

Columbia Pacific CCO Integrates Behavioral Health to Network

Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization is pleased to announce the integration of their behavioral health care network to further improve and expand access to care during 2019. The provider network, formally managed by Greater Oregon Behavioral Health (GOBHI), will now be managed, strengthened, and expanded by Columbia Pacific CCO.

“This is a strategic opportunity to bring the best available resources to the community in order to integrate and coordinate services; this is what Columbia Pacific CCO is known for” says Mimi Haley, executive director of Columbia Pacific CCO.

During 2019, Columbia Pacific CCO will be building the infrastructure needed to further its mission to coordinate and integrate care for its members. Integrating physical health, mental health, and addictions benefits under the Columbia Pacific CCO umbrella will lower barriers to coordinating care for substance use and mental health treatment, and will broaden the network of providers to offer more patient choice and improve access to care.

A “sister” CCO, Jackson Care Connect (JCC) (also a CareOregon company), has successfully made a similar transition. Member engagement with behavioral health clinics in JCC improved

by 40 percent. They also saw improved member experiences and utilization of needed services.

“We know that mental illness and substance-use disorders are chronic conditions and we aim to build a comprehensive, trauma-informed, local community-oriented continuum of coordinated care for supportive recovery,” says Safina Koreishi, MD, medical director of Columbia Pacific CCO. “We know that individuals with chronic mental illnesses have shortened life-spans, and intend to create a network that ensures access to preventive and on-going integrated care to meet their physical, oral, and behavioral health needs.”

“The behavioral health network integration is expected to be complete by early summer, 2019,” Haley continues. “Safety and continuity of care for members and a seamless transition for providers are our primary objectives. We are actively working to contract with the same network of providers that GOBHI had, while also looking for ways to improve quality and expand services for greater access to mental health and addictions recovery services. We are also adding new staff to help behavioral health providers in each county improve and expand services through on-site technical assis-

tance, operational improvements, integrated care coordination models, learning collaboratives, and other supports they may request.”

Columbia Pacific CCO has been working for the last seven years in local communities to integrate care plans and coordination between primary care, behavioral health, and hospitals, as well as with social safety net providers. Integrating physical and behavioral health benefits at Columbia Pacific CCO will accelerate the opportunities to continue to transform care and health in each community.

The overall vision of Columbia Pacific CCO is helping those in need reach their highest potential by providing services that support their social, emotional, and physical health.

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About Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization
Established in September, 2012, Columbia Pacific CCO coordinates health services for more than 23,000 Oregon Health Plan members in Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook counties. For more information, please visit www.colpachealth.org.

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Barbora Kvapilova won the high jump with a PR of 4’6” and Abby Coleman placed 2nd. Kvapilova also won the long jump with Abby Coleman finishing 3rd and Isabelle Coleman taking 6th. Reynolds finished 6th in the triple jump.

Starr McKinnis took 3rd in the discus and 5th in the shot put.

Softball – The Lady Loggers are currently in 1st place in Special District 1 with a 3-0 league record and a 5-2 record over all.

Vernonia participated in the Rocket Invite tournament at Pilot Rock during Spring Break, splitting their four games. The Lady Loggers defeated Lost River 6-3 and won 14-1 against

hosts Pilot Rock, and fell to Grant Union 16-0 and Enterprise 11-3.

The Lady Loggers home game against Portland Christian was called off due to rain on April 2. Vernonia has an upcoming home doubleheader against St. Paul on April 12.

Baseball – The Vernonia boys remain winless on the season with an 0-6 record and are 0-2 in Special District 1 play.

Vernonia played in the Ridgefield Raptors Tournament over Spring Break, falling to Portland Christian 10-0, Gaston 12-5, and Willamina 11-0.

The Loggers will face St. Paul in a doubleheader at home on April 12.

Vernonia School Board Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The next School Board Meeting is scheduled for April 11 at 6:00 pm at Mist School.

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Vernonia School District 47J, Columbia County, State of Oregon, on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, will be held at 1000 Missouri Street, Vernonia Oregon.

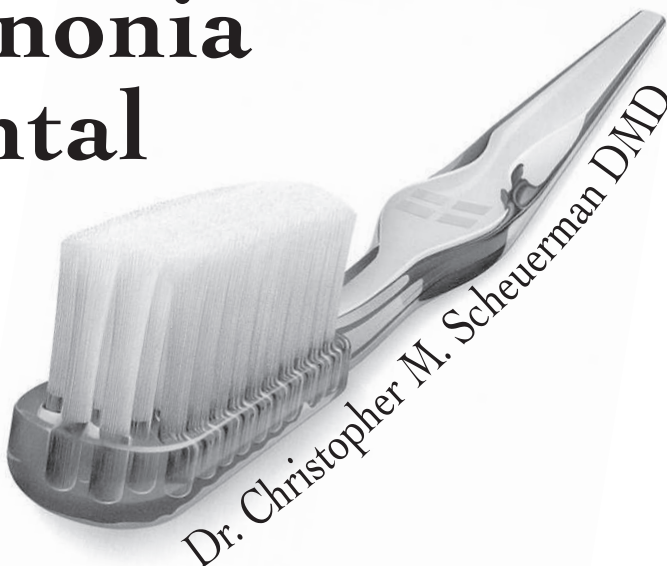
The meeting will take place on May 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place.

An additional, separate meeting of the Budget Committee will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. The meeting for public comment will be on: **Date: May 9, 2019 Time: 6:00 PM Location: 1000 Missouri Street, Vernonia Oregon in the library upstairs.**

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 2, 2019 at 1000 Missouri Street, Vernonia Oregon, school district office, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

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Holy Week at St. Mary's Catholic Church



4/14 - Palm Sunday Mass - 12:00pm

4/18 - Holy Thursday Mass - 7:00pm

4/19 - Good Friday Liturgy - 7:00pm

4/21 - Easter Sunday - 12:00pm



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