

Chelan-Douglas Coalition for Health Improvement  
Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 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

- Cambia Funding will help support the Hope Squad in our region.
- For more information about NCACH, visit: [ncach.org](http://ncach.org)

Recap of March 2021 CHI Meeting-Leadership Council

- Community partners have been meeting outside of the CHI meetings to speak about efforts around COVID-19 vaccine efforts. CHI members and others are working on a campaign called Got One? Help One. CAFE presented about communication efforts around the COVID-19 vaccine and how we as a CHI can support them in their efforts.

Success Story-The Little Essential Pantries

The Little Essential Pantries is not a new idea and started in Arkansas. It is a leave what you can and take what you need type of system.

- What difference is it making in the community?
  - According to the stats of Feeding America, this valley is not immune to what the statistics state. There is hunger happening in our community.
  - Strangers coming forward to supply the essential pantries. It is a heartwarming experience and this community cares enough about each other to help others be fed.
- How can people donate?
  - There are 12 pantries where you can drop off your donated items. The United Methodist Church has a warehouse. Anyone can send a check to the community pantry. None of the pantries have ever been empty. There are plans to expand and have more essential pantries.

### Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Awareness-Sage

Victim Advocate, Cristal Gomez at Sage

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

#### Programs provided:

- Domestic Violence Advocacy
- Sexual Assault Advocacy
- Crime Victims Program
- Community Education
- Child Advocacy
- Therapy
- Shelter for Victims that are fleeing Domestic Violence
- Food Bank Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00

Contact for Sage Advocate is 509-663-7446

### Child Sexual Abuse:

Child sexual abuse is a form of child abuse that includes sexual activity with a minor. A child cannot consent to any form of sexual activity. Period.

- Every 73 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted.
- 8 out of 10 sexual assaults are committed by someone who knows the victim.
- 1 out of 10 rape victims are male.

Therapy dogs are requested by victims.

- Hank sits on the couch with the child and detectives and CPs watch live.

Link: [www.rainn.org/articles/child-sexual-abuse](http://www.rainn.org/articles/child-sexual-abuse)

Domestic Violence: Domestic Violence means (a) physical harm, bodily injury,

link: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=26.50.010>

### Child Abuse Awareness-Chelan-Douglas CASA

CASA: Visit children twice a month

- Speak and collaborate with Sage, Catholic Charities, Children's Home Society.
- CASA advocates are the eyes and ears for the children.
- Mandated reporters: School employers, virtual medical appointments
- 0-18 years old. Children can stay in the program until they are 20 years old.

The amount of cases have been lower during the pandemic.

- Substance abuse from parents is over 50% of cases
- Programs are court based

For us we receive our support from community members by doing fundraisers. CASA was unable to hold a fundraiser due to the pandemic. Pinwheel project is a way that the community can support CASA.

- How can the CHI support?
  - Share about the pinwheel project. On Fridays, wear blue for child abuse awareness.

Breakout and Large Group Discussion-**All**

See breakout room document

Meeting Adjourned