

December 22nd, 2023

CAC RESOURCES and OPPORTUNITIES

OHA Medicaid Waiver Evaluation Sessions

Trillium North and Lane CAC members encouraged to attend.

Background: Oregon is required to do an independent evaluation of its Medicaid Waiver. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has contracted with CORE — the Center for Outcomes Research and Education — to develop the evaluation design for the current Medicaid Waiver. The federal government has a list of evaluation requirements, and OHA wants to be sure that the priorities of community partners are also represented in the final evaluation plan.

Invitation for feedback: CORE will be hosting two virtual waiver evaluation feedback sessions for CCO community advisory council members and we'd love to have you join! We'll start with a brief reminder of what's new in this waiver, as well as some background on the evaluation planning process and federal requirements. Then we'll ask what questions or topics YOU think are most important to include when evaluating how the waiver is going and what impact it is having.

Please join the meeting that works best for your calendar:

- January 5, 9–10:30 a.m. Register here: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdumtqTMpG_nJJvPnPf7ZzrXGUKpj9Ns
- January 8, 5–6:30 p.m. Register here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSdemgqz8iE855Y7L78R9ZG4SI6Gpcspk>
- Meetings will be held via Zoom. Live Spanish interpretation and ASL interpretation will be available.
- Consumer CAC members attending either session are eligible to receive a \$25 electronic visa gift card. Staff from CORE will coordinate the distribution of gift cards after each session.

Unable to attend, but want to provide feedback? Email CORE at OR1115WaiverEval@providence.org and we'll follow up in mid-December with materials and instructions for written feedback.

Have questions about the waiver? Email 1115Waiver.Renewal@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

OPPORTUNITIES

Palliative Care Training for CHWs – Register Now

Oregon State University, College of Public Health is offering a continuing education source for community health workers (CHWs) in palliative care. The course begins Jan. 12 and will be co-facilitated between Erin Collins, MNE, RN, CHPN, co-founder and program director, Peaceful Presence Project, and Oralia Mendez, MPH, CHW, director of the CHW Program at OSU.

Details and registration are available [here](#).

This online course provides a continuing education/professional development opportunity for CHWs who have completed entry-level CHW training. It addresses care of the individual and family living with serious illness or nearing the end of life. This course will introduce the end-of-life doula model of care and core principles/domains of palliative care and explore various skills CHWs can incorporate into their work.

This course is open to anyone trained as a traditional health worker (CHW, PHN, PSS, Doula, PWS) and is part of a Cambia Health Foundation Sojourns Scholar project with a goal of increasing access to palliative care in rural Oregon. Residents of Jefferson, Crook, Grant, Wheeler and Harney counties are especially encouraged to apply, and scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Erin Collins | erin@thepeacefulpresenceproject.org

Webinar - Understanding RHC Advocacy and Policy Efforts

Jan. 24, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PST

What you will learn:

This webinar will provide participants with information about current legislative and regulatory policy issues at the national level, and how RHCs can be informed and effective advocates.

About the presenter:

Sarah Hohman, MPH, CRHCP

Director of Government Affairs, NARHC

Sarah is the Director of Government Affairs for the National Association of Rural Health Clinics (NARHC). She leads both regulatory and legislative federal policy efforts for the organization and provides direct technical assistance and education to RHCs across the country. Sarah advocates for reimbursement policies that incentivize and support rural primary care and other health services. Prior to joining NARHC, Sarah worked for the Pennsylvania State Office of Rural Health. She earned her BS in Health Policy and Administration from Penn State University and her Master of Public Health from the Penn State College of Medicine. Sarah resides in Alexandria,

Virginia.

[Register here](#)

If you have any questions please email [Rondyann Gerst](#).

Eugene Relief Nursery – Adult Addictions Peer Support Training

See attached flyer!

When: Monday – Friday 8:00-4:30 pm

Dates: February 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 2024

Location: Held on Zoom

Cost: \$325

Register: Call or email Thalassa Montemurro 541-343-9706 ext 302 or email: thalammm@reliefnursery.org

Relief Nursery's (OHA) Approved Peer Support Specialist training provides the fundamental information needed to work with the substance abuse/ co-occurring disorders population.

Meets the educational requirements for MHACBO and the State of Oregon to be eligible to apply for the Certified Recovery Mentor.

Attendees must be a self-identified person in recovery from a Substance Use Disorder for Certification of Completion otherwise participation available.