

CJP Community Forum: Health Goal

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Meeting Notes

Attendees (in person)

- Brendon Haggerty - project staff
- Tim Lynch - project staff
- Kirsten Aird - Public Health
- Simone Crowe - Centennial Community Resilience Network
- Danny Cage - MESD
- Melanie Platt - OPSR

Attendees (online)

- Jairaj Singh - project staff
- Monique Smiley - project staff
- Nsilo Berry - Mult Co REACH
- Renee Huizinga - Chair's Office
- Barbara Snow - MultCo Behavioral Health / NAACP EJ Committee
- Jeremy O'Leary - Mult Co IT
- Diane Meisenhelter - Extinction Rebellion
- Michaela McCormick - Extinction Rebellion
- Amy Rathfelder - NW Natural
- Diala Villavicena- Community member, UO graduate
- Gayle Palmer - Thrive East PDX / Community Resilience
- Kate Murphy - Columbia Riverkeepers
- Norika Yamaguchi - Phd Student in Community Health at PSU, East Portland resident
- Denise - Rooted in Natural Healthcare
- Xitlali Torres - Verde
- Babs V - Community member
- Karen Wolfgang - CO2 Foundation

Overview on Mult Co's existing work on this goal

- Kate - What is the collaboration among the County/OHA/City/Regulators on how we are reducing harm that is already happening and how we are engaging in prevention policy making? Industry is really good at finding loopholes to navigate that
 - Oregon is a decentralized system and there is opportunity beyond information sharing and stronger collaboration. OHA is overseen by the governor and it's important when community calls out and asks elected officials – it's not always easy to get at that table

Outcome Metrics

- Melanie - it seems like metrics do not focus a lot on process
- Noriko - There were a lot of indicators in the EJ Snapshot and how will those be in the CJP? (ie cancer mobile sources for air toxics).

- Noriko - From a mitigation standpoint, does OHA or Mult Co require any sort of measurements of decarbonization in the health system? To reach net zero, the health system also needs to decarbonize.
- Danny - Asked about HB4077 and if the County has been involved with the state EJ mapping indicators process. He said more rural counties have been involved. Brendon and Tim said we are involved at the state level with this.
- Barb - Obtaining data from CCO's and healthshare - using data from people we contract with
- Jeremy - Given the fluid nature of current events and how climate change will be impacting us, should we include tracking quality of health insurance and accessibility to health care? Example with extreme weather disasters and insurance companies pulling out - I don't have a strategy but it will be a priority to track.
- Noriko - how many providers are accessing and sharing climate related services to medicaid patients?

Strategies

- Xitlali - highlighting the importance of mutual aid in these strategies and also understanding that data can be undercounted. When it comes to access in healthcare and hospitals, undocumented folks do not have that access and are at risk of deportation.
- Michaela - all of the strategies included in this plan are vital and we know the government is limited by budget constraints. How is the County considering funding strategies?
- Danny - climate change strategies is also a movement led by the community and using resources like PCEF and continuing that model.
- Diane - Incorporate the HEART standards into all policies and requirements
- Melanie - in prioritizing these strategies, you could group them into what the county is doing (ie woodsmoke season + health literacy). Making sure we don't do these strategies as standalones
- Noriko - climate related health services within the healthcare system? Brendon - yes we have a contract with OHA that provides resources to medicaid patients but it's not in the private health system. The eligibility requirements are very narrow and could be expanded
- Kate - how can we capture the entire population? These issues often feel segregated and identify disparities among different indicators.
- Simone - we need a large network of hubs to support with preparation and post disaster - needing third spaces that impact folks' health. Connecting with equity economic opportunity groups who are working with BIPOC small businesses.
- Simone - it would be great for PCEF to fund some of these strategies. Their grants are very narrow and there could be advocacy opportunities to expand these funds.