



Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
October 18, 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, Dani Crabtree, Sarah Daniels, George Evans, Sue Harte, Angie Jansen, Danette Killinger, Julie Mercer, Dar Merrill, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair, Cliff Wooten, Jeanie Wooten	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
<p><i>Meeting minutes:</i> Linn Together minutes from September 27, 2023 were edited and approved.</p> <p><i>DFC Webinar on Fentanyl:</i> Danette watched an informative webinar on fentanyl, “Preventing Fentanyl Related Harms.” She will share a link to the recording when it becomes available.</p>		
STAND Youth Council		
Presenter	Shannon	
Discussion	<p>The STAND Youth Council met on October 11 for the kick-off of their 2023-24 year. Nine students from Harrisburg High School and six students from West Albany High School participated. Students put informational tags on key chains designed to support the Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign. STAND students will be distributing them at local middle schools. Shannon continues to recruit students from additional Linn County High Schools. Contact her at ssnair@co.linn.or.us if you know a potential participant.</p>	
Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign		
Presenter	Rose	
Discussion	<p>The second round of local billboards for the Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign will begin in October and run through December.</p>	
Fentanyl Task Force		
Presenter	Danette	
Discussion	<p>The Fentanyl Task Force met on October 3. Rose has developed a fentanyl presentation to deliver to local middle and high school classrooms. Jessica Palmer and Danette are researching local school district polices regarding storing Narcan and training staff on Narcan use. Julie has developed drafts of fentanyl prevention billboards. The task force has also been</p>	

	working on ways to widen the distribution of fentanyl conversation cards. Over 800 sets of cards were distributed in the last month. The next Fentanyl Task Force meeting will be November 7 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. New participants are welcomed.
Data Workgroup	
Presenter	Danette
Discussion	<p><i>Linn County Youth Data:</i> Danette presented PowerPoint slides containing highlights of Linn County results from the 2022 Oregon Student Health Survey. 2,060 6th, 8th and 11th grade students participated in the survey. In the future, all Oregon school districts will be required to administer the survey.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth substance use has decreased in Linn County, mirroring state and national trends. • Dani noted that about one third of local tobacco retailers sold to minors during the 2022-2023 state compliance check. Most of these sales were vaping products. • Rose noted that youth often have the perception that “everyone” vapes or uses marijuana when that is not the case. It is important to correct those misperceptions. • Shannon stated that it is illegal for youth to buy vape pens but it is not illegal for them to carry them. • Sue shared that vape pens can come in forms that are difficult to identify in schools, like highlighter vape pens.
Media Workgroup	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	<p><i>Linn Together Website:</i> The new linntogether.org website went live last week. Julie thanked the Media Workgroup for their contributions to the development of the site. Julie shared features and content of the new website and discussed how it will be utilized as the hub of Linn Together’s media activity.</p>
Agency Updates	
<p><i>Central Linn High School:</i> Sue reported that Central Linn High School is planning a joint health fair with Harrisburg & Monroe High Schools. The fair is being planned for December 14, 2023. It was suggested that this may be a good opportunity for STAND Youth Council students to help support the event.</p>	

Eastside Christian Church: Ben shared that Eastside Christian Church will hold a Halloween “Trunk-or-Treat” event from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on October 29. The church is located at 1910 Grand Prairie Road. For more information call 541-928-9349.

Next Linn Together meeting:

November 15, 2023

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Via Zoom