

Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

June 25, 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 4:01 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Kelsey Ann Wray Vice Chair Bob Dalton Committee Member Michael Grenz Committee Member Dr. Larry Horton Committee Member Wanda Jones Committee Member Dick Knowles Committee Member Shirley Schumacher

STAFF

Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager Sean Morgan, Community Services Officer

GUESTS

James Page, Acting Clinical Supervisor, Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center

Approval of Minutes

a) 2025-05-28 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Knowles moved to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025 Community Health Committee meeting. Committee Member Horton seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Wray, Dalton, Grenz, Horton, Jones, Knowles, Schumacher NAY: None

Recognition of Visitors / Public Comment

There were no visitors to be heard.

Old Business

a) Health Fair Update

Vice Chair Dalton stated that he had 22 applications received for vendors at the Health Fair.

No action was required for this item.

Community Partner Presentations

a) Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center

James Page with the Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center stated that they operated an opioid treatment center in Albany since 2021 which is the only opioid treatment program within its specification between Salem and Eugene. He described available services and noted concerns with Sweet Home clients experiencing challenges accessing services. He stated that the center hoped to bring a mobile unit to Sweet Home for treatment and requested feedback from the Committee about their proposal.

Committee Member Knowles asked if the primary clientele would be served by the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). Mr. Page replied that the clientele were primarily through OHP and Medicare but there would be opportunities in the future for people who were not insured or underinsured.

Chair Wray asked if the mobile unit would provide suboxone and methadone. Mr. Page replied that it would.

Vice Chair Dalton asked if walk-up patients would be accepted. Mr. Page replied that all admissions would be conducted through the Albany site but transportation for the admission appointment would be covered by the center.

Mr. Page noted that there was a need to identify a place to lease for parking in Sweet Home to be able to bring the mobile unit in as planned.

Committee Member Jones asked of the anticipated timeline. Mr. Page stated that the timeline was dependent on DEA licensing and the mobile unit was currently in Utah, but he estimated a three-month timeline.

Vice Chair Dalton asked if the Center would be interested in a brick and mortar if the mobile unit was not available. Mr. Page replied that it would be a challenge due to DEA requirements.

Officer Morgan asked if the mobile unit would be available seven days a week. Mr. Page replied that the mobile unit would be available Monday through Friday.

Chair Wray asked if they utilized a harm reduction model or an abstinence model. Mr. Page replied that they utilize a harm reduction model. Chair Wray asked of costs to utilize transportation services to the clinic in Albany. Mr. Page replied that the first trip was entirely covered but ongoing transportation was only covered for Medicaid patients.

Committee Member Horton asked of connecting FAC clients to the clinic. Mr. Page replied that the clinic had a 24/7 call center to schedule appointments and walk-ins could be accepted before 9:30 AM during the week.

Chair Wray asked if the clinic utilized a referral service. Mr. Page replied that potential clients should call the clinic directly or go through the call center.

Chair Wray expressed support for bringing the services to Sweet Home.

No action was required for this item.

b) Family Assistance & Resource Center (FAC)

This item was rescheduled for the July meeting.

Committee Business for the Good of the Order

Committee Member Knowles expressed a desire to pursue crisis intervention resources and conflict resolution training for the community. Chair Wray requested that a discussion on crisis intervention be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Vice Chair Dalton stated that he had contacted the CEO of Samaritan Health, Marty Cahill, and is working to invite him to Sweet Home to present.

Chair Wray asked that a discussion on the proposed health forum be placed on the next agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.

EST:	Chair
City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder	