



Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
March 19, 2025	12:00 – 1:00 PM	In-person & virtual Linn County Armory Building Albany, Oregon
Type of meeting	General Meeting	
Facilitator	Shannon Snair	
Notetaker	Julie Mercer	
Attendees	Ben Atchley, Jennifer Cabral-Ireland, Dani Crabtree, Sue Harte, Angie Jansen, Carter Kachel, Danette Killinger, Ashley LeFever, Michael Mattingly, Julie Mercer, Dar Merrill, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair, Aliza Tuttle, Jeannie Wooten	

Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linn Together February 19 meeting minutes were corrected and approved. • The Fentanyl Task Force is continuing discussion groups with local stakeholders on the impact of fentanyl in the Linn County community. • The April 21 Linn Together meeting will be held in Room 102 (First floor conference room) and virtually. 	

Linn Together Community Outreach Events	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 19 (today) – Problem Gambling Awareness Table at Lebanon Senior Center, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Hosts: Sarah & Brian Mayta, gambling treatment counselor • April 10 – Family Trivia Night at Scio Middle School, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Hosts: Ashley & Julie. This event is held in collaboration with Scio Cares. • May 14 – LBCC Springfest, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Host: Sarah • May 28 – Lebanon Sources of Strength Wellness Fair, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Pioneer School. Host: Ashley <p>Volunteer table hosts are needed for the May 14 & 28 events. Watch your email for volunteer requests from Julie.</p> <p>Mark your calendar for the Linn Together booth at the Linn County Fair, July 17-19. The booth must be attended from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm each day, so several volunteers will be needed. Volunteers receive fair admission and parking passes.</p>

Family Trivia Night at Scio Middle School	
Presenter	Julie & Ashley

Discussion	<p>In collaboration with Scio Cares, Linn Together will pilot our first Family Trivia Night on April 10 at Scio Middle School. The trivia night will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Scio Middle School gym and includes dinner and prizes. Trivia questions will include youth substance use prevention information for parents and youth. In addition, a table of prevention resources will be on display.</p> <p>If the event is successful, Family Trivia Night will be offered to other Linn County middle schools. Ashley shared examples of the types of trivia questions that will be used for the event. Linn Together members gave suggestions for family prizes.</p>
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Recruiting & Retention Workgroup

Presenter	Danette
	<p>Current projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the Linn Together PowerPoint used to promote the coalition at local presentations. • Update the Linn Together “elevator speech,” which briefly summarizes Linn Together’s mission and strategies. • Create an informational packet for Linn Together recruits. <p>The workgroup will meet monthly over the next six months to work on these projects. Danette encouraged Linn Together members to consider serving on the Recruiting & Retention Workgroup. Current workgroup members Rose and Dar recommended joining the group. Rose said she has enjoyed giving presentations about Linn Together and planning the annual Linn Together Volunteer Celebration. Dar added that the presentation to the Albany City Council was valuable. He encouraged Linn Together members to utilize their personal and professional networks in support of Linn Together.</p> <p>The next Recruiting and Retention Workgroup meeting will be on April 2nd.</p>

Linn County STAND Youth Council Spring Project

Presenter	Shannon
Discussion	<p>STAND Youth Council has completed three Dr. Suess-themed videos with tips for parents on talking to kids about the risks of youth substance use. The videos will be released three weeks apart via email newsletter, website, and social media.</p> <p>STAND has been working on a spring project entitled “Check in, Don’t check out.” The campaign encourages high school peers to check on friends who show signs of emotional distress. STAND</p>

	<p>Youth Council students are distributing informational flyers and caribeaners with the “Check in, Don’t check out” slogan. The flyers include signs and symptoms of distress, ways to help, and resources in and out of school. The campaign will be released at Harrisburg High School and West Albany High School before Spring Break and at Santiam High School and Lebanon High in Early April.</p> <p>Shannon was pleased to report that 27 students attended the February STAND meeting. She plans to continue to seek representation from all Linn County high schools.</p>
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<p>Problem Gambling Awareness Month</p>	
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<p>Presenter</p>	<p>Julie & Shannon</p>
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<p>Discussion</p>	<p>March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Linn Together and Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program have promoted problem gambling awareness with the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem gambling presentations • Tabling event at Lebanon Senior Center • Social media – Instagram and Facebook • Email newsletter mailings • Problem Gambling Art Search for middle school students <p>The Problem Gambling Art Search was originally a statewide contest, but is now limited to Linn County. Artwork submissions are requested through the LifeSkills sixth-grade prevention program. Winning students receive \$25 gift cards, and artwork is considered for use in a local problem gambling prevention billboard.</p>
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<p>Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign</p>	
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<p>Presenter</p>	<p>Shannon</p>
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<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Posters and rack cards promoting the Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign are being distributed to local organizations in order to expand outreach. Shannon and Ashley distributed materials at five local medical offices and businesses with youth clientele.</p> <p>Linn Together members discussed options for distributing Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign materials more broadly. Shannon is seeking volunteers to help distribute materials on Thursday, March 27 at 10:00 am. Contact Shannon if you are interested in assisting.</p>
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<p>Agency Updates</p>	
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<p>Julie thanked Carter for his help with the Linn Together Bottle Tagging campaign.</p>	
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Next Linn Together meeting:
April 16, 2025
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Linn County Armory Building
Miller Room A, First Floor
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