



Executive Committee Meeting Packet

August 27, 2020 at 9:00 am

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**Next OCWCOG
Executive Committee
Meeting: October 22, 2020**

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**OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
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An Executive Session may be called as deemed necessary by the Chair, pursuant to ORS 192.660.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (Chair Biff Traber)
(9:00 – 9:05 am)

2. **Approval of Minutes from previous meetings** (Chair Biff Traber)
(9:05 – 9:10 am)
Approval of June 25, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes (Page 4).
ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes from June 25, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.

3. **Approval of Consent Calendar items** (Chair Biff Traber)
(9:10 – 9:15 am)
 - CWCDC Board Nomination (Page 9)
 - 2021 OCWCOG Meeting Calendar (Page 12)**ACTION: Motion to approve Consent Agenda items.**

4. **Executive Director Update** (Executive Director, Ryan Vogt)
(9:15 – 9:25 am)
ACTION: No action, information only.

5. **IT Build** (TSOD John Haytas)
(9:25 – 9:40 am)
ACTION: No action, information only.

MEMBER GOVERNMENTS — COUNTIES: Benton, Lincoln, and Linn **CITIES:** Adair Village, Albany, Brownsville, Corvallis, Depoe Bay, Halsey, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Lincoln City, Lyons, Millersburg, Monroe, Newport, Philomath, Scio, Siletz, Sweet Home, Tangent, Toledo, Waldport, Yachats **OTHER:** Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Port of Newport

6. **Update on Budget supplemental related items: FEMA, CARES Act, IT Budget** (Finance Director, Sue Forty)
(9:40 – 9:50 am)

ACTION: No action, information only.

7. **Program Updates** (Program Directors)
(9:50 – 10:05 am)

CED Program Update, Page 13; SDS \$BM Program Update, Page 15

ACTION: No action, information only.

8. **Other Business** (Chair Biff Traber)
(10:05 – 10:15 am)

ACTION: No action, information only.

9. **Adjournment**
(10:15 am)

**OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Via Zoom Audio / Video Conference
June 25, 2020**

MEMBERS: Commissioner Claire Hall, Lincoln County; Commissioner Pat Malone, Benton County; Mayor Sharon Konopa, City of Albany; Mayor Jim Lepin, City of Millersburg; and Mayor Biff Traber, City of Corvallis.

STAFF: Finance Director, Sue Forty; Technology and Services Operations Director, John Haytas; Human Resource Manager, Ryan Schulze; Senior and Disabilities Services Director, Randi Moore; Transportation Manager, Nick Meltzer; and Executive Assistant, Kathleen Codinha.

PUBLIC: Ryan Vogt

Chair Mayor Biff Traber called the June 25, 2020 meeting of the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments' (OCWCOG) Executive Committee to order at 9:02 am via Zoom®.

1. Welcome and Introductions

After calling the meeting to order, Chair Traber said there was no need for introductions since this meeting followed another meeting with the same attendees.

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Chair Traber called for a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Session of the Executive Committee on May 21, 2020. Commissioner Claire Hall moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Pat Malone. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

3. Executive Director Update

The first update from Chair Traber was in regards to the ongoing merger discussions with Community Services Consortium (CSC). They were meeting every other week to collaborate on steps forward and had received bids from consultants to manage the merger process. There was significant progress with very productive meetings, even in the early stages of the *COVID-19* period. However, over time it became evident that things were slowing down so Mayor Traber called to address how to move things forward with Pegge McGuire and Martha Lyons at CSC.

Both Pegge and Martha expressed how swamped they have been with all the incoming *COVID-19* funding for housing and food assistance. Due to this increased level of activity, CSC proposed to pause planning and discussions through the summer. Mayor Traber also informed them Ryan Vogt would be joining OCWCOG mid-July as the Executive Director and thought it might be beneficial to wait for him to come on board. Deciding to postpone merger planning until September gives both CSC and OCWCOG a chance to work through *COVID-19* related issues and allows OCWCOG time to work through management changes.

Commissioner Malone asked if a consultant will be hired to assist in the process once discussions pick up again in the fall. Chair Traber replied that is still the plan; they would need to get updated Request for Information (RFI) quotes which would be handled by Ryan Vogt to move forward with. Commissioner Malone stated his concern about losing momentum. Chair Traber reiterated that both CSC and OCWCOG are very committed to this merger.

