**IMPACT AREA: Long-Term Sustainability & Shared Learning**

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| **HLC partners** meet quarterly to discuss shared vision, learnings, challenges and opportunities. | • Continue to distribute monthly newsletters  
• November HLC Quarterly meeting: Prioritized our 2019 statewide policy agenda  
• HLC has updated its website [https://healthylivingcollaborative.org/](https://healthylivingcollaborative.org/)  
• HLC continues to offer equity and social justice trainings taught by Maria Lisa Johnson  
• HLC Committee is restructuring in 2019. The committee will meet four times a year and visit each of the CHW programs in our region. This will create opportunities for greater shared learning across CHW sites. In addition, HLC Committee is recruiting more CHWs/CHAs and CHW/CHA leads. If interested contact Diana Avalos-Leos diana.avalos-leos@southwestach.org  
• HLC was highlighted by the Prevention Institute at national conference in early January  
• HLC presented at the Kaiser Permanente National Community Health Summit in November | Improved communication, alignment, and action among HLC partners and community members to improve health equity. |
| **Funders group** meets twice annually to receive progress report on shared investments and supports a shared vision. | • New Funders: Amerigroup, $20,000 to support CHW professional development and evaluation  
• Continued funding support from:  
  - Kaiser Permanente for evaluation supports  
  - Northwest Health Foundation Kaiser Permanente Community Fund to support identifying systems barriers that are contributing to chronic absenteeism at a Vancouver Middle School and funding to support greater community connection in SW Washington through the Healthy Beginnings + Healthy Communities initiative.  
  - Foundation for Healthy Generations supporting CHW and CHAPS work.  
• Submitted second round application for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Award. Thank you to our many partners for all your work on this. | A robust pool of supportive funding that supports a long-term process of social change without identifying any particular solution in advance. |
| **Community Health Advocates and Peer Supports (CHAPS) Network** promotes professional development opportunities, advocates for workforce development related to the peer skill set; and raises awareness among local systems of care about the value that local Peer activities add to these systems. | SW CHAPS is a growing grassroots network of community-based community health advocates and certified peers, serving the communities across the Southwest WA region, who come together to learn, support one another, and share ideas and best practices. Here are some recent achievements.  
• Supported/tabled at Opioid Action Summit with HLC/SWACH, CHAPS member was part of the peer panel  
• Working hard to “fill the bus” with authentic community voice for housing advocacy day February 28  
• CHAPS coordinating committee joined the Resident Action Project’s steering committee  
• Scheduling 2019 meetings. Housing will be the focus of the February meeting  
• CHAPS took a lead role in supporting a CHW listening session to bring local perspective as the state, CHAPS partnered with Washington Department of Health, Foundation for Healthy Generations and Pierce County CHW network. Over 25 people attended. New connections were made and CHWs brought their local voice to important statewide conversations  
• CHAPS coordinating committee continues to stay connected with the Washington State Community Health Worker Association | Increased community capacity of neighborhood-based and professional level peers to build community engagement, link community resources, and improve health outcomes. |
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### IMPACT AREA: Elevation of Community Voice & Engagement

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<td>Community Health Worker teams meet regularly to learn, plan, and act together on community priority issues.</td>
<td>CHW neighborhood teams have made some big transitions in the last few months. As of January 1, Wahkiakum Health and Human Services (HHS) became the new home for the Wahkiakum Youth Community Health Advocate team. In November, the Kelso team became housed at Youth and Family Link. The Rose Village team did not find a new home but will remain supported by Community Voices Are Born and SWACH. HLC/SWACH and the Rose Village team will spend 2019 exploring opportunities to find a new permanent home for the team. In the</td>
<td>Increased capacity of systems to weave health, housing, social services, education, employment, economic development,</td>
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meantime, the two co-leads, Brandi Williams and Dominique Horn, have become full time employees of SWACH and are supporting the Rose Village team and the education focused community Heath Advocate work at a local middle school.

The Rose Village and Kelso teams have completed two more four-hour trainings with trainer consultant Delena Meyer focused on: empathetic conflict management and trauma-informed conflict management. The teams will adopt these practices throughout the year to help implement healthy boundaries.

