

Columbia County

Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date & Time:

April 7, 2026, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Columbia Community Mental Health, Meeting Room 1A

58646 McNulty Way, St. Helens, OR 97051

Attendees:

- In-person: Miriam Parker (CCMH), Madison Riethman (CCPH), Haley Medina (CCPH), and Kjersti Machado (CPCCO)
- Virtual: Jill Little (CCMH), Meli Rose (Iron Tribe Network), Larry Evenson (Community Justice/Deflection), Christopher Dupuis (CCMH), Kelli Jo Smith (CC Commissioner), Jenelle Harrison (CCMH), Sara Love Sanderson (Boulder Care), Julie Heuer (Columbia County Treatment Court), and David Casey (OHSU Scappoose)

Meeting Materials:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Slides](#)
- [Recording \[LINK\]](#)

Minutes

Welcome & Introductions (All)

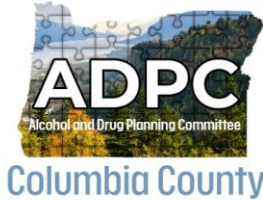
- Name, pronouns, organization, and icebreaker: What emoji/gif describes your mood today?

Public Comment (Open)

- None

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

- The CCPH Community Wellness Grant Program is designed to support community-driven projects and activities that contribute to substance use prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery.
 - The total amount of funding available is \$150,000, awarded in grants of \$5,000-\$50,000



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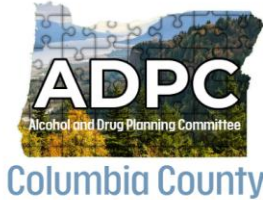
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- The application period (tentatively) will be April 13, 2026 – May 29, 2026
- The project period will be July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027
- Applicants are encouraged to consider upstream, cross-sector, and community-informed approaches that strengthen protective factors, address root causes, and improve overall well-being in population impacted by substance use.
- The Request for Applications (RFA) and related materials (including the application form and budget template) will be sent out to the LADPC listserv and other community partners soon.
- Q: What will the expectations be, such as reporting? A: Reporting will be required twice, including mid-way through the project period (spring 2027) and at the end (December 2027). There are goals/objectives required in the application as well. Funds may also only be spent on Exhibit E related expenses. Technical assistance will also be available through Public Health for assistance with any questions or concerns.
- Q: Can we drop the link to the application? A: Yes, once it has been approved hopefully in the next week.

Columbia Community Mental Health (CCMH) Executive Updates (Miriam Parker)

- The new building construction is on track for completion by the end of the year. It will house:
 - Pathways Drug/Alcohol Residential Program
 - Withdrawal Management Program
 - 24/7 Crisis Stabilization Center
- Hired a new nurse on staff who is currently working on establishing relevant policies and procedures.
- There are new OARs for Crisis Stabilization Centers, including one beneficial change that removed the requirement for a 24/7 nurse which would have been a large barrier. Substance use is also called out to be addressed alongside mental health.
- Last call for registration for the upcoming Sequential Intercept Mapping Exercise on April 15, 2026
 - Link to register: <https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?id=30143>



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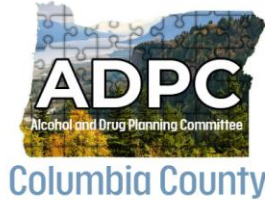
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Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) Updates (All)

- Four current organizations: Iron Tribe Network, Boulder Care, Medicine Wheel Recovery Services, CCMH
 - Iron Tribe Network:
 - Recent staff change at the Bachelor Flatt home
 - Continuing (quarterly) rental assistance for community members affected by substance use disorder, including the requirement for engaging/referring to local services
 - Boulder Care:
 - None at this time
 - Medicine Wheel Recovery Services
 - Not present
 - CCMH
 - Budget revisions due to funding cut in current contract (due to decreased marijuana tax revenue that is the sole funding stream for the program), although not being felt by consumers

Partner Updates (All)

- Prevention
 - Haley with CCPH: Bridges & Beyond events are coming up in April-May again this year. The large partner team is excited and welcomes any other organizations/individuals interested in joining! The flyer will be sent out to the listserv with the meeting minutes.
- Harm Reduction
 - Haley with CCPH: Columbia County's Overdose Awareness & Recovery Event is scheduled for August 1, 2026 this year at McCormick Park. Overdose Awareness will be highlighted from 9am-12pm and Recovery will be celebrated from 12pm-8pm. Please also join us! The flyer will be sent out to the listserv with the meeting minutes.
- Treatment



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- Julie with the Treatment Court: May is Treatment Court Appreciation Month and there will be an event on May 27, 2026 from 11am-1pm at McCormick Park to celebrate.
- Larry with Community Justice: There is a current recruitment for a Juvenile Court Counselor. Construction for the new Deflection space is almost complete and moving ahead smoothly. There is a new Chaplain joining the Peer Support team to support employee wellness.
- Recovery
 - Kelly Jo with Columbia County/Local Business Owner: Oregon Trail Lanes hosts a recovery-oriented bowling opportunity on Sundays in the afternoons around 3pm for a discounted price. Anywhere from 16-30 people have been playing and having fun.
- Youth
 - Q: Are any school staff included on the listserv for this group? A: Previously, there has been representation from school nurses but not recently. Multiple partners will outreach to different school contacts for inclusion.

Next meeting: June 2, 2026, 12-1pm (Hybrid at CCMH/via Teams)