

Chelan-Douglas Coalition for Health Improvement
Meeting Minutes
March 10 , 2021 at 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Introductions and Icebreaker-All

The Charge:

The mission of the Chelan-Douglas Coalition for Health Improvement (“Coalition”) is to foster authentic community engagement, create an ongoing pathway for gathering input from diverse groups of community members, and identify local projects that could support the overall goals of the Medicaid Transformation Project.

- This coalition is important because 80-90% of a person’s health is contributed outside of medical care. This coalition helps improve the health of the community by having all different sectors come together and work on the social determinants of health.

North Central Accountable Communities of Health Board Update-Kaitlin Quirk

- The consumer seat has been filled.
- RFP for Telehealth has been released.
- Approved new bylaws and Conflict of interest.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update-Ray Eickmeyer and Veronica Farias

- This has been a month with decent supply and will get more doses to about 4,000 doses a week. There currently are about 200,000 doses a week, but vaccine providers have asked for about 400,000 doses. They are receiving about half of the amount wanted.
- April 1st is the estimated time to receive doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.
- As of right now, about 25% of the population of Chelan are vaccinated and about 1,400 on a waitlist.
- Community partners are working together.
- In Stehekin, EMTs are going house to house to distribute vaccinations. To date about 65 have been vaccinated in their homes.
- There are pre-plans being made for the next phase.

Questions and Answers-All

- Is there transportation being provided to vaccine sites?
 - People for People and Link Transit will provide transportation to vaccination sites.
- What efforts are in place for H-2A workers?
 - Preliminary work is being done for agriculture workers to be able to fill out forms and get them registered for vaccination appointments.
- Are children able to receive the vaccines?

- Not until studies and science show that the vaccines are safe for children.

CAFE-Alma Chacon, Natalia Garibay and Tona Chacon

- CAFE has provided food distribution, education, food baskets and COVID-19 testing
 - Promoting masking and social distancing
 - Increasing collaboration, coordination and working together.
- Community Services Coalition: To unite with other organizations around COVID communication.
 - The coalition is using Hootboard for communication efforts. Good participation for coalition meetings at 11:00 AM on Wednesday.
- Latinx community: Partnering with Chelan-Douglas Health District, and receiving calls from those in the phase.
 - Appointments available are 100 a day or 500 a week for Latinx community members.

Strategic Planning-All

Final year of the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP). Undergoing strategic planning and future of the organization.

- The CHIs convene, connect and support collaboration and change.
- There are three CHIs in the region: Chelan-Douglas CHI, Grant CHI and Okanogan CHI.

What can the CHI be and what the niche the CHI fills?

- Neutral/collaborative member driven agenda.
- Variety of sectors versus. other meetings that are sector focused.
- Community input/voices from boots on the ground community workers.
- Direction on projects in the community.

Next steps will be looking at successful models across the country and frameworks.

Meeting Adjourned