



# CITY OF SWEET HOME COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE AGENDA

February 25, 2026, 4:00 PM  
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street  
Sweet Home, OR 97386

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## **Mission Statement**

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## **Meeting Information**

The City of Sweet Home is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform and asks the public to consider this option. There will be opportunity for public input via the live stream. To view the meeting live, online visit <http://live.sweethomeor.gov>. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 971-203-2871 and enter the meeting ID followed by the # sign to be logged in to the call. Meeting ID: # 588 565 49

## **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- a) [2026-01-28 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

## **Recognition of Visitors / Public Comment**

### **Old Business**

- a) Fitness Park Grant Update

### **New Business**

- a) [Annual Report Review](#)

## **Committee Business for the Good of the Order**

### **Adjournment**



# Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026, 4:00 PM  
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## Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

## Roll Call

### PRESENT

Vice Chair Bob Dalton  
Committee Member Dr. Larry Horton  
Committee Member Wanda Jones  
Committee Member Dick Knowles  
Committee Member Shirley Schumacher

### ABSENT

Chair Kelsey Ann Wray  
Committee Member Michael Grenz

### COUNCIL

Councilor Ken Bronson, Council Liaison

### STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief  
Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager  
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager

### GUESTS

Dr. Jeannie Davis, Western University

## Approval of Minutes

- a) 2025-11-19 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Horton moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025 Community Health Committee meeting. Committee Member Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Dalton, Horton, Jones, Knowles, Schumacher

NAY: None

ABSENT: Grenz, Wray

## Recognition of Visitors / Public Comment

There were no visitors to be heard.

## **Community Partner Presentations**

- a) Western University – Dr. Jeannie Davis

Vice Chair Dalton invited Dr. Davis to speak.

Dr. Davis stated that she had been with the medical school for more than 15 years and had always worked with people who were provided with information to be able to act as a patient with an assigned condition and provide a practice environment for students to interact with them. She noted that the focus was shifting to working with patients with lived experience with certain conditions. She highlighted that medical providers in rural communities in particular were exposed to all manner of patients. She invited community members with cerebral palsy and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities to sign up to attend a workshop at Western University to interact with students. She noted the focus on communication with patients in addition to caring for them.

Vice Chair Dalton asked of the desired outcome for the data gathered through the program. Dr. Davis stated that the goal was to use it to inform future curriculum development.

Discussion ensued regarding bringing the pilot program to Sweet Home in the future.

No action was required for this item.

## **Old Business**

- a) Samaritan Health Labor & Delivery Update

Deputy City Manager Pretty shared a recent press release from Samaritan Health regarding the suspension of labor and delivery services due to workforce shortages.

No action was required for this item.

- b) Communication Board Update

Deputy City Manager Pretty stated that \$875 had been raised to date with \$1,625 remaining. Discussion ensued on opportunities to raise additional funds.

No action was required for this item.

## **New Business**

- a) Community Outreach

Vice Chair Dalton encouraged the Committee to look for opportunities for more public interaction and education.

Committee Member Horton highlighted Committee Member Jones' connecting of Linn County's suicide prevention program to the Rotary Club to generate interest and community connections.

Committee Member Schumacher expressed support for bringing additional awareness regarding emergency preparedness.

No action was required for this item.

- b) City Council Goals/Committee Goal-Setting

Vice Chair Dalton asked of the timeline for City Council goal-setting. City Manager Ogden stated that goal-setting would begin at the end of February.

Vice Chair Dalton stated that he asked Committee Members for their input regarding what a healthy community looks like and utilize that to inform Council's potential goals.

Deputy City Manager Pretty encouraged the Committee to attend the next regular City Council meeting's Public Comment period to advocate for their desired goals before the Council's goal-setting process begins.

No action was required for this item.

- c) City Council Presentations

This item was addressed with previous new business. No action was required for this item.

**Committee Business for the Good of the Order**

Suicide Prevention Training

Vice Chair Dalton stated that there was an upcoming suicide prevention training with details in the Committee packet. He noted that he requested input from the Committee on their accomplishments and potential future goals.

Deputy City Manager Pretty stated that the Sweet Home Public Library would host suicide prevention training on March 9, 2026 sponsored by Linn County Health Services. She noted that registration is required. She added that staff was working on a grant application to install a fitness park next to City Hall and requested the Committee’s support.

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder

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# Sweet Home Community Health Committee

2025-2026 – Annual Report

Kelsey Wray – Chair  
Bob Dalton – Vice Chair

Committee members:

Dick Knowles  
Dr. Larry Horton  
Wanda Jones  
Shirley Schumacher  
Michael Grenz

# Our Mission

- Mission
- To promote healthy living through innovative partnerships within and outside the community while aligning with the city's health goals. Address the quality of care through access to care.
- Our Foundational Goals
- To improve our community's health through creative and innovative practice(s).
- Lead change strategies through education and programs to encourage individuals to take responsibility for their health – The Healthy Choice is The Right Choice.
- To work towards and promote access to health care and resources that support the well being of all people in our community.

# 2025 Accomplishments

- Accomplishments (2025)
- **1. Organized and executed the annual Health Fair**
  - Successfully coordinating providers, volunteers, and community outreach efforts.
- **2. Coordinated multiple Service Provider presentations**
  - Improving awareness of available community resources, strengthening partnerships with local organizations.
- **3. Suicide Prevention Awareness presentation to the Rotary Club**
  - Supporting community education and reducing stigma around mental health.
- **4. Actively participated in community-wide planning sessions**
  - Addressing federal changes to food-related benefits, ensuring local support strategies were responsive, coordinated, and community-informed.
- **5. Prepared and submitted a letter of support for the Strawberry Park Wetland Improvement Project**
  - Contributing to the City's application for the Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program and supporting local environmental health initiatives.

# 2026 Goals

- **Provide Health Committee Presentations and Education to City Council**
  - Building strong and supporting relationships through engagement
- **Expand Public Education**
  - Outreach programs/presentations, materials, and exposure to health services – including better understanding of local transportation services
- **City Council to identify/include health goals**
  - Provide Health Goal resource list to City Council
- **Increase Sweet Home Community Health Fair attendance**
  - Explore
    - Building relationships with community farmers
    - Enhanced marketing through local newspaper, outreach to schools, local health services, and other community organizations
- **Support fundraising for local health-related initiatives**



Questions?

Thank you!