**7-30-14 North Central Partnership meeting notes**

Oknanogan Public Health Exec. Director, Lauri Jones, welcomed everyone and started the meeting with introductions.

In attendance were: (see sign in sheet)

An agenda was provided which included the URL of an open-access website where project documents will be posted and accessible by everyone. <http://www.mydocvault.us/coh-docs.html>

Lauri Jones provided a brief history of how the grant opportunity was responded to and fortunately secured. It's a 6 month planning grant where county coalitions with multi-sector participation can engage in a community dialogue that can result in collaborative process in defining a community health plan. Community Choice is an established healthcare collaborative that was the natural vehicle to help coordinate the work of community coalitions in each of five counties that would be aggregated into a regional plan the state expects by the end of December 2014.

Sue Dietz was introduced to provide a high level presentation of the State Health Care Innovation Plan and related initiatives culminating with specifics about the Community of Health Grant planning process which is the purpose of this meeting and follow up meetings. See Sue's PPT presentation available on the project website.

**Some relevant observations: (paraphrasing)**

- Other states have already started on this journey and we can look a them for lessons learned or pitfalls to avoid.

- The state is working towards defining Accountable Communities of Health regions, but that process has not concluded yet.

- The overarching goals is the Triple Aim: Better health, Better Care and Lower Cost.

- This planning process is the state's attempt to have communities engage in local problem solving and developing models that might work at the local level in moving us towards the Triple Aim.

- While we may not agree with this state initiative, it's better to engage in the process and influence our future rather than have our future defined for us.

**Next Steps:**

- Jesus will send an email to all attendees seeking input on "who else should be invited to this process?"

- Lauri or Jesus will send an email to all attendees asking for top three priorities for their sector that should receive consideration in the planning process.

- Next meeting is scheduled for August 28th from 11:30am to 1:30pm, location TBD and confirmed. (Cari fo OBHC