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Region's health care agencies gather for yearly convening



Olympic Community of Health will host the regional Natural Community of Care Convening June 25th in Jamestown.

Poulsbo, WA – The Olympic region's health care providers will gather June 25th for their second yearly convening. Olympic Community of Health (OCH) will host and facilitate the meeting, and will include representation from the region's primary care, behavioral health, and substance use disorder providers, in addition to tribal health clinics, hospitals, community-based organizations, social services, and public health officials.

What: Olympic Community of Health's Natural Community of Care Regional Convening.

When: June 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: The Red Cedar Hall at the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Center.

About Natural Community of Care (NCC) Convenings: NCC Convenings offer opportunities for providers to collaborate and network with the goal of improving care throughout the region. OCH’s executive director, Celeste Schoenthaler, explains “The regional Convening will allow us to share knowledge and work toward OCH’s collective goals of improved health in our communities. We will gather to reflect on what we have already accomplished, build and strengthen partnerships across the region, and learn from one another’s successes and best practices in our shared effort toward Medicaid transformation.”

About Olympic Community of Health: Olympic Community of Health is an Accountable Community of Health, one of nine in Washington State, serving Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap counties. We are in the territorial lands of the Sovereign Nations of the Hoh, Jamestown S’Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Makah, Port Gamble S’Klallam, Quileute, Quinault and Suquamish. Our purpose is to facilitate health care delivery transformation and community health improvement across the Olympic region. The OCH Board of Directors consists of leaders from tribal nations and health sectors within our region. Learn more about OCH at www.olympicch.org

About the Medicaid Transformation Project: OCH is leading the Olympic region’s MTP efforts. MTP aims to improve health and wellness in Washington state. It’s a five-year agreement between Washington state and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). MTP invests up to \$1.5 billion in local health systems, with a focus on Apple Health (Medicaid). MTP’s goals include building healthier communities through a collaborative regional approach, integrating how we meet physical and behavioral health needs so that health care focuses on the whole person, and improving how we pay for services by rewarding quality over quantity.

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Regional Natural Community of Care Convening

June 25, 2019 from 9:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Red Cedar Hall, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, 1033 Old Blyn Hwy, Sequim

Objectives for today

1. To create space for sharing knowledge in alignment with the work and goals of the collective Olympic Community of Health
2. To build and strengthen partnerships across the region
3. To learn about early successes and best practices of partner work

Agenda (times are approximate)

| Time | Topic | Description |
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| 9:00 | Check in and Networking | You're going to want to be here for this. |
| 9:30 | Welcome | |
| 10:00 | Our path forward: Using data to shape OCH's future | Interacting with regional and NCC-level data. |
| BREAK and networking | | |
| 10:55 | Co-creating Transformation: Our journey as the collective OCH | How did we get here and why? All partners are important to our success. An opportunity for within-sector networking followed by cross-sector/within-NCC networking. |
| Lunch and networking | | |
| 1:10 | Sharing success: OCH achievements across the region | One partner from each NCC will share their story of local transformation of healthcare delivery. |
| BREAK and networking | | |
| 2:35 | Storytelling: A window into the future | What do we want the OCH story to say in 2023? Visioning the region's success for MTP and beyond. |
| 3:50 | Closing | An expression of gratitude and a call to action. |
| 4:00 | Adjourn and Networking | |