



Hispanic Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2026

Chair Jessica De La Cruz opened the Meeting at 6:01pm. Committee member Carolina Delgado, Jacobo Gutierrez and Jesse Road (arrived at 6:14pm) were present. Also present were Council representatives Maria Duron (arrived at 6:02pm) and Jeff Kelso, as well as staff representative City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Youth Advisor Kari Bazan was also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Introduction of Newest Member, Jacobo Gutierrez

Jacobo introduced himself stating he is working on his bachelor's degree in business management and has a passion for outreaching and connecting with people, including content creation, video editing, and being a behind the screens kind of person and is happy to join the Committee.

Social Services Month Presentation from Good Shepherd Health Care System

Provided information (attached) regarding: The Connexions Program, Family Health and Fitness Day, and the many programs and partnerships they have to provide resources, advocate for patients, as well as help patients navigate their needs to include: Event outreach, home safety assessments, teaching community classes, health screens, birth and end of life Dulas, providing bike helmets, life jackets, and care seats, basic needs from housing to food. Most if not all of these items are free and individuals can sign up themselves or can be referred to. Most classes are offered at Good Shepherd or EOTEC but can be hosted at other facilities as long as they are large enough to accommodate all attendees. All these classes are free, there is a cost to CPR and First-Aid Classes. Some classes were held at the Harkenrider Senior Center but outgrew the facility, however, the Senior's do have similar classes.

(Jesse arrived at 6:14pm)

Blue Agave New Event Center Information

Manuel and Eva Arteaga presented information (attached) regarding the newest event center they built and are offering to the public to use; it is 10,000 sqft and can accommodate 540 people, has a kitchen, 50 tables, 540 chairs, stage, sound system, and wifi. This is a new venture for them and are open to suggestions on the facility and pricing.

Meeting Minutes

Jessica moved and Carolina seconded to approve the February 17th meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously with Members Carolina and Jessica voting in favor. Jessica mentioned that Jacobo and Jesse could not vote as they were not in attendance at the February meeting.

2026 Committee Goal Tasks

Jessica asked the Committee to review the Goals for any changes as approved at the last meeting. The Committee had none to add.

Closing Comments

Public Comments

Lucia Savala, 32566 Sparrow Rd, Hermiston- Asked for information about the Cinco de Mayo Event and Committee as she would like to participate.

Jessica stated the Cinco de Mayo Committee (not a City Committee) Event will be a one-day event on May 3rd which will be a more family focused event with a Cinco de Mayo Princess Court. The Committee has not established meeting



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days but she does know that volunteers are needed as they only have three Board Members and encouraged her to reach out to Moises Lopez via Facebook as he is the person in charge of Cinco de Mayo.

Jeff stated he volunteered at the Cinco de Mayo event last year and it was a great event and looks forward to volunteering this year as well.

Committee Comments

Jesse stated the City held a City Chat event today at Hacienda West Apartments with an English and Spanish session. The event gave good information and encourages the public to attend in the future.

Youth Representatives

Kari Bazan spoke regarding: HHS Grease Musical, Winter Welcome for incoming freshman, spring sports, and Prom.

City Representatives

Maria and Jeff spoke regarding:

- Punkin Center Road and N 395 Roundabout that will be installed by ODOT because the intersection is so dangerous
- City Chat at Hacienda West Apartments
- Bus and Taxi services provided by the City through contracts
- City Council adopted Annual Goals at the March 9th meeting
- Updated Senior Center Board Contract
- Private future Food Pod development behind the Community Center
- HUB Apartments that will feature over 200 units of much needed Market Rate Rentals
- Upcoming Geer Road and Harper Road Construction

Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st at 6pm at City Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:39pm.



CONNECTIONS



Community Health Workers:

Dedicated to helping connect you with the community services and resources you may need.

Contact us: 541-667-3504

conneXions@gshealth.org

Fax: 541-667-3510

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Do you need help with any of the following?

