shared a slide deck containing screenshots of recent CAC discussion input. Christine emphasized the importance of equipping CAC members with the tools and understanding needed to help guide Health Share's CHIP implementation. She expressed appreciation for the council's patience, especially given the fast-paced development of the CHIP and her own transition into the Community Health Manager role. Christine plans to revisit the history of the CHIP, particularly the 2019–2024 plan, and how it evolved through major events like the pandemic and organizational changes. She also outlined the process behind the current CHIP, which was informed by the 2022 Community Health Assessment (CHA) conducted in collaboration with regional partners. This assessment, along with additional community input, shaped the priorities and strategies for the 2025–2029 CHIP.

Christine continued by explaining the importance of including Clark County in the community health assessment (CHA) due to the frequent cross-state movement of residents seeking services. The CHA



process involves working closely with community partners to conduct focus groups and distribute surveys, gathering data on health needs, strengths, and challenges. This data is then analyzed and used to identify key health issues and priorities, which inform the development of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Christine noted that the most recent CHA yielded a significant number of responses, with the current effort gathering over 1,000 responses.

She emphasized the importance of validating findings with community partners to ensure accuracy and cultural relevance. From this process, four main focus areas emerged. The first, "A Neighborhood for All," highlights the need for safe, affordable housing and addresses issues like gentrification and cultural displacement. The second, "Essential Community Services and Resources," focuses on equitable access to education, employment, transportation, nutritious food, and digital resources, especially challenges amplified during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The third focus area is "Access to Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Healthcare," which stresses the need for affordable care that reflects patients' cultural and communication needs. Issues include a lack of representative providers, limited trauma-informed care, and barriers due to language differences. Christine shared a poignant quote from a Muslim community member expressing the inadequacy of interpreter services compared to having a provider who shares their language and lived experience. These insights underscore the community's desire for more inclusive, accessible, and responsive healthcare systems.

Christine concluded her presentation by introducing the fourth and final priority area from the Community Health Assessment (CHA): "Support for Family and Community Ways." This area emphasizes the importance of culturally rooted practices, access to traditional foods and healing methods, land for physical activity and connection to nature, and spaces for community gatherings. Key issues identified include barriers to social connection, limited access to communal spaces, and a lack of awareness around health issues affecting marginalized communities. A community member's reflection highlighted the desire for peer-to-peer support within cultural groups, underscoring the value of community-led solutions—"for us, by us, with us."

Christine noted that while food access appears in both this and the previous priority area, the distinction lies in the cultural and communal context of food and healing practices. She stressed the importance of recognizing and supporting the inherent wisdom within communities, which is often hindered by a lack of resources like land and space.

Luci reflected on how the "Neighborhood for All" theme resonates deeply, not just in terms of housing but also in fostering community vibrancy and wellness. Christine then shared that the CHA report includes community-generated recommendations, many of which have been integrated into the CHIP either directly or through aligned strategies. She acknowledged the complexity of maintaining continuity and accountability across the Healthy Columbia Willamette Collaborative (HCWC), especially amid staff turnover. While Health Share currently serves as the convener, Christine emphasized the need for shared responsibility among all partners and expressed her commitment to helping maintain connections and



continuity. She offered to share more about the HCWC and its role in future discussions, recognizing its importance in the broader community health work.

Wrap-up & Action Item

Luci Longoria provided a brief update on the Community Capacity Building Fund (CCBF), noting that the review process is currently underway, with CAC members like Lauren and team members Ophelia and Maria actively involved. Luci emphasized the importance of keeping the group informed and expects more information to be available by the July meetings. She expressed appreciation for the group's continued engagement, especially in the CHIP and CHA discussions led by Christine.

Luci then shifted focus to planning for upcoming meetings in July. She confirmed that the joint Board and CAC meeting is scheduled for July 16th from 3–5 PM and encouraged anyone who hadn't received the calendar invite to reach out. She also raised the question of whether to proceed with the regularly scheduled July 9th CAC meeting, which was originally planned to be in person. Luci invited feedback on whether that meeting should be held, possibly with a focus on re-grounding newer members in the CHIP and CHA work. In the absence of strong opinions, the plan is to move forward with the July 9th meeting as scheduled.

She closed by thanking everyone for their participation, reminding them to reach out for help with stipends or scheduling issues, and noting that follow-up materials would be distributed soon. Luci expressed deep gratitude for the council's presence, representation, and care for their communities.

Meeting Adjourn

Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting is scheduled for a **in-person** meeting on **Wednesday**, **July 9**th from 1:30p – 3:30pm.

Upcoming monthly CAC meetings are scheduled for:

July 16, 2025	1:30pm - 3:30pm	In person – Joint Boad/CAC meeting
August 13, 2025	1:30pm - 3:30pm	virtual
September 10, 2025	1:30pm - 3:30pm	In person
October 8, 2025	1:30pm - 3:30pm	virtual
November 12, 2025	1:30pm - 3:30pm	In person
December 10, 2025	1:30pm - 3:30pm	virtual

Participation Participation				
Organization	Representative	Present		
Clackamas County Council Representative	Jaime Zentner	х		
Community Council Members	Candice Jimenez	х		
Community Council Members	Lung Wah Lazum			
Community Council Members	Yamungu Seraya	х		



Consumer Council Members	Francisco Elias	х
Consumer Council Members	Hilary Flaming	х
Consumer Council Members	Joy Mutare	х
Consumer Council Members	Lauren Riddle	х
Consumer Council Members	Rachel Schutz	х
Health Share of Oregon	Abraham Rodriguez Guillen	х
Health Share of Oregon	Dove Spector	х
Health Share of Oregon	Christine Kan	х
Health Share of Oregon	Luci Longoria	х
Health Share of Oregon	Maria Tafolla	
Health Share of Oregon	Mariam Ukbazghi	х
Health Share of Oregon	Mariotta Gary-Smith	
Health Share of Oregon	Marissa Sliwka (recorder)	х
Health Share of Oregon	Ophelia Vidal	
Health Share of Oregon	Phyusin Myint	х
Multnomah County Council Representative	Natasha Davy	х
Oregon Health Authority	Rebecca Donell	х
Washington County Council Representative	Laura Daily	
Siletz Tribal Representative	Forrest Pearson	х