



Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
February 21, 2024	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, Rhonda Jacques, Angie Jansen, Danette Killinger, Michael Mattingly, Julie Mercer, Dar Merrill, Jessica Palmer, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair, Jeanie Wooten	

**Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes**

Linn Together meeting minutes from December 13, 2023 were approved.

Brandi gave an update on pending changes to Oregon Measure 110, the 2020 law which decriminalized possession of small amounts of hard drugs. Measure 110 does not appear to be successful in reducing drug overdoses in Oregon. It is likely that in the 2025 legislative sessions changes will be made to make possession of these drugs a misdemeanor.

**Lund Report: Linn County Prevention Life Skills Training Program**

Presenter	Danette
	<p>An Oregon Public Broadcasting/Lund investigative report highlighted the success of Linn County Prevention Life Skills Program in their article, “Most Oregon Drug Use Prevention Programs for Kids Not Science-Backed.” The article stated that Linn County is one of only 44 Oregon School districts using prevention programming endorsed by an expert.</p> <p>The reporter observed one of Shannon’s Life Skills classes at Scio Middle School and noted the high level of student engagement in the session.</p> <p>Jeanne noted that the article was highlighted at the last Scio School Board meeting. The article can be found on the <a href="#">OPB website</a>.</p>

**STAND Youth Council**

Presenter	Shannon
Discussion	The STAND Youth Council will be working with a professional videographer to produce new videos with tips for parents on talking to kids about alcohol and other drugs. The STAND students began planning the videos at their February 14 meeting.

Bottle Tagging Campaign	
Presenters	Julie
Discussion	Recent bottle tagging events included Harrisburg (Jan 30), Sweet Home (Feb 1) and Albany (Feb 13). Julie reported that most of the stores had participated previously and were enthusiastic about participating again. Three of the stores had cooler decals on display for over a year. A video clip of Michael bottle tagging in a local store was shown. The clip will be used to promote Linn Together’s underage drinking prevention strategies.
Community Events Workgroup	
Presenter	Sarah
Discussion	Linn Together hosted a table at the Albany Non-Profit Networking Event on January 25. The event provided an opportunity for the public to learn about local non-profits and for the organizations to network. Forty-seven local non-profit organizations participated. The event was well-attended by the public, with 95 people visiting the Linn Together table. Sarah recommended participating in this event annually.
Fentanyl Taks Force	
Presenter	Danette
Discussion	The Fentanyl Task Force has been working on billboards to display locally, beginning in April. The billboards will remind parents to talk to their teens about the risks of fentanyl and refer them to linntogether.org. Danette showed three design drafts and received feedback from members.
Media Workgroup	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	Julie shared recent Linn Together Instagram posts and listserv mailings. Recent media topics included vaping, youth marijuana prevention, safe sports betting, fentanyl prevention, and family activities with teens. Julie noted the percentage email “opens” increased slightly after increasing the frequency of mailings.
Recruiting & Retention Workgroup	
Presenter	Rose & Danette
Discussion	Danette and Rose will be giving a presentation to the Kiwanis club on April 2 about Linn Together and youth mental health.

	<p>The Recruiting and Retention workgroup has re-scheduled the Linn Together Volunteer Celebration for March 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. The event will be held at the Linn County Armory Building and a light lunch will be provided. Linn Together accomplishments from 2023 will be highlighted. Members are encouraged to bring a guest. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:info@linntogether.org">info@linntogether.org</a>.</p>
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**Agency Updates**

*Linn County Alcohol & Drug Program:* Rose is participating in the South Albany High School Career Day today. She will be promoting careers in social services fields.

*Central Linn High School:* Sue shared that Central Linn High School will be hosting a Career Day on March 21.

**Next Linn Together meeting:**  
Volunteer Celebration  
March 20, 2024  
12:00 – 1:00 pm  
Linn County Armory Building  
Light lunch provided  
Please RSVP [info@linntogether.org](mailto:info@linntogether.org)