



CPAA Council Meeting Summary: January 12, 2017

Welcome and Introductions

The January 12 Council meeting of the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance was held at Summit Pacific Medical Center in Elma, WA. The goals of the meeting were to review the updated Fund Development Decision Tree, discuss the CPAA Governance Structure and LLC development, discuss the Medicaid Demonstration Transformation Project Toolkit, and learn about the opioid crisis. CHOICE Executive Director, Winfried Danke, began the meeting by sharing some good news:

- The Special Terms & Conditions for the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration have been signed. That means the clock is now ticking on the five years to accomplish the work.
- The Cambia Health Foundation has granted the CPAA \$87,500 for the Youth Behavioral Health Coordination Pilot Project.
- The Anthem Foundation has granted the CPAA \$10,000 to support the shared learning sessions in the monthly Council meetings.

Review Updated Fund Development Decision Tree

The Council agreed by consensus to approve the Fund Development Decision Tree document, which had been reviewed at the December Council meeting, and updated by staff and the Support Team.

The group then used the document to walk through the [Washington State Frontiers of Innovation First 1,000 Days opportunity](#). The Letter of Intent (LOI) for beginning the process is due on January 31, 2017. Staff had stopped at the first bullet of Threshold Criteria Level One with the question of whether pursuing this opportunity would strengthen partnerships in the region or cause competition or divisiveness between CPAA partners.

There are other coalitions in the region thinking of submitting an LOI, so more conversations need to happen before the CPAA decides whether to move forward, especially with partners in Pacific County and Cowlitz County. In conjunction with those specific conversations, the Council agreed that staff should discuss the opportunity with the ACEs work group and the CPAA Support Team and continue to use the Decision Tree document to decide whether to submit an LOI.

CPAA Governance Structure

A governance work group made up of CHOICE Board members and CPAA Council members has been working to develop an LLC structure for the CPAA, in response to the Health Care Authority's requirement for receiving federal Medicaid Transformation Demonstration funding. The group worked with an attorney to draft an Operating Agreement. The timeline is to fully approve and adopt the LLC



structure by the end of February, as the legal entity formation of ACHs is a very high priority for the state in getting the Demonstration up and running.

Members of the Governance work group presented each section of the draft LLC Operating Agreement to the whole group, including the proposed Organizational Chart for the CPAA showing how the CPAA ACH LLC Board, the CHOICE Board, and the CPAA Council all relate to each other. The regional CPAA Council will remain in existence and continue to set the strategic direction for the CPAA, continue to provide shared learning, and continue to guard the intent of the Regional Health Improvement Plan. The LLC Board will provide the legally binding decision-making, with transparency and built-in checks so that the Board and Council are incentivized to remain in alignment. The directors on the LLC Board will have a legally binding fiduciary responsibility to the LLC.

Next Steps:

Council members are asked to submit comments on the governance structure and draft LLC Operating Agreement by **Friday, January 20, 2017**, so that the Support Team and staff can incorporate suggestions and prepare to finalize and approve the Operating Agreement at the February Council meeting.

The Work Ahead

Staff shared how the Health Care Authority's Demonstration Project Toolkit aligns with the Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP) by using the [CPAA RHIP Compass document embedded with Project Toolkit strategies](#).

Staff also developed a [Transformation Project Toolkit Snapshot document](#), which summarizes each of the three domains of the Project Toolkit. The group used this snapshot document to walk through each of the domains, which include two required projects for ACHs and two projects from lists of optional strategies. The group then discussed their immediate questions and considerations which were recorded and collected by CPAA staff.

The group then broke up into small table groups to have deeper discussions about Project 3A: Addressing the Opioid Use Public Health Crisis. This was an opportunity to briefly explore how these projects may actually look when implemented in the CPAA's local communities.

Next Steps:

Council Members asked to submit further comments to CHOICE staff by **Friday, January 20, 2017**. Staff will work with the Support Team to draft and submit a comment letter to the Health Care Authority by February 2, 2017.

Shared Learning: Why the Opioid Crisis Matters

Sara Multanen-Karr from [Evergreen Treatment Services \(ETS\)](#) gave some background information about the organization, and introduced their client and guest speaker, Lindze. Lindze shared her story of being



personally affected by opioid addiction, how ETS helped her get back on her feet, and helped answer why addressing the opioid crisis is an important priority.

Miscellaneous

Council members provided feedback on the Council meeting:

- The 10 minute break in the middle of the meeting was much appreciated.
- The group appreciated the way the work group members broke up the Operating Agreement so the document was easier to understand.
- One Council member suggested having a personal client/service recipient story at every shared learning session.

Next Steps and Important Dates

- Council members should submit their comments and questions about the draft LLC Operating Agreement to CHOICE staff by **Friday, January 20, 2017**.
- Council members should submit their comments and questions about the Medicaid Transformation Project Toolkit to CHOICE staff by **Friday, January 20, 2017**.
- The next ACEs Work Group Meeting is on **Wednesday, January 25, 2017; 1:00PM-4:00PM** in Lacey, WA. Please email Laura Spoor at SpoorL@crhn.org if you would like to attend.
- The next Care Coordination Work Group Meeting is on **Friday, February 3, 2017; 1:00PM-4:00PM** in Olympia, WA. Please contact Justin Wagaman at WagamanJ@crhn.org if you would like to attend.
- The next CPAA Council Meeting will be **February 9, 2017; 1:00PM-4:00PM** at Summit Pacific Medical Center.