



Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
July 19, 2023	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Armory Building, Albany, OR
Type of meeting	General meeting	
Facilitator	Danette Killinger	
Note taker	Julie Mercer	
Attendees	Ben Atchley, Brandi Blethen, Jennifer Cabral-Ireland, Dani Crabtree, Sarah Daniels, Angie Jansen, Michael Jerpbak, Danette Killinger, Julie Mercer, Jessi Norris, Marlene Perez, Shannon Snair, Aliza Tuttle, Cliff Wooten, Jeanne Wooten	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
<p><i>Meeting minutes:</i> Linn Together minutes from 6-21-23 were approved.</p> <p><i>Linn Together Website Development:</i> Julie is collecting content for the new Linn Together website. Please send her any resources you think would be valuable to include on the website. The website will go live by September 29, 2023.</p>		
Media Outreach Workgroup		
Presenter	Julie	
Discussion	The Linn Together Instagram account was temporarily on hold pending the development of a policy for approval of social media posts. Linn County now has an approval policy for county-related social media accounts. The policy is now in place and we are able to post.	
Community Events Workgroup		
Presenter	Sarah	
Discussion	<p><i>Linn County Fair:</i> Linn Together hosted a booth at the Linn County Fair, July 13-15. The booth featured facts and materials from the new phase of the youth marijuana prevention campaign, along with other prevention materials. A “Plinko” game with prizes was featured to draw visitors to the booth. Linn Together staff and volunteers connected with 2,196 adults, teens, and children; slightly more than in 2022. Sarah thanked those that helped to host the booth.</p> <p>Suggestions for next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to use Plinko or other game to draw people to the booth • Place two tables at a 90-degree angle in corner booth to provide more surface area and storage for boxes • Have compact, light give-a-ways that are easy to transport and store 	

	<p><i>Upcoming Linn Together Tabling Events:</i> Volunteer hosts are needed to pair with staff for upcoming tabling events. Julie sent an email this morning with the following dates and locations:</p> <p>July 29 – Santiam Outreach Community Center Resource Fair, Mill City August 1 – National Night Out, Lebanon and Scio August 12 – Scio Saturday Market August 12 – Hoop Jam, Linn Benton Community College August 19 - Sweet Home Health Fair August – Middle School Registrations</p> <p>A suggestion was made to consider hosting tabling events at the Northwest Art & Air Festival and River Rhythms.</p>	
Action Item	People Responsible	Deadline
Check email regarding volunteer needs for upcoming tabling events	All	July/August 2023
Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign		
Presenters	Shannon	
Discussion	<p>The billboards for the Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign are still on display, some past their contracted dates. The contract runs through the end of July.</p> <p>STAND Youth Council students will be distributing materials to local middle schools in the fall. Shannon passed around the sunglasses, shoe laces, and other items with the campaign theme.</p> <p>Linn Together members are needed to help with the distribution of posters and coordinating stickers for the campaign. Materials are available to take home after the meeting</p>	
Fentanyl Task Force		
Presenter	Danette	
Discussion	Oregon House Bill 2645 “re-criminalizes” fentanyl use by increasing penalties for possession of certain amounts. This is a reversal of a portion of Measure 110 in 2021, which decriminalized most unlawful possession of a controlled substance offenses.	

	<p>In January 2023, the Oregon Health Authority provided funding to 16 local public health authorities (LPHAs) to implement fentanyl-related education and media campaigns. LPHAs were selected for funding based on overdose burden and campaign bandwidth. Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program received \$5,000. The funds were used to develop and print Fentanyl Conversation Card sets parents can use to discuss facts about fentanyl with their teens. Linn Together has additional funds, up to \$10,000, available to build on this strategy. The funds may not be used for harm reduction strategies. The Linn Together Fentanyl Task Force has been formed to discuss possible strategies and collaborations to utilize the funds.</p> <p>The Linn Together Fentanyl Task Force had an initial meeting on July 7, 2023. Additional members are welcome to attend the next meeting, which will be a two-hour planning meeting on August 1 from 10:00-12:00 pm at the Armory Building in Albany.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed to assemble packs of Fentanyl Conversation Cards. Materials are available to take home today and assemble cards at home.</p>
Responsible Sales Training	
Presenter	Danette
Discussion	<p>Linn Together and Linn County Alcohol and Drug are hosting a Responsible Sales Training on July 26 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Armory Building in Albany.</p> <p>Linn County Alcohol, tobacco and marijuana retailers and service establishments have been invited to the training. The training will provide employees with ID-checking tips and practice, along with the latest information on selling age-restricted products.</p> <p>Representatives from the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, Linn County Public Health, and Oregon Health Authority Problem Gambling Services will be giving presentations. There will also be a presentation about Linn Together’s Bottle Tagging campaign. To date, 20 individuals have registered for the training.</p>
Agency Updates	

CASA of Linn County: On July 25 at 3:45 pm, two new CASA's will be sworn in at the Linn County Courthouse. The public is invited to attend. CASA is currently gathering donations for school supplies to be distributed to clients in need. Any additional supplies will be distributed to local community organizations. Supplies can be dropped off at CASA at 2730 Pacific Blvd in Albany or call 541-926-2651.

Parenting Success Network & LBCC Parenting Education: Mike reported that the "Dads at the Margin" group is developing a family night in collaboration with other local organizations. LBCC's Parenting Education program is receiving more requests for in-person parenting workshops and fewer for virtual workshops.

Eastside Christian Church: Ben shared that there will be a "Worship in the Park" event at the Mid-Willamette Valley YMCA on August 11 from 5:00 – 9:30 pm.

Aliza Tuttle: Aliza is participating in a Portland State University panel investigating the intersection between suicide risk and substance use. Aliza has a contact at the Albany Public Library that can help distribute youth marijuana prevention campaign and other Linn Together materials.

Next Linn Together meeting:

August 30, 2023
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Via Zoom