



Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
September 27, 2023	12:00 – 1:00 PM	via Zoom
Type of meeting	General meeting	
Facilitator	Danette Killinger	
Note taker	Julie Mercer	
Attendees	Ben Atchley, Brandi Blethen, Dani Crabtree, Sarah Daniels, Sue Harte, Michael Jerpak, Danette Killinger, Julie Mercer, Dar Merrill, Jessica Palmer, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair, Aliza Tuttle, Cliff Wooten, Jeanie Wooten	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
<p><i>Meeting minutes:</i> Linn Together minutes from August 30, 2023 were approved.</p> <p><i>Drug Free Communities Grant:</i> Linn Together completed the first two years of the Drug Free Communities Grant on September 29, 2023. There are three more years of funding. The \$125,000 per year grant requires matching funds that increase over the length of the grant from 100% to 150%. Volunteer hours count toward matching funds and are important to track. For Year 3, fentanyl has been added to alcohol, marijuana and tobacco as a substance of focus.</p> <p><i>Linn Together Coalition Assessment:</i> Aliza presented the results of the 2023 Linn Together Coalition Assessment. Eighteen Linn Together members participated this year, an increase from 13 members last year.</p>		
Responsible Sales Training		
Presenter	Danette	
Discussion	<p>The evaluation results from Linn Together’s July 26, 2023 Responsible Sales Training were reviewed. The Responsible Sales Training provided local retailers an opportunity to learn about Oregon laws regarding the sale of age-restricted products and to practice ID-checking skills. Twenty-five participants attended the training; from Albany, Lebanon and Sweet Home. In the post-training evaluation, 100% of the participants indicated their ability to check identification and follow Oregon laws regarding the sale of age-restricted products as “Good” or “Super Awesome.”</p> <p>Dani noted that during the training some clerks were uncertain about which products are age-restricted.</p>	

STAND Youth Council	
Presenter	Shannon
Discussion	The first meeting of the STAND Youth Council for the 2023-24 school year will be on October 11 at a local high school. STAND's first project of the year will be distributing posters and materials for the second phase of the Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign. Shannon would like to have participants from several Linn County high schools this year. If you know a student that may be interested in participating in STAND, please contact Shannon at ssnair@co.linn.or.us .
Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign	
Presenter	Rose
Discussion	The second phase of the Youth Marijuana Prevention campaign continues to be marketed. Social media advertising on Facebook (geared toward parents) and Instagram (focused on youth and parents) will begin in October. A second round of local billboards will begin in October and run through December.
Fentanyl Task Force	
Presenter	Danette
Discussion	The Fentanyl Task Force has been developing an assessment of local fentanyl prevention resources. Rose is working on a fentanyl prevention presentation to deliver to middle and high school classrooms. The task force is researching local school district policies regarding storing Narcan and training staff on Narcan use. The task force has also been working on ways to widen the distribution of fentanyl conversation cards for parents and educators. The next Fentanyl Task Force meeting will be October 3 from 11:30- 12:30 in Miller Room B of the Armory Building.
Media Outreach Workgroup	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	Linn Together's media outreach this month has been focused on promoting Linn Together's Fentanyl Conversation Cards. KEZI news featured a story about the cards on their website. An article about the cards will also be in the October issue of MOM magazine. Fifteen local schools and organizations have requested Fentanyl Conversation Cards in response to the media outreach, including those in Albany, Central Linn, Harrisburg, Sweet Home, and Lebanon.

	<p>There will be a fentanyl card pack assembly gathering on Monday, October 2 from 2:00 – 4:00 in Miller Room B in the Armory Building. Alternatively, volunteers are invited to take materials home to assemble. Brandi, Jessica, Sue, Dar and Jean offered to assemble cards at home.</p>
<p>Community Events Workgroup</p>	
<p>Presenter</p>	<p>Sarah</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p><i>Recent Linn Together Tabling Events:</i> Linn Together hosted prevention information tables at the following events:</p> <p>August 30 – Sweet Home Jr High Open House September 9 – Lebanon Area Mental Health Alliance Suicide Prevention & Awareness Walk September 20 – Albany Business Extravaganza</p> <p>Sarah shared pictures and highlights from the events. Linn Together developed a new rack card listing ways that businesses can support Linn Together. The rack card was distributed at the Albany Business Extravaganza.</p> <p><i>Upcoming Linn Together Tabling Events:</i> October 31 – Heritage Mall Trick-or-Treat event, 5:00 – 6:00 pm.</p> <p>A Linn Together Community Events Calendar for 2024 is being developed. E-mail Julie if you have suggestions.</p>

Next Linn Together meeting:
October 18, 2023
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Armory Building, Albany