The next topic of discussion was Phil Warnock's leave of absence. There was nothing new to add. An Executive Session was suggested if anyone wanted more details; no one did.

Chair Traber welcomed Ryan Vogt and asked if anyone had questions for him. Mr. Vogt encouraged members and employees to reach out to him with any comments or questions before he came on board as the Executive Director on July 15, 2020. Finance Director Sue Forty mentioned upcoming meetings on the coast with community members. She requested that Technology and Service Operations Director (TSOD) John Haytas set up an Outlook email and calendar account for Mr. Vogt immediately so his calendar could be populated with these coastal visitations and other meetings.

ACTION: TSOD John Haytas to set up Mr. Vogt's Outlook account.

4. Open Technology Positions Update

John Haytas discussed opening an expert level position to support the server infrastructure. There is currently an open requisition for an expert Network Support Engineer and Security. Two entry level positions have closed and once the applications have been screened, interviews will be scheduled.

Finance Director Forty asked if he wanted to elaborate on the infrastructure issues that OCWCOG is currently experiencing. She thought the Executive Committee should know about the Technology related challenges the department is facing and how that could translate to expenditures in the near future.

John explained what he calls "the technical debt" which has accrued over the past 10 – 15 years that includes a Human Resource component and he is in the process of correcting. Information Technology (IT) is currently very short staffed: there are only two technicians to support a three county area. That is inadequate to provide services. From a hardware and technology perspective, the OCWCOG network has been neglected over a long period of time and as a result, failures in hardware and network connectivity make it challenging to maintain services for remote staff.

Over the next several months a network modernization will be taking place by looking at cabling in the building, replacing firewalls, switches, and taking a comprehensive look at all infrastructures and put a plan together to make it modern, and to meet the needs of the Agency as well as customers. That is just the beginning. John will be putting together documentation with justifications to look at from a common perspective that will lay out the benefits. That will be available for review and discussion in the coming weeks.

Chair Traber pointed out one of the major benefits to the Agency would be avoiding the Virtual Private Network (VPN) going down as was experienced a few weeks ago in the afternoon. It's a critical element for teleworking during these times of the pandemic.

John stated his team has done a wonderful job and are very dedicated; he wants to assure they don't get burned out from excessive overtime. He doesn't want to sacrifice his staff, or services to the community. He emphasized his intent to build upon the existing team, while adding infrastructure, and perhaps modifying the business model to support member Governments.

5. Update on FEMA and CARES

Finance Director Forty said the OCWCOG has applied to both FEMA and CARES. As of May 15, 2020, \$70K has been billed to the FEMA grant. Outside of those program dollars, there have

been building modifications to install more touchless processes such as doors, new touchless drinking fountains that have water bottle filling stations, motion sensed water facets in the kitchen, and hot water pots in the kitchens. There are some security related things that can be billed back to FEMA until the fall. The safety of employees is a number one priority.

Senior and Disability Services Director, Randi Moore gave the next update in regards to the CARES Act. There have been a significant increase in funding due to Oregon Project Independence (OPI) and Older Americans Act (OAA). She is using the OAA funds where appropriate and then looking to FEMA to cover expenses without double dipping. She hopes to do a lot of work with community partners such as Lumina Hospice in Benton County. They have some powerful tools for a remote family care giver for the next couple of months and the OCWCOG is looking to contract with them to provide technology in the form of i-pads. She is looking at new and exciting ways to support the vulnerable populations.

Commissioner Pat Malone asked if there have been more discussions about office space at OCWCOG and what the current needs are. Chair Traber said the majority of employees are teleworking, and most likely not moving back into the office once the pandemic is over. This has eased up a lot of space. There's some work going on to see what a shareable drop-in office looks like as opposed to each employee having their own permanent space. This is currently being worked out with the Union.

Finance Director Forty laid out some of the changes in the General Administration (GA) offices that will be used as a starting model of shareable workspace for the organization. They have turned the former Executive Director office into a four person drop-in office. They will each have a work surface and will communicate with one another which day of the week they plan to physically be in the office to avoid contact with others being there on the same day. That has freed up a different office to become a small conference room specific for giving interviews and other GA meetings. During the move, a problem was discovered that some filing cabinets only had one lock in common areas. Since then they have identified how to secure files in a better way to make sure information is more secure. They will be hiring a space planner to look at the Agency as a whole and how to best co-mingle on-site staff with teleworkers. The Union has been asking for the capability of employees to telework and now it will be better than originally planned.

