

Innovator Agent Update for IHN Regional Community Advisory Council (September 9th, 2019)

- The latest CCO 2.0 information can be located at:
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPB/Pages/CCO-2-0-Contract-Selection.aspx>

A CCO 2.0 Stakeholder Webinar was held on August 22nd to share the latest information about CCOs that will serve OHP members beginning January of 2020. See the recording of the webinar at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1G2TQWrqFYY> and review a Getting Ready for CCO 2.0 Frequently Asked Questions document here:
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPB/CCODocuments/Stakeholder%20One-Page%20082219.pdf>

The Readiness Review process for CCO 2.0 continues with each CCO hosting full day sessions with Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) as an independent contractor. IHN had their Readiness Review Session with HSAG on August 26th.

Community Engagement sessions required to be held by each CCO-awardee by December 1st are now being planned. IHN has scheduled 3 sessions (one/county) at the following dates and times:

September 23rd, 12:30-1:30 pm, Center for Health Education, Newport
October 8th, 11-noon, Linn County Expo Center, Albany
November 13th, 1-2 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis

- Oregon was highlighted in a recent publication of the National Academy for State Health Policy as one of two states who are establishing new requirements for hospitals to invest a minimum amount of their community health benefit funding in local projects. Read more at this link: <https://nashp.org/oregon-and-connecticut-hold-hospitals-accountable-for-meaningful-community-benefit-investment/>
- OHA will conduct a Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) process and public engagement opportunity for rules related to Behavioral Health on **September 16-18th**, 2019. OHA is still seeking members for this RAC process; prospective members can request to be included up to September 15th by e-mailing bhrulemaking@dhsoha.state.or.us
More details are available at the specific web page for these rules at <https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/HSD/Pages/RAC.aspx>
- OHA has updated their (FAQ) document on “public charge” to reflect the pending new Federal rule. Public Charge or the “public charge test” is proposed to be used by immigration officials to determine whether a person can enter the United States to get Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status. The FAQ document is currently available in English; more languages will be available as they are added.
<https://apps.state.or.us/Forms/Served/he3281.pdf>

- OHA has released a new Health Related Services (HRS) and Housing Guidance document. The guidance focuses on how housing-related services and supports can qualify as health-related services under requirements in the Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The document can be downloaded at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/dsi-tc/Documents/Health-Related-Services-Guide-Housing.pdf>. Additional HRS information and resources can be found on the Oregon Health Authority (OHA)'s HRS website at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/dsi-tc/Pages/Health-Related-Services.aspx>
- The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs are touring the state to solicit input from communities across Oregon regarding veterans' behavioral health needs and services. CCOs, as an important part of regional health systems have been encouraged to participate. The Legislature has invested \$3.1 million over two biennia toward veterans' behavioral health OHA and OCVA dedicated a portion of the funding to commission a needs-assessment study to identify challenges and opportunities for reforms. The resulting study, written by the Portland-based consulting firm Rede Group, is now available here: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/AMH/Documents/Veterans%20Behavioral%20Health%20Services%20Improvement%20Study%20Report.pdf>

The report, the Oregon Veterans' Behavioral Health Services Improvement Study:

- Describes the availability of behavioral health services for Oregon veterans.
- Provides findings about barriers veterans face in accessing behavioral health services.
- Recommends policy and other changes that may improve the accessibility and quality of behavioral health services for Oregon veterans.

The recommendations include proposed steps to strengthen services and outreach for veterans, including:

1. Reduce stigma about behavioral health issues to help more veterans feel comfortable seeking care.
2. Strengthen suicide-prevention programs.
3. Improve care coordination for veterans and tailor services to better address the experiences of those who have served in the military.
4. Expand the number of peer specialists who have their own first-hand knowledge of veterans' issues and can provide effective support.
5. Recruit more treatment providers to serve veterans.

- A middle-aged Oregon resident who died during July from lung disease tied to vaping. The Oregon death is one of just two in the country connected to e-cigarettes amid an outbreak of 215 cases of severe lung disease in 25 states. Many cases have been linked to vaping oils that contain THC, the psychoactive component of marijuana that gives people a high. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) learned of the death in August, at least 19 days after the person died. Medical experts don't know what's causing the illnesses, with theories ranging from bootleg products to low-quality e-cigarette cartridges to Vitamin E oils. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is coordinating a national investigation into the illnesses and deaths.