- Financial concerns
- Medical needs
- Disease and educational training
- Medication Management
- Healthcare coverage
- Basic needs such as housing, food, or transportation
- Emotional, stress, or anger management issues
- Addiction concerns
- Health and wellness screenings
- Support groups or health education



Community Health Workers (CHW) can connect you to available resources and services to help you get the care and support you need.

CHW's also provide health screenings and education to promote healthy communities.

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Central Referral Line
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¿Necesita ayuda con alguno de los siguientes?

- Las preocupaciones financieras
- Necesidades médicas
- Educación sobre enfermedades
- Administración de medicamentos
- La cobertura de salud
- Las necesidades básicas como la vivienda, la alimentación, o el transporte
- Problemas emocionales, estrés
- Preocupaciones de adicción
- Exámenes de salud y bienestar
- Los grupos de apoyo o de educación para la salud

Trabajadoras de salud de la comunidad asisten a conectar los recursos y servicios disponibles para que reciba el cuidado y apoyo que necesita. También proporcionan exámenes de salud y educación para promover una comunidad saludable.

Trabajadoras de la Comunidad: Dedicadas en ayudarlo a usted a conectarse con los servicios y recursos de la comunidad.

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ConneXions Referral Form

Community Health & Outreach
ConneXions Program
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- Community Health Worker
- Peer Wellness Specialist
- OHP Assistor
- Car Seat Technician
- Pregnancy/Post-Partum Doula
- Lactation Counselor
- Tobacco Cessation
- End-Of-Life Doula

Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____ Date of referral: _____

Patient Phone Number: _____ Alternate Contact: _____

Interpreter needed: YES NO Language: _____

Reason for referral, please be specific:

Person Making Referral: _____ Agency: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Would you like an update on the outcome of the referral? YES NO

AUTHORIZATION:

I, _____, (patient's name) give my permission for: _____
(referring agency) to release information to the ConneXions Program. The information is to be used to assist me in monitoring and coordinating my health care and social service needs.

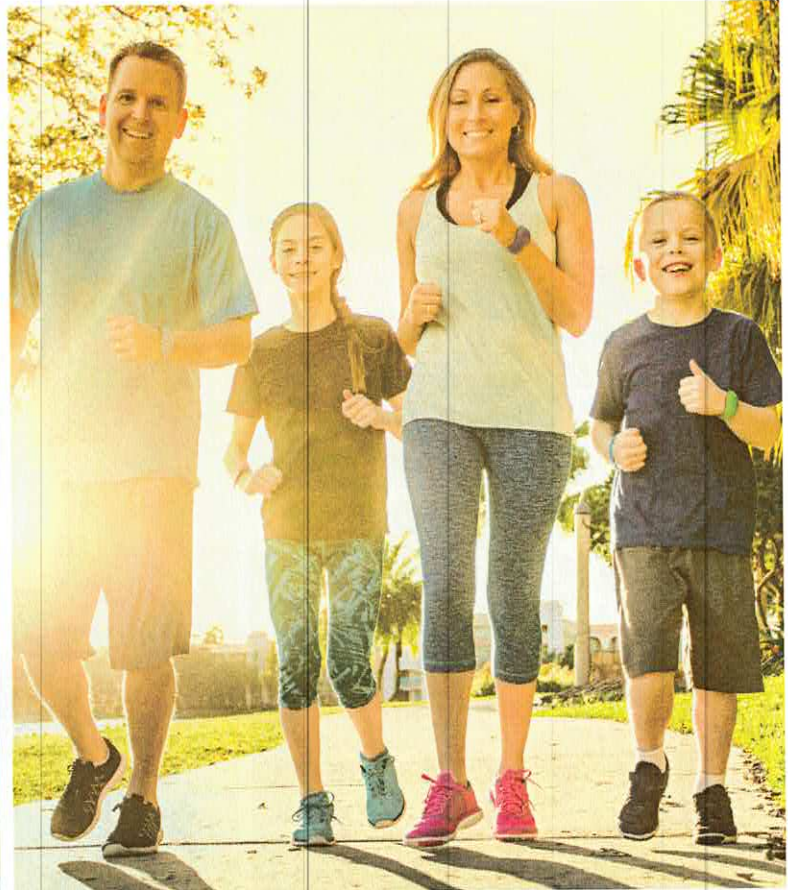
X _____
Signature of patient/parent or guardian Date

If the patient is not available for signature, did they give verbal permission to contact a CHW for services? YES NO



GOOD SHEPHERD Family Health & Fitness Day

+ Carrera Recreativa de 5KM Previa Al Evento



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Evento

Presentaciones En Vivo y Demostraciones

Clinica de Osos de Peluche

Exámenes de Salud GRATUITAS

Revisión de Asiento de Seguridad de
Coche, Ajuste de Cascos, y Chalecos de
Salvavidas.

Demostraciones de Cirugía Robótica Da
Vinci

Exhibición de Helicópteros de Life Flight
Network + Encuentros con la Tripulación
del Helicóptero

Premios de Rifa y Camiones de Comida

Numerosos Vendedores Comunitarios

EVENTO GRATUITO

Sábado, 25 de Abril 2026

11:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m.

Centro de Comercio y Eventos del Este
de Oregon (EOTEC) ubicado en 1707 E
Airport Rd en Hermiston, OR

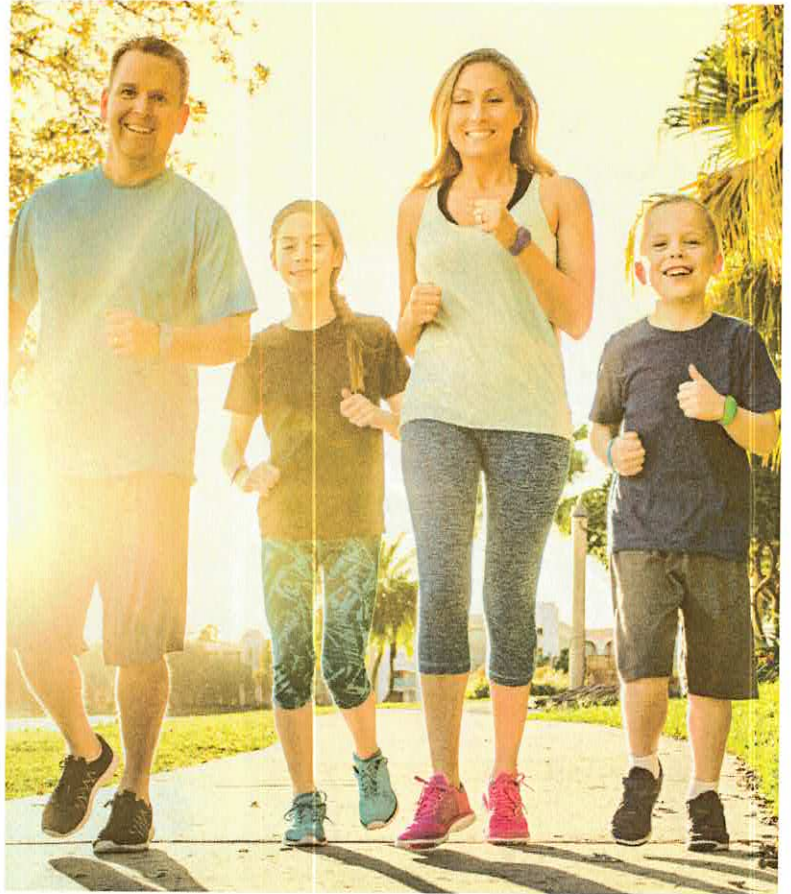


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GOOD SHEPHERD Family Health & Fitness Day + 5K Fun Run



Pre-event 5K Fun Run

Live Performances and Demos

Teddy Bear Clinic

FREE Health Screenings

Car Seat Checks, Helmet &
Life Jacket Fittings

da Vinci Robotic Surgery Demos

Life Flight Network Helicopter Display
+ Meet & Greets with Helicopter Crew

Raffle Prizes & Food Trucks

Numerous Community Vendors

FREE EVENT

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center
(EOTEC) located at
1705 E Airport Rd in Hermiston, OR



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