

# Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties Health Care Integration Work Group Meeting Minutes

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| <b>MEETING COMMENCED</b>         | 9:30 am, February 13, 2024<br>Online Via Zoom   |
| <b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>         | Deanna Barclay  |
| <b>WORKGROUP MEMBERS PRESENT</b> | Andrea Bartell, Amy Bliege, Carolyn Black, Monica Boylan, Roslyn Burmood, Barbara Christianson, Mandy Clark, Karol Elizondo, Annie Gottfried, Mike Jerpbak, Misha Mayers, Miranda Miller, Barb Pool, Gavin Shumate, Georgia Smith, Paul Smith |
| <b>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>     | Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Jinguang Lin, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz, Kelly Schell, Leanne Trask  |
| <b>RECORDED</b>                  | Yes   |

## Agenda Topics

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| <b>Discussion Item</b>                   | Welcome and Introductions |
| Workgroup members introduced themselves. |                           |

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| <b>Discussion Item</b>   | Raise Up Oregon 2.0: System Goal 2, Objective 5, Strategy 5.4<br>“Support Connect Oregon statewide.” |
| <p>1) What does “supporting” Connect Oregon mean?</p> <p>2) What specific obstacles do we have to supporting Connect Oregon?</p> <p>3) What benefits do we get from supporting Connect Oregon?</p> <p>Unite Us – Workgroup questions and concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to get a license?</li> <li>• How to use the program?</li> <li>• Not all organizations have the Internal capacity to use it (Scope, Scale, and Fit). Will there be funding for small organizations to increase staff time to use Unite Us? Especially in organizations that run off of volunteers.</li> <li>• Will the software be helpful for small programs?</li> <li>• Concerns about big data systems. Investments in training and technical support in the future.</li> <li>• So many referrals are already through other platforms. Many organizations have built their own referral systems.</li> <li>• How will Unite Us align with Epic and OCHEN? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They are separate systems that require data entry into both systems. There is no bidirectional use at this time. This is a big frustration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It won't work unless everyone is on it. However, there are a lot of barriers and</li> </ul> |  |

minimal incentives for its use.

- If the client could create an account and then select the services they're looking for, it would make it less daunting on the services side.
- Nurses and WIC staff do not have direct access to Unite Us. More licenses are needed, so all relevant staff must be able to send referrals.
- Navigating Unite Us is difficult. It is hard to find agencies to refer to. It is not searchable by location or agency name. Categories are not well-defined enough. Some overlap and some are too broad.
- Classes and workshops are not easy to list in Unite Us.
- Could something be "pitched" to the legislature? Businesses have requirements to meet. What if one of those requirements is that certain types of business organizations must be in that system?
- Unite Us does not track Social Determinants of Health

Unite Us Provides:

- Closed loop referrals
- Connection to Health Care

The 1115 waiver is the official agreement approved by the federal government that allows the state of Oregon to set its own Medicaid rules.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/OHP-Waiver.aspx>

The waiver requires a social needs questionnaire. There are still questions about who this waiver applies to and which agency is most appropriate to help a family complete it.

IHN is trying to get the waiver system built into Unite Us. That is in the process but not yet available.

Joyce Stone from Unite Us will attend our meeting next month to answer these questions and respond to the concerns of the workgroup. Contact Joyce Stone, Unite Us Community Engagement Manager, at 503-437-5129, [joyce.stone@uniteus.com](mailto:joyce.stone@uniteus.com).

| Discussion Item | Pollywog Update  |
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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corvallis Area Resource Event (CARE) – Tuesday, Sep. 17, from 10- 2:00pm at the Benton County Public Library Garage. Looking for partners to table</li><li>• Lincoln County Family Fest – Saturday, Mar. 16, from 1-4:00pm at the Newport Recreation Center. Looking for partners to table</li></ul> |



| Next Meeting      | 9:30 am, March 12, 2024, Online Via Zoom |
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| Meeting Adjourned | 10:51 am                                 |