**Rose Village Community Health Worker (CHW) Team**
- Provided holiday support for Washington Elementary with laundry detergent and wet wipes to add to all the food bags
- Provided holiday food assistance for a veteran family in the neighborhood
- Supported and attended the CHW listening session
- Supported food drive for Washington Elementary food bank
- Received donation from KGW Toy drive to provide holiday gifts
- Met with the Fourth Plain Coalition and discussed partnership opportunities around community engagement
- Participated in part of the community needs assessment process with Healthy Columbia Willamette

**South Kelso Community Health Advocate (CHA) Team**
- Attended the CHW Listening session
- Helped with Project Homeless Connect
- Assisted with commodities at Lower Columbia Community Action Plan and St. Vincent de Paul
- Participated assisted with Day of Remembrance for homeless community
- Provided support for Kelso Neighborhood resource center
- Attended planning commission regarding warming centers conversation
- Assisted with Saturday Food Life line
- Assisted/participated in the Ridgefield Resource Fair
- Assisted with donations for Toys for Joy Program
- Assisted with homeless camp support and provided navigation resources

**Wahkiakum County Youth Community Health Advocates (CHAs)**
- Officially moved under Wahkiakum Health and Human Services as of January 1
- Working to recruit younger team members. Five current CHAs will graduate in June 2019.
- Team is well connected to school administration and presented their work to local government leadership
- Focused on empowering strength-based peer support, particularly around the issues of trauma-informed peer support and sexual and reproductive health issues
- Finalizing inspirational quotes to paint the bathroom stalls. CHAs surveyed the school to select the quotes.

Increased neighborhood opportunities in the areas of chronic disease prevention, substance-free living, safety, and social connections as determined by the community in three distinct neighborhoods.
Health equity is being integrated into all of our collective work.

- HLC remains engaged with the SW Washington Equity Committee. The committee completed training with the Center for Equity Inclusion (CEI) and is working toward implementation planning, with continued support from CEI.
- HLC continues to trial an equity lens tool in HLC leadership committees (HLC Committee, Policy Committee). Policy Committee created a subcommittee to adapt the tool for prioritizing our statewide policy agenda.
- HLC staff have worked closely with SWACH to bring an equity, anti-stigma and trauma-informed framework to Medicaid transformation efforts. This includes SWACH creating a new manager position focused on equity initiatives. We are pleased to have Sky Wilson join our team. Sky was most recently at Washington State University Vancouver. He brings a depth of experience supporting equity initiatives. Sky will work with clinical and community partners to support implementation of an equity assessment and plan. SWACH will also complete an assessment and plan in 2019. An equity learning collaborative will be developed to support partners embarking on equity assessments and plans.
- HLC continues to offer the eight-hour Leading for Social Justice and Equity training for HLC and SWACH partners. Trainings have been offered for three years now and more than 250 people have participated in these trainings. The trainings will expand to Klickitat in Spring 2019.

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**IMPACT AREA: Policy change at the Local, State and Federal levels**

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<td>Policy Committee prioritizes policy issues in partnership with collaborative and community members.</td>
<td>Policy Committee is working hard to emerge potential local and state policy issues for our 2019 agenda. HLC Policy Committee and partners identified ten 2019 HLC legislative priorities. HLC worked hard to go to community to identify policy areas and prioritize our policy agenda. Over 150 people participated in the process, including: The Regional Health Improvement Plan Council, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, the Skamania County Human Services Board and CHW teams. The SWACH Board approved staff to advocate on all 10 policy issues. The Policy Committee has identified affordable housing, children’s mental health and increased Medicaid rates is the primary areas of focus.</td>
<td>Improve the health of all people by incorporating health considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas that prevent and mitigate chronic disease and poverty. Increase the adoption of a health equity lens and community feedback process into HLC partner policies and systems by end of 2018.</td>
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<td>STATE POLICY AGENDA: Our 2019 policy agenda includes:</td>
<td>- Increase the Housing and Essential Needs rental assistance program. - Implement eviction reform and require cause to terminate tenancy to prevent homelessness. - Increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate. - Funding for school Nurses, counselors, family and community engagement coordinators and school nurse corps - $60 million for K-12 comprehensive supports. - Increase Working Connections Child Care reimbursement rates; ensure they cover the cost of meeting state standards. - Opioid prevention - Comprehensive package addressing prevention, treatment and recovery supports.</td>
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• Invest $200 million in the Housing Trust Fund to create affordable homes
• Support the priorities of the Children’s Mental Health Workgroup - Priorities will likely include increasing the Medicaid rate, addressing workforce issues, increasing school based mental health services, including suicide prevention and expanding partial hospitalization programs.
• Funding to support school-based health centers; potential pilot funding for Southwest Washington.
• Home visiting - Invest an additional $9 million in state funding to expand home visiting to 1200 more families.