TSOD Haytas said *COVID-19* has shed light on the standard work process: it used to be a paper centric work flow, but now teleworking is much more electronic and not reliant on so much paper. Employees have gotten creative by using email, file transfers, or working off the file server which means IT will need to be able to support that from a technology process. The challenge is putting systems in place to support this new normal.

Commissioner Malone asked if the modifications will bring adequate office space moving forward. Chair Traber replied that the need for additional space was greatly reduced when employees began teleworking and the need to look at a larger office space and action to move on it quickly diminished. Once Ryan Vogt joins the Agency in July, he can further look into this. At the beginning of the year, the OCWCOG was looking into two big ticket space solutions: either Mega Foods or using the lot next to the building to build additional space but those are off the table for now.

Finance Director Forty added that's the reason they're hiring a space planner: to come up with non-traditional ways of utilizing the space to make it more efficient. Being forced into this situation due to *COVID-19* has been a blessing to show that teleworking is a viable option.

6. Program Updates

Transportation Manager Nick Meltzer said the Community Economic Development (CED) applied for \$375K of non-competitive supplemental funding from the CARES Act for a non-development district. They expect to hear whether that was granted shortly. It would enable them to hire an Economic Recovery Officer for the region, and also provide some money for local communities and sub-regions to recover from the pandemic. Sandra Easdale also submitted a request for \$750,000 under the CARES Act to increase her revolving loan fund, which was also non-competitive. They continue to track stimulus bills to see what it means for the region. Congressman Defazio put out his framework for the transportation bill since he is the Chair of the Transportation Infrastructure Committee. It is being tracked internally. Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) supplied a letter of support to continue expansion.

From a Programmatic Update they continue to expand. They finished round one of interviews for a Coastal Planner with second interviews of the final candidates later that day. The hope is to have that person in place by July. The Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) person, Dana Nichols, resigned and will be leaving at the end of June. Interviews to replace that position will begin on June 29th. It's a good time to be hiring; both positions yielded 15 applications. They continue to get request for work from several communities which could lead to hiring an additional staff member.

Hwy 99W Transit Feasibility Study has initial results and more substantial updates will be brought to the next board meeting. The question it asks is, "do we want the operative transit on 99W from Junction City to McMinnville?"

They are making progress on the web design for the seamless transit project and hope to have it in place by end of July. They look to do more procurement this summer and have mobile ticketing in place by October.

SDS Director Moore had updates with good news. Five years ago they went through a scary budget crunch because of the way the State allocated funds for Adult Protective Services (APS) and they thought the program would be cut. Due to the response of member governments and elected representatives rallying behind this cause, they were able to hold on to needed funds. During the five years that followed, there has been an increase of investigations by 30%. A couple of weeks ago on a statewide call with District and Program Managers from all agencies dedicated to aging services, the State called out this region as the exemplary model of what APS should look like, with a 99% timely report in rating. So to go from possibly losing funds to being highlighted as exemplary performance, SDS Director Moore gave accolades to all the APS Supervisors that put in a lot of time, hand holding, training, and dedication to make that happen.

Stand by Me (*\$BM*) is a financial empowerment program that was created in Delaware and trying to be replicated in Oregon. They've been working on this for a couple of months without gaining a lot of traction. Within the next couple of weeks five people will be trained in the model, but they won't all be coaches. She will have a part time *\$BM* coach with Benton County long term care community staff members. She is also working with the County Veterans Services Office as well as the Samaritan Veterans Services Coordinator and the CSC Veteran Coordinator to add a Veterans specific embedded coach. Trying to develop a relationship with Early Learning COG as there could be a Veteran Coach there. The goal is to have three embedded coaches within Benton County and see forward movement in that program.

7. **Other Business**

No other business.

8. **Adjournment**

Chair Traber adjourned at 9:50 am.

Meeting minutes taken by Kathleen Codinha.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2020

TO: OCWCOG Executive Committee

FROM: Randi Moore, Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Director

RE: Cascades West Community Development Corporation Board Nominations

I am pleased to submit the following candidates for your consideration for appointment to the Cascades West Community Development Corporation (CWCDC) Board.

