



Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
August 21, 2024	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Via Zoom
Type of meeting	General meeting	
Facilitator	Danette Killinger	
Note taker	Julie Mercer	
Attendees	Brandi Blethen, Dani Crabtree, Sarah Daniels, Angie Jansen, Carter Kachel, Danette Killinger, Julie Mercer, Dar Merrill, Jessica Palmer, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair, Amy Vektor, Jeannie Wooten, Hailie Wright	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
Linn Together meeting minutes from June 12, 2024 were approved.		
Linn Together Bottle Tagging Campaign		
Presenter	Julie	
Discussion	<p>Fifty-four Linn County alcohol retailers participated in Linn Together’s Bottle Tagging campaign between January and June 2024. Retailers agreed to have tags placed on bottles of alcohol reminding customers not to provide alcohol to minors.</p> <p>A “Summer Responsibly” themed bottle tag was printed and is being distributed this summer. The tag has a trackable QR code so we will know the number of people that scanned it for more information.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed to assist in the last three summer bottle tagging outings:</p> <p>Thursday, August 22 – 8:30 – 11:30 am (Sweet Home) Friday, August 23 – 8:30 – 11:30 am (Mill City/Lyons/Scio) Monday, August 26 – 8:30 – 11:30 am (Albany)</p> <p>Carter and Dani are available to assist with bottle tagging. Dar and Jeannie offered to assist with punching holes in tags.</p>	
Linn County Fair 2024		
Presenter	Sarah	
Discussion	<p>Linn Together hosted a booth at the Linn County Fair July 18-20. The booth had a fentanyl awareness theme. Fentanyl conversation cards, along with other prevention materials, were distributed. The booth was visited by 602 adults, 330 teens and 411 kids, for a total of 1,343 visitors over the three-day period.</p>	

	<p>Sarah thanked the Linn Together volunteers who covered 12 hours of fair booth time.</p> <p>Members discussed what worked well at the fair and what could be done differently next year.</p> <p>Worked well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fentanyl was a relevant topic • Having the banner designed like the current Linn Together billboard helped people connect the booth to the campaign <p>For next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't display a QR code; few people scanned it • Consider having Narcan available at the booth • Include activities/prizes specifically for youth • Or host a youth-themed booth with the assistance of STAND youth council members
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National Night Out 2024

Presenters	Sarah
Discussion	<p>On August 6, Linn Together participated in National Night Out events in Lebanon, Scio, Millersburg, and Mennonite Village in Albany. National Night Out is a nationwide community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. Prevention information and Linn Together promotional items were distributed, and sign-ups for the Linn Together email newsletter were collected.</p>

Middle School Registration events

Presenter	Sarah
Discussion	<p>Last week, Linn Together hosted an informational table at Calapooia Middle School's registration. This week, we are at Memorial Middle School, North Albany Middle School, and Scio Middle School. So far, over 150 sign-ups for the Linn Together email newsletter have been collected at these events.</p> <p>In addition, prevention materials were provided for distribution at registrations at Central Linn Jr/Sr High, Harrisburg Middle School, and Santiam Jr/Sr High. A suggestion was made to distribute prevention information through the Parent Square service utilized by many schools.</p> <p>Thank you to Jeannie and Dar for helping at middle school registration events. Additional volunteers are needed for this week's events. Please get in touch with Julie if you are available.</p>

Other Community Events	
Presenter	Sarah
Discussion	<p>Linn Together has had a full summer of community outreach events! In addition to the Linn County Fair, National Night Out, and middle school registrations, we also had tables at the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 21 – Pioneer Picnic, Brownsville • July 9 – Recovery in the Park, Albany • August 10 – Hoop Jam, Linn Benton Community College • August 17 – Sweet Home Health Fair <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, September 21 – Lebanon Walk to Prevent Suicide • Wednesday, September 25 – Linn Benton Community College Welcome Day <p>Volunteers are needed to help host upcoming events. Please contact Julie if you are interested.</p>
National Prevent Network Conference	
Presenter	Danette & Shannon
Discussion	<p>Danette, Shannon, and Sarah attended the National Prevention Network (NPN) conference, August 13-15 in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference highlighted the latest research in the substance use prevention field. Shannon shared information and an activity from a suicide prevention session she attended. Danette shared highlights from a session she attended on fentanyl prevention.</p>
Media Outreach Workgroup	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	<p>Julie shared examples of recent Linn Together Instagram posts and email newsletters. Whenever appropriate, email newsletter stories are also posted on the Linn Together website.</p> <p>Julie showed a graph of daily visitors to linntogether.org, which indicates peaks on days of email newsletter mailings. Linn Together members are encouraged to share ideas for newsletter stories and website resources.</p>

Next Linn Together meeting:
September 18, 2024
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Linn County Armory Building