

Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
October 15, 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, Dani Crabtree, Rhonda Jacques, Angie Jansen, Danette Killinger, Ashley LeFever, Julie Mercer, Michael Mattingly, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
• <i>Minutes:</i> Linn Together September 17, 2025 meeting minutes were approved. • <