Kachina continues to sit on the statewide Prevention Alliance and its steering committee. The Prevention Alliance (PA) is a broad cross-section of groups and organizations from across the state of Washington interested in advancing population health, with a focus on prevention. The Prevention Alliance is a meta-coalition that acts as an incubator for the early formative stages of policy, systems and environmental (PSE) strategy development related to healthy communities. The PA met in December to prioritize their policy focus.

LOCAL POLICY AGENDA: Policy Committee is still working to identify 2019 local policy agenda.
• Support Safe Routes to School - aims to create safe, convenient and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to and from schools. The goal is to reverse the decline in children walking and bicycling to schools, increase kids' safety and reverse the alarming nationwide trend toward childhood obesity and inactivity. School Policy change to support Safe Routes to School efforts. No advocacy this year on SRTS but watching closely with policy member with Safe Routes to School partnership.
• Support the adoption of complete streets ordinances meeting the needs of all users -- Counties and Cities – A county-wide complete streets ordinance passed the Clark County Planning Commission in mid-May.
• Support each county, city, parks and board of health efforts to enact an ordinance that prohibits the use of vaping devices in any place where smoking is prohibited. No advocacy to date this year.
• Supported City of Vancouver in the development of a new day shelter in Central Vancouver. HLC provided a letter of support and CHWs attended community meetings. HLC provided an additional letter in response to the neighborhood’s agreements, which encouraged a more trauma-informed approach and strong considerations for those being served.
• Human Services Facility Siting Ordinance: City of Vancouver has an ordinance that regulates the placement of certain human services facilities, including requiring minimum separation from other human services facilities. City staff have identified concerns that may discriminate against a sector of the community because of their economic status. City is seeking alternative approaches. Human Service Ordinance is being repealed and new zoning changes are being considered. HLC provided a letter highlighting some issues with the new potential zoning changes and continues to follow closely.
### IMPACT AREA: Improved Health Outcomes Through Organizational & Community Engagement & Partnerships

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| Workforce Development, Equity, and Policy and Systems Change: Work with partners to implement a pilot project with Education Community Health Advocates (ECHAs) addressing policy and systems barriers to school attendance at McLoughlin Middle School. ECHAs are housed at the Free Clinic but work closely with the McLoughlin Middle School and Vancouver Housing Authority. | • Education Community Health Advocates (ECHAs) joined McLoughlin’s Attendance Committee, which reviews student attendance data to determine tier intervention strategies. ECHA will be included in discussions, data collection/review and implement invention strategies. ECHA will provide key recommendations to address barriers to school attendance. ECHAs have participated in 11 committee meetings this quarter.  
• ECHAs made incredible progress working directly with students to understand and determine barriers to school attendance. Implemented three lunch group sessions. Worked with 45 students. ECHAs have gained trust with students and engaged in meaningful conversations with students directly affected by barriers. ECHAs have gained a deeper level of knowledge of the school and student population and a better first-hand understanding of student barriers.  
• ECHAs and Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) are working together to implement a “warm hand-off” approach at the Skyline housing campus residents. VHA connects families to ECHA to begin building relationships to address barriers to attendance and provide families community support and/or resources.  
• ECHA continues to work with outside facilitator and the evaluator provided by the grant. The consultant is gathering information provided by meetings with system partners to leverage opportunities for support and movement of the work. The ECHA model blueprint was created to provide a vision and how systems play a critical role in addressing barriers to school attendance. The ECHA model was revised to reflect the grant goal changes and outcomes, will be shared with partners to discuss grant outcomes.  
• ECHA was invited to the 2019 Spring KP School Attendance Convening to share their work with cohort of organizations addressing school attendance barriers. | All children are supported to academically achieve. |