



Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2024, 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 Dick Knowles
Committee Member Shirley Schumacher

ABSENT

Committee Member Dr. Larry Horton

COUNCIL

Mayor Susan Coleman, Council Liaison

STAFF

Cecily Hope Pretty, Administrative Services Director
Adam Leisinger, Communications Manager

GUESTS

Liz Chance-Treacy, Executive Administrator, Exodus Recovery Services
Lisa Parsons, Mental Health Therapist, Exodus Recovery Services

Approval of Minutes

- a) 2024-04-24 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Knowles moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024 Community Health Committee meeting. Vice Chair Dalton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Recognition of Visitors / Public Comment

Wanda Jones of the Sweet Home Samaritan Clinic introduced herself and indicated her interest in the committee's work.

Community Partner Presentations

- a) Exodus Recovery Services

Lisa Parsons of Exodus Behavioral Health indicated that Exodus recently joined the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce. She stated that Exodus wanted to present on their services and gauge interest in the community. She stated that they operated a facility for mental health treatment and substance abuse

recovery. She provided an overview of the history of Country Counseling and Exodus Recovery Services with an update to the name of Exodus Behavioral Health. She noted that they were a Level 1 Outpatient Facility.

Liz Chance-Treacy, Executive Administrator of Exodus Behavioral Health, added that the facility provided education for DUII and could also provide up to six hours weekly for individuals needing additional services.

Ms. Parsons provided an overview of Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) and highlighted their partnership with Sweet Home's Community Court. She reviewed the available peer support services including job and resource application assistance. She described mental health services including individual therapy and support groups. She added that additional support groups could be created based on community interest.

Ms. Chance-Treacy emphasized the importance of Exodus' ability to provide dual support for mental health and SUDS.

Chair Wray asked of eligibility for the support groups. Ms. Chance-Treacy replied that they would need to be fully enrolled in Exodus' services to be eligible to participate and added that people are able to self-refer to the facility.

Ms. Parsons stated that the facility was a Narcan distribution center and also offered gun locks. She noted that they would be participating in the Sweet Home Health Fair on August 17, 2024.

Chair Wray asked of the number of peer supports. Ms. Chance-Treacy replied that there was currently one on staff with an additional peer support in the onboarding process. She added that they supported all three of Exodus' locations.

Committee Member Knowles asked of total staffing. Ms. Chance-Treacy replied that there were 15 employees across all locations.

Vice Chair Dalton asked of Exodus' biggest challenge. Ms. Chance-Treacy replied that communicating their services to the community was a current challenge. Vice Chair Dalton asked if Exodus had connected with the school district. Ms. Parsons replied that they had not yet but intended to.

Discussion ensued regarding Exodus' efforts to get additional insurance credentials.

Vice Chair Dalton asked how Exodus handles clients without insurance. Ms. Chance-Treacy replied that they would connect them with peer support to apply for OHP and that they utilized a sliding scale for payment if the client is ineligible for OHP.

No action was required for this item.

Old Business

a) Resource List Update

Chair Wray stated that she had begun gathering Sweet Home community health resources and asked if the committee wished to expand the resource list to include surrounding areas. Discussion ensued regarding the potential scope of the resource list and utilizing online resources from other areas rather than maintaining individual listings outside of Sweet Home.

Mayor Coleman stated that the City Council had authorized the City Manager to negotiate a lease with Community Services Consortium and recommended the committee coordinate with CSC.

There was consensus to include resources outside of Sweet Home where there was great need and provide links to other resource lists where available.

No action was required for this item.

Committee Business for the Good of the Order

Chair Wray asked of updates regarding the Sweet Home Health Fair. Vice Chair Bob Dalton stated that he was still working to solicit applicants.

Chair Wray announced that the Community Health Center of Linn and Benton County was soliciting for their Board of Directors.

Director Pretty stated that there was currently a vacancy on the committee and encouraged the members to solicit applicants.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.

ATTEST:

Chair

City Manager, Ex Officio City Recorder

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