



**Meeting Notes for October 14, 2009**

**Benton County United Way Needs Assessment Community Forum Notes  
Health**

**1. Please list the key current assets:**

- LBCC Partnership w/Linn=dental clinic (children)=model(Rita's extend to Benton?)
- BGCC dental clinic
- Oral Health Coalition
- Community Health Department (Adult mental health, public health, WICC, environ health, health center (4 clinic sites, health depart, Lincoln, Lebanon, Monroe)
- SHS-Central Admin (3 counties) good comm. partner; SLCGH residency, School
- Community Outreach
- Mental health provides: COL, PCC, CFH (residential name skills), OR Family Spt Network, Nami, Janus House, Old Mill, Oxford House (2)
- Alsea Rural Health Clinic
- Substance Abuse: Yes House (youth recovery), Milestones (women's program) long-term residential; DHS COL, Drug Court, new Beginnings, Turning Point Transitions
- Elisabilities: OSU, OSU Impact, Old Mill, Home Life
- BCSO housing diversion program (5 apts ) sobering station (med supervision)
- Benton County Medical Detox Coalition
- Service clubs=volunteers
- Community outreach worker (partnerships COL/CAD/project action)
- COL—document storage

**2. Please list the key gaps in service and needs:**

- Communication links between services
- Information/referral information
- Support networks for lifestyle changes (info on): weight loss, etc.
- Dollars/funding
- Detox: place/support to reach "5 day clean" period (Buckly, Eugene; Bridgeway, Salem, Hooper, PDX; Truman, Newport
- Use of local media (methods) for public svc announcements, event coverage; cohesion (specifically radio)
- Transportation to/from outlying areas
- Physical space
- Education to providers (coordination) & consumers about what services exist and how to access

### 3. Please list your ideas about where to go from here:

- Investigate extending LBCC dental screening clinic model to Benton
- Kids Care Fair (registration, info) stations (hearing, dental, vision, inoculation) record created, education (resources, etc.)
- Attention to the coordination (better) of resources—create a continuum of care fair, link to health care home. Can do a better job serving (enhance capacity)
- LBCC collaboration for college credits (i.e., Milestones program)
- Investigate=what do media outlets use to get/give info
- Training on how to take medical history (med students/homeless) laminated
- Reframing the conversation: “What does it take to put you out of business?”
- Convening stakeholders (provides, ins): service access, delivery i.e. Lane’s 100% access coalition

## Basic Needs

### 1. Please list the key current assets:

- Food Bank – gleaning groups—donations to buy basic supplies
- Community Food Banks supplied four Corvallis seniors don’t come in/gleaners
- Alsea & Monroe – homeless do come in/Stonesoup
- Food Stamps—DHS—SS for application
- OSU Pantry
- Meals on Wheels—home delivered, volunteer drivers, Corvallis delivers to S. Corvallis
- Monroe—community does it now, VFW Hall
- Mid-Valley Housing
- Homeless—COI
- Drop-in center on Monroe
- Access to multiple food banks, gleaners, med sites
- Interested community members coming to the table—highly educated & creative
- University research/needs assessment
- Contributions from the community in meeting basic needs (City of Corvallis) CSC, COI, JSYSI, WNHS, Habitat, local city bus system, SHS—financially, volunteers (labs, tests, pharm) – uninsured (COI), schools district homeless education
- Targeted outreach network

### 2. Please list the key gaps in service and needs:

- Agricultural eden—loss of production processing and storage facilities, certifying kitchens
- Info gap related to statistics
- Affordable housing—low-income; homeless, MH& addictions
- Case management & follow-up services, income to get into permanent-living situations, detox facility (regional), transportation (R), services for Latino families/cultural competencies, childcare, appropriate political jurisdictions (transportation), education to providers (coordination) & consumers about what services exist and how to access
- Benton County growing fast 17%

- Delivery of food needed-vehicles
- Emergency shelter—addition, mental illness, untreated mental illness
- SPD—those who don't qualify for Medicaid
- Need general assistance while applying for disability
- Low cost subsidized housing for seniors
- Dwindling ? engagement w/younger people

**3. Please list your ideas about where to go from here:**

- Share volunteers Meals on Wheels to Food Banks
- Surplus produce taken to Meals on Wheels for distribution
- Invisible hungry—isolated
- Ready to rent/second chance
- Solution to statistics (OSU, PSU)
- Welcoming events for students/new residents, OSU community services & leadership, Agri discussion
- Common ground between counties, cities (civilize relations)
- Resources & intentional collaborations

## **Education**

**1. Please list the key current assets:**

- OSU Precollege Programs
- LBCC TRIO
- Boys & Girls Club
- Student workforce
- Philomath School Foundation
- College of Education Community Service
- Day of Caring
- Peace Jam
- Voices Echo Program in Linus Pauling Institute

**2. Please list the key gaps in service and needs:**

- Make higher education more accessible
- Don't have programs to target low socio-economic status students to higher education
- Full kindergarten costs money
- Over representation of kids of color
- Do LBCC classes in the rest of the county

**3. Please list your ideas about where to go from here:**

- Summer or after school enrichment programs—Free and offered to all over the county
  - Theater
  - Music