



North Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Minutes

January 23, 2017

Meeting Location: Columbia Gorge Community College, 400 East Scenic Drive

Dial-In option: 888-251-2909

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10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Committee Members in attendance

Mike McArthur, convener

Ken Bailey, Orchard View Farms

Keith Mobley

Maui Meyer

Andrea Klaas

Gary Thompson

Rod Runyon

Amanda Hoey

Celeste Hill-Thomas

Steve Lawrence

Frank Toda

Scott Reynier

Staff in attendance

Nate Stice

Presentation on new community health assessment

- John Huffman, outreach coordinator for the Mid Columbia Medical Center, and Coco Yackley of the Columbia Gorge Coordinated Care Organization, offered the attached presentation on the most recent community health assessment. <http://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/regional-solutions/Documents/North%20Central/2017.01.23%20North%20Central%20Meeting%20Materials.pdf>
- Conversation with the advisory committee focused on how Regional Solutions can engage with the CCO and use the data in the community health assessment.

Legislative Session Preview

- Kate Sinner, deputy legislative director to Governor Kate Brown, joined the conversation to discuss the upcoming legislative session. She spoke about the \$1.7 billion dollar budget shortfall as the biggest challenge during the session. She spoke about the Governor's top priorities for the session in creating a thriving statewide economy and supporting Oregon's kids.



- State Representative John Huffman offered his thoughts on the session. He spoke about the budget challenges with overall costs growing. He highlighted the issue by talking about the education budget, which the current co-chairs budget suggests increasing in overall dollar value but falls short of current service levels.
- Nate Stice offered a quick update on RS projects. The governor's budget recommends \$11 million in funding the Regional Infrastructure Fund.

Member appointment

- The committee will need to reappoint and add new members at its next meeting.

Roundtable for advisory committee members on regional activities

- Amanda Hoey spoke about activity moving through the attainable housing revolving loan fund. Several applications have moved through the fund, and there are many more applications.
- Andrea Klaas spoke about Gorgeous Night out, an advocacy day and reception in Salem.
- Celeste-Hill Thomas spoke about her work with the non-profit association of Oregon on equity and inclusion and the hospital's expansion program.
- Tyler Stone spoke about the county's review of its comprehensive plan, which will be about a 5 year process.
- Frank Toda spoke about work the college is doing to reach out to communities and spoke about efforts to connect high school students into health care training.
- Steve Lawrence spoke about The Dalles' work to finish the Dog River pipeline and several other water issues.
- Maui Meyer gave an update on housing efforts in Hood River.
- Gary Thompson spoke about Sherman County's ground breaking for their new courthouse wing and their fiber project being completed to Grass Valley.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.