Stephany Koehne, Linn County

Stephany Koehne is the current Executive Director with Kids & Company of Linn County, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization which has been providing Head Start services to the Linn and Benton communities since 1965. Stephany joined Kidco Head Start in 2007, as a family advocate and has held several positions with Kidco Head Start before becoming Executive Director in September, 2013. Stephany has spent over 20 years in the non-profit world, with work always focusing on youth and community development, including a two year service in AmeriCorps VISTA, teaching pre-school, literacy programs, family service work, and non-profit management.

Stephany graduated in 1999 with her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a focus on child development and in 2009 with a Master's Degree in Business Administration with a focus on leadership and non-profit management. She grew up in East Linn County and after obtaining her degrees out of the area, moved back to serve the community she grew up in.

Pegge McGuire, Linn County

Pegge McGuire is Community Service Consortium's (CSC) Acting Director. Pegge has a long history of working on poverty-fighting programs and advocating for civil rights in Oregon and Washington.

Prior to joining CSC five years ago, Pegge spent a decade as the Executive Director of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) where she provided vision, leadership, and management to the organization, setting and directing operational goals for this non-profit, statewide civil rights agency.

Pegge also worked for five years at Oregon Housing and Community Services, where she provided administrative oversight for the state's anti-poverty and social equity programs. While in this position, she was awarded the Community Action Partnership of Oregon's prestigious "Partnership Award" for her dedication and hard work fighting poverty in Oregon.

Pegge has been an expert witness in fair housing litigation, has written and published many articles on fair housing issues, and has provided technical assistance to a number of municipalities and housing providers to expand equal opportunity access to housing in their communities. She has conducted training nationally and internationally on housing equity issues. She is the former chair of the Governor's Reentry Housing Task Force, and a former member of the Governor's Veteran's Reintegration Task Force.

Pegge's education includes training at the Chinook Institute for Civic Leadership, a B.A. in Leadership for Service and Change from Antioch University, and a certificate in Arabic language from the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA. Pegge is an honorably discharged Army veteran.

Jaime Sarabia, Benton County

Jaime is a 2nd generation Mexican-American, who was raised in California before coming to Oregon to attend Linn-Benton Community College and get his degree from OSU. After graduating from OSU, Jaime worked in multiple long term care communities in the area, before taking a job at Benton County in the Developmental Diversity (Disabilities) office about four and half years ago. He is currently a Quality Assurance Coordinator.

During the late 2000's Recession, Jaime experienced crushing financial burdens and instability as a low-income minority out of college. He had about \$45,000 of Student Loan, Medical and Credit Card debt, a low credit score, and was dealing with the stress of constantly dodging debt collectors. It has taken a decade, but Jaime finally achieved some financial freedom and paid off his last bit of debt 6 months ago, raising his credit score significantly and in turn helping him to purchase a new vehicle for the family with a loan at a very manageable interest rate.

Jaime and his wife, Vanessa, live in Corvallis where they raise their three children (Makenna, 10, Isaac 6, and Lucas 2). His family is very active in the community and the children's elementary school. Vanessa is a realtor at the local Windermere office and is engaged with many local organizations such as CARDV, the Elks, Rotary Club, etc. Jaime is a founding member of OSU Athletic Department's Alumni/Fan Experience Committee (Feb 2017- June 2019), a founding member and co-facilitator of a county-wide Employee Equity Committee (December 2017-Present), a member of Community Health Centers of Linn and Benton Counties Safe Services Advocacy Group (May 2016-May 2017), a member of Benton County Health Department Safety Committee (April 2018-April 2019), and was appointed County Liaison for the City of Corvallis King Legacy Advisory Board (Jan 2019-Present).

Hanna Valva, Benton County

Hanna Valva, a native Oregonian and Oregon State University graduate ('97), lives in Corvallis with her husband, John. She has 20+ years of experience in the financial services industry, with expertise in technology operations, software development, and risk management. Having moved back to Corvallis from the San Francisco Bay Area in the summer of 2018, she is currently enjoying a professional sabbatical after 14 years as a Managing Director at BlackRock. She is eager to get involved in the local community and is passionate about helping underserved populations. Her volunteer background includes: Oregon State University's Student Affairs Leadership Council, ARCS of Oregon, Dominican University School of Business Advisory Board, and Junior League of San Francisco, where she served as a Board member.

