



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee (MHDDAC) Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2025, from 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm

Present: *not present

Committee Members:	Staff:	Guests/Presenters:
*Megan Ramos – Chair	Mary Starrett	Jeanne McCarty
Patrice Qualman – Vice Chair	Jason Henness	
*Pauline Metoxen	Stacey Toliver	
Christopher Nickell	Traci Dawson	
Robert Naylor	Charlotte Tong	
Diana Fidler	Lisa Dillman	
*Chris Brame		

Welcome, Attendance & Announcements

- Patrice brought the meeting to order and invited everyone to introduce themselves and share any announcements or updates.
 - **Patrice** shared information regarding training that is available across five counties.
 - **Jeanne** called attention to, and urged the use of, the Advocating for Loved Ones During a Crisis booklet that was developed and paid for by a YCCO grant.
 - **Diana** shared that fewer people are coming to NAMI meetings. In an effort to increase engagement, a Game Night has been planned for October, which will be supported by Bethany of the YCHHS crisis team.
 - **Jason** shared that the county received a donation of a golf cart, which will be used to do outreach for people in McMinnville who may be in crisis or needing to connect with our behavioral health programs. The project, and guidelines for staff use of the golf cart, are currently being developed.
 - **Mary** discussed an effort to better inform government officials regarding the rates of completed suicides involving firearms. She also shared an effort being underway to grow OSU outreach efforts for kids in foster care settings who are experiencing mental health issues.

- Previous minutes – Voted on and approved.

Nominations for Chair & Vice Chair

- Traci briefly discussed the need for volunteers for committee chair & vice-chair positions in order to give the current members a break from these roles. There were no new volunteers. The current chair and vice-chair are both willing to remain in these positions due to nobody expressing interest in either role.

Ideas for engaging and inviting new committee members

- Discussion tabled.

CCBHC Community Needs Assessment

- Traci presented on the purpose of this needs assessment and explained that it helps YCHHS target the priority populations and the most critical needs. A handout with questions was given to committee members to take a minute to review and then discuss responses as a group. Traci also informed members that they were welcome to write their responses and submit them privately.

- Questions from the Community Needs Assessment:

1. What are the top 3 social drivers of health that you see as issues in our community?

Poverty and Employment

Food Insecurity

Interpersonal Safety and Community Violence

Housing Insecurity & Houselessness

Transportation Barriers

Utility Needs and Climate Supports

Insurance Status

- Traci clarified that we should think about what people need to live their best lives. A discussion was held around the topic of interpersonal safety and community violence. It was pointed out that person-to-person crimes are the 2nd most prevalent type of crime in Yamhill County. Additional discussion was held regarding insurance status and recent, as well as potential future, changes to Medicaid. Jason shared some information as to the potential impact on the county's 2026 behavioral health services budget.

2. In each of these areas, what needs do you see in our community?

- a. Mental Health: The group discussed the need for outreach to individuals who are homeless & struggling with mental health issues, as well as the impact of cell phone use by youth and the value of new laws mandating reduced use of cell phones in public schools.
- b. Substance Use Disorders and Co-occurring Disorders: The committee had a robust discussion about the long-term effects of THC on adolescents, concerns regarding lack of treatment engagement by adolescents, the value in having providers prepared to do co-occurring treatment, and the need for housing that promotes low-barrier and harm-reduction strategy models. Someone shared a new transportation resource for healthcare appointments (Uber Health). Jeanne reported that the CCO identified the primary groups most affected by dual diagnosis issues to be individuals 5 years & under and those 65 & older.
- c. Physical Health and Behavioral Health: It was noted that, despite the efforts of the last 10 plus years with federally recognized Patient-Centered Primary Care Home Programs (PCPCH) models, Primary Care Providers need more training to identify and provide meaningful interventions for people presenting with behavioral health issues in primary care. It was also shared that there is a notable gap in training for Developmental Disability Providers and Mental Health Providers in treating the mental health needs of the DD population. Trainings on

this, as well as treatment of mental health needs for aging populations, have been coordinated and scheduled by YCCO for treatment providers.

3. What unmet language needs in our community do you see?

- The committee discussed issues related to parents experiencing shame when their children are presenting with mental health issues. The treatment for children with early-onset mental illness is a highly specialized service. The group briefly discussed the effects of normalizing mental health issues among adolescents.

Review Critical Incidents/Complaints

- Lisa explained the process for reviewing incidents and seeking input or recommendations from the group that may help contribute to system changes.

- **Critical Incidents:**

1. Feb. 2025 – Attempted Suicide: A case involving a youth swallowing a “month’s supply” of medications.

Discussion: Question was asked about providing the age of the youth in the summary. Traci explained the need to de-identify the summaries to avoid inadvertent disclosure.

Recommendations: None.

2. April 2025 – Attempted Suicide: Individual crashed their car in an attempt to commit suicide.

Discussion: Question was asked about follow-up with the client following their emergency room admission. Jason shared the standard outreach process and follow-up offered/attempted by the crisis team in these types of cases.

Recommendations: None.

3. April 2025 – Danger to Health & Safety: Youth wielded what appeared to be a BB gun during a home visit.

Discussion: Discussion about home visits, staff safety, and whether these home visits are a required component of treatment. Jason shared that this particular home visit was required, including some general information about why this is sometimes the case.

Recommendations: None.

4. May 2025 – Police Intervention: Client was escalating during a treatment appointment that involved transportation by a treatment team provider.

Discussion: Some clarification was provided regarding current processes for navigating situations in which a client is escalating while being transported by a treatment provider.

Recommendations: None.

- **Complaints:**

1. Mar. 2025 – Client Rights: Individual submitted a complaint that stated their right to confidentiality had been violated.

Discussion: None.

Recommendations: None.

2. April 2025 – Provider Bias: A complaint was submitted regarding a client feeling like there were double standards in attendance rules for one of the groups they were attending.
Discussion: A brief discussion was held regarding attendance rules and the importance of this being followed on both ends. It was shared that there was follow up with the named staff after receiving this complaint.
Recommendations: None.

3. June 2025 – Lack of Communication/Coordination Among Providers: A client’s parent submitted a complaint about the lack of communication surrounding grant-funded resources.
Discussion: It was shared that there was follow up with the parent regarding the situation described in the complaint and efforts that will be made in the future to help prevent this from happening again. Potential solutions for providing support where it had been missed was also discussed with the parent.
Recommendations: None.

NEXT MEETING: December 2, 2025