

Columbia County

## Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee

### Meeting Minutes

#### Meeting Date & Time:

June 2, 2026, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

#### Meeting Location:

Columbia Community Mental Health  
58646 McNulty Way, St. Helens, OR 97051

#### Attendees:

- In-person: Madison Riethman (CCPH), Heather Peterson (CCMH), Haley Medina (CCPH), Jill Little (CCMH), and Miriam Parker (CMH)
- Virtual: Lois Tari (CHS), Patrick Speake (CCMH), Meli Rose (Iron Tribe Network), Kjersti Machado (CPCCO), Kellie Jo Smith (Columbia County), Leyla Duechle (CHS), Brooke Sanders (Youth Era), Candi Balabon (CCMH), Shannon Wagner (CCMH), and David Casey (OHSU Scappoose)

#### Meeting Materials:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Slides](#)

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## Minutes

#### Welcome & Introductions (All)

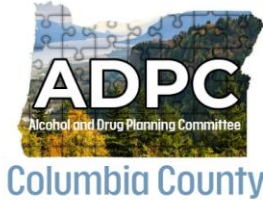
- Name, pronouns, organization, and icebreaker: If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

#### Public Comment (Open)

- None

#### County Opioid Settlement Fund Updates (Madison Riethman)

- The Columbia County Board of Commissioners recently approved the Vulnerable Populations Health Promotion Specialist position, which will be hopefully filled in the coming weeks
  - The position will co-locate with CCPH and the CC Jail to work on prevention, treatment, and care coordination activities with justice-involved individuals



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- CCPH is working with the medical contractor (MedTrust) for the Jail to increase hours for two current staff:
  - Mental Health MS/LPC/LMHC- from 24 to 32 hours/week
  - Psych Provider- from 3 to 5 hours/week
- The OSF Community Wellness Grant application window recently closed on Friday (5/29) with 10 submitted applications
  - Seeking 2-3 grant reviewers
  - Award notices to be sent week of June 22
  - Projects to start July 1

#### CCMH Executive Updates (Miriam Parker)

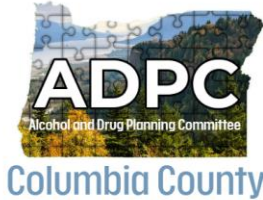
- Building construction is still on track for October-December 2026 completion
- Hired administrator/RN for new Detox program
- Working on contract for Medical Director and intake/admission process for the program now

#### BHRN Updates (All)

- Iron Tribe Network:
  - Limited services due to decreased funding
  - Receiving payment on July 1 to support assistance
  - Sweat Lodge is offline for fire season and repair
  - Current houses operating well
- Boulder Care:
  - Not present
- Medicine Wheel Recovery Services:
  - Not present
- CCMH:
  - Effective July 1, will be cutting down on BHRN-funded treatment due to decreased funding
    - This was the smallest portion of the grant that will avoid layoffs/FTE reduction and treatment remains available in other CCMH departments

#### Regional Overdose Surveillance & Response Plan (Haley Medina)

- Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook Counties make up the North Coast region funded through OHA's PE62 Overdose Prevention program

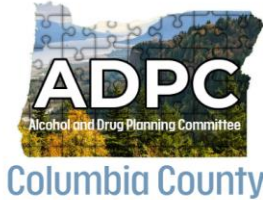


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- Response Levels
  - **Green**: At or below expected
    - Routine data monitoring and communication with partners
  - **Yellow**: Higher than expected
    - Increased surveillance to look for trends, alert partners, messaging to affected populations
  - **Red**: Much higher than expected
    - Continued enhanced surveillance, assess internal programs, convene response team meeting
- Current Data Sources
  - Quantitative:
    - Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) data
    - Preliminary County Overdose Death Reports from Medical Examiner's Office
    - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ESSENCE data
    - State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS)
  - Qualitative:
    - Harm Reduction and Sharps Exchange Programs
    - Law Enforcement
    - Community-based Organizations
- How We Use Data
  - Build partnerships and capacity
  - Coordinate efforts strategically
  - Inform internal program efforts
  - Raise awareness
  - Decrease overdoses
- Questions for the Group
  - Are there other community partners or data sources that we should be involving/looking at?
    - A: CCMH Treatment and Harm Reduction programs sometimes receive informal overdose reports from clients/family
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  - Have you or your organization noticed any trends that could be contributing to overdoses?



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- A: Increased naloxone access has potentially contributed to a reduction of individuals seeking medical attention, because they can administer themselves.
- A: Seeing a decrease in opioid-related intakes, from 5-7 per week to 2-3 per month. Also, not hearing of any overdoses occurring. However, experiencing increased alcohol-related intakes.
- A: Not hearing of overdoses, but clients are reporting using meth instead.
- A: Prescribing rates have decreased for OUD; however, diagnoses are increasing/remaining the same among the North Coast region.
- Have you heard or been a part of an Overdose Response Team or Overdose Death Review before?
  - Iron Tribe, CCMH, and OHSU Scappoose possibly interested

#### Partner Updates (All)

- Prevention:
  - CHS: Bridges & Beyond Events have concluded. There were 9 partners involved, 1,200 youth served, and 30+ parents/caregivers engaged. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici also attended the Scappoose Youth Prevention Fair and had great compliments.
- Harm Reduction:
  - None
- Treatment:
  - None
- Recovery:
  - None
- Youth:
  - None
- Other:
  - CPCCO: Multiple community partners are working together on an action item following the Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) exercise this spring. A meeting will be scheduled and shared out in August.
  - CCMH: Received the final draft of the SIM report from the contractor.

**Next meeting: August 4, 2026, 12-1pm (Hybrid at CCPH/via Teams)**