Kärün Virtue, Lincoln County

Kärün Virtue is a disabled veteran who serves as a City Councilor for Waldport, Oregon. She was appointed by the Governor to the Medicaid Advisory Committee and the State Health Improvement Steering Committee. She chairs the Lincoln County Community Health Advisory Committee and is on the Board of Directors for Inter-Community Health Network.

Kärün earned a liberal arts BS degree as well as an MA in counseling and a Masters in Divinity. She and her wife, of 34 years, moved to the LBL tri-county area in 2011 and settled in Waldport in 2016. They have six children and one grandchild.

Rich Waller, Lincoln County

Rich Waller has been involved in non-profit entrepreneurial ventures and community activities for over a decade, and is passionate about cause-driven organizations that positively impact a community. His current position as a Mortgage Loan Originator with Landmark Professional Mortgage Company, based out of Lincoln City, allows him the flexibility to both work and serve the community through connecting with community partners.

Rich was formerly employed with Samaritan Health Services as their Community Health Improvement Specialist in Lincoln County for six years. In this role, Rich partnered with multiple organization to help improve health outcomes for Lincoln County's residents. These partners included: Lincoln County – Mental Health Advisory Committee, Public Health Advisory Committee, Oral Health Coalition, County Health Social & Economic Stability Workgroup, and the Healthy Lifestyles Workgroup, the Linn Benton Lincoln Early Learning Hub – Governing Board, Data & Evaluation and Health Care Integration Workgroups, and the Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network. Many of these he is still connected with.

Rich has a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology, and a Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics, both from Biola University.

During a nine-month road trip throughout the Pacific Northwest, Rich along with his wife and two small children discovered the Lincoln County Coast and moved to Lincoln City shortly after that in 2013. In addition to travel, soaking in all the great outdoor activities here in Oregon, on the Coast, and the Pacific Northwest is a passion of his, and even more so if it includes great food with friends and family.

2021 OCWCOG MEETING SCHEDULE

	COASTAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGERS	VALLEY CITY/COUNTY MANAGERS	FINANCE COMMITTEE	FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	SENIOR SERVICES FOUNDATION	LPAC COMMITTEE	BUDGET COMMITTEE
	12:00P - 1:30P	12:00P - 1:30P	1:00P-2:00P	2:00P-4:00P	9:00A-11:00A	11:00A - 11:30A	11:30A-12:00P	11:30A - 12:30P
	<i>Location Varies</i>							
	<i>ZOOM Video Conference or Albany Upstairs Conference Room</i>							
	Tuesday	Friday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
January	12	15	21	21				
February	9	19			25	25	25	
March	9	19	18	18				18
April	13	16			22	22	22	
May	11	21	20	20				20
June	8	18			24	24	24	
July	13	16	15	15				
August	10	20			26	26	26	
September	14	17	16	16				
October	12	15			28	28	28	
November	9	19	18	18				
December	14	17			23**	23**	23**	

**Executive Committee in December meeting could change due to holiday week. Special December meeting date TBD in late November based on agenda items.



Community and Economic Development

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2020
TO: OCWCOG Board
FROM: Nick Meltzer, Transportation Programs Manager
RE: **CED Program Update**

Community and Economic Development staff continue to work remotely and provide services in our collective areas of expertise. We worked with Yachats, Sweet Home and Corvallis on recent grant applications and are underway on updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Transportation programming remains busy with many communities reaching out to collaborate with us on projects.

Community and Economic Development

Shared Planning and Mapping Services

- OCWCOG hired Holly Hamilton to offer more support for coastal community's needs. Living in Waldport, Holly has a long professional expertise in architecture and development and will be working with Yachats and Waldport.
- In addition to Holly's work, staff continue to provide current planning services to Toledo and Sweet Home, while mapping support continues in Philomath, and has begun in Adair Village.

Federal Lands Access Program

- A virtual open house for this project is active and available at a link on the project website: <http://www.ocwcoq.org/transportation/south-fork-road/>. The open house discusses the draft feasibility study for improving access to the popular Alsea Falls recreation area.

Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD)

- CWEDD is in the process of updating the five year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for 2020-2025. In collaboration with the University of Oregon's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement (IPRE), monthly meetings are being held through the end of the calendar year to fast track the process. More information and meeting materials are available on the CEDS website: <http://www.ocwcoq.org/economic-development/cascades-west-economic-development-district/ceds/>

Transportation:

Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AAMPO)

- CED welcomed Catherine Rohan to the team in late July, who is taking over lead staffing duties for AAMPO. She is focusing on getting up to speed on AAMPO's activities, and becoming acquainted with the region.
- AAMPO is working on a number of exciting regional projects including a Regional Active Transportation Plan, Salem to Albany Transit Feasibility Study, and a Jefferson Transportation System Plan update.

Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (CAMPO)

- Staff are updating CAMPO's federally required Title VI Plan, which identifies how to engage traditionally underserved communities in the planning process. This update specifically focuses on identifying opportunities for environmental justice populations.
- Once the Title VI plan update is complete, CAMPO will begin revising their public participation plan in anticipation of updating the Regional Transportation Plan by 2022. Staff are working closely with technical advisory committee and policy board members to insure the updated RTP reflects their needs and desires.

Pedal Corvallis

- In collaboration with CAMPO, staff are starting development of a bikeshare feasibility study for the Corvallis region. Combined with extensive public engagement, the plan will identify the size of the system, funding options and phased roll out. The plan is expected to be complete by summer 2021 for a fall 2021 launch.

99W Transit Feasibility Study

- This project explores the feasibility of transit along Highway 99W between Junction City and McMinnville. Engagement activities are wrapping up and both staff and the consultant are working on drafting the report. More discussion on the topic is expected in the future.

Seamless Transit Experience

- This project explores how to coordinate traveler information, bus arrival times and mobile ticketing across the seven transit agencies in OCWCOG's region. The centralized website is nearly ready for launch, and procurement for the mobile ticketing and real time information contracts are underway, with vendors for both expected to be on board by early September. The goal is to launch all three services this fall.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2020
TO: OCWCOG Executive Committee
FROM: Randi Moore, Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Director
RE: Stand By Me – Oregon Update

Progress on Stand By Me - Oregon has accelerated significantly and we are proud to give you the highlights of the most recent activity.

First – I’d like to draw your attention to our new \$BM, Oregon logo!

EMBEDDED COACHES

Strengthening Rural Families (SRF)

We are working with SRF to embed a half-time coach in their organization. They have funding for a half-time community coordinator and we will use Benton County funds to round out that employee as a half-time \$BM coach. We are working on how to get the funds transferred so that Paul Smith, SRF Executive Director, can proceed with recruiting the position as full-time.

Kidco Headstart

We spoke to the Executive Director of Kidco, Stephany Koehne, and they are very interested in having coaches in their facilities. They would use existing, fully funded advocates/teachers to be \$BM coaches. Their new strategic plan identifies financial security as a goal for their programs. Three Kidco staff attended the \$BM coaches training held earlier this month.

OCWCOG

Two individuals have been identified within OCWCOG to become part-time \$BM coaches to enhance their jobs and expand the services provided OCWCOG consumers. One will focus on bringing \$BM coaching to the staff of long term care communities in Benton county, and the other will help guide us in bringing the program to our Veterans Services Organizations.

TRAINING

Eight individuals (management and coaches) went through \$BM coaches training that was led by the Delaware team early this month. OCWCOG Senior and Disability Services, Benton County Veteran Services Office, and Kidco staff represented their agencies well.

Conversations have started with Delaware about when we begin to transition to Oregon managing our own training curriculum. This will happen slowly over the next year so we can make sure the fidelity of the model is upheld.

GRANT APPLICATIONS and FUNDERS

An application and request for funds to Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) was submitted July 17th to support one full-time coach for SRF to enhance the current part-time coach paid for with Benton County funds. That request for funding was denied, but we have been encouraged to apply in January when OCF gets back to their normal application timeframes and focuses. With the help of the Delaware team we have been introduced to staff from the OCF and are starting to develop those relationships. One Zoom meeting has already taken place.

We will start sending Letters of Inquiry/Interest to Collins, Murdock, and Kresge, and an application to Wells Fargo is planned to go out this quarter as well. Many funding organizations have pivoted to full *COVID-19* relief funding and we are optimistic that they will appreciate that *\$BM* coaching is needed now more than ever.