



Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2025, 4:00 PM

Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street

Sweet Home, OR 97386

Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Kelsey Ann Wray

Vice Chair Bob Dalton

Committee Member Michael Grenz

Committee Member Wanda Jones

Committee Member Dick Knowles

Committee Member Shirley Schumacher

ABSENT

Committee Member Dr. Larry Horton

STAFF

Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager

Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager

GUESTS

Kandyce Stirman, Executive Director, Family Assistance & Resource Center

Approval of Minutes

- a) 2025-06-25 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Grenz moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2025 Community Health Committee meeting minutes. Vice Chair Dalton seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Wray, Dalton, Grenz, Jones, Knowles, Schumacher

NAY: None

ABSENT: Horton

Community Partner Presentations

- a) Family Assistance & Resource Center (FAC)

Kandyce Stirman stated that she served as the Executive Director of the Family Assistance & Resource Center (FAC) in Sweet Home. She shared that she recently presented at the 2025 National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington, D.C. with City Manager Jason Ogden. She stated that FAC recently added 13 new housing units and was transitioning clients into them. She noted that FAC hoped to establish a rental assistance program to teach clients how to manage money, establish a rental reference, and practice good tenant behavior. She highlighted recent successes with FAC clients including

housing three long-term houseless family members. She stated that FAC was expanding their outreach and harm reduction services.

Vice Chair Dalton asked of FAC's support services providers and invited Ms. Stirman to host a table at the Community Health Fair. Ms. Stirman stated that she had served in the industry for about 16 years so she had made many connections and had hired staff with connections. Vice Chair Dalton asked of financial challenges given the current funding climate. Ms. Stirman replied that access to food resources was a particular concern and diminished access to coverage and services impacted both her clients and her employees. She expressed concern with her clients potentially losing their Medicaid coverage.

Committee Member Knowles asked of the current number of staff members. Ms. Stirman replied that there were seven people on staff and two more would be joining soon.

No action was required for this item.

Recognition of Visitors / Public Comment

There was no public comment to be heard.

Old Business

a) Health Forum

Chair Wray asked for suggestions on topics. Vice Chair Dalton suggested a Work Session to narrow the scope of the proposed forum. Chair Wray requested a copy of topics raised by Sweet Home residents to students from Western University to guide future discussion.

No action was required for this item.

b) Health Fair Update

Vice Chair Dalton stated that there were 32 providers registered. Chair Wray asked committee members to review the registrants and suggest any providers that should be added. Discussion ensued regarding potential placement of advertising banners.

No action was required for this item.

New Business

a) Crisis Intervention/Post-vention

Committee Member Knowles stated that he saw a need for conflict resolution training and suggested it as a potential Health Forum topic. Discussion ensued regarding trauma-informed care training for the community.

No action was required for this item.

b) Committee Communication Policy

Deputy City Manager Pretty provided the new Communication Policy to the Committee.

No action was required for this item.

Committee Business for the Good of the Order

Joint City Council Work Session – August 26, 2025

Deputy City Manager Pretty stated that the CEO of Samaritan Health, Marty Cahill, would be present to discuss operations and community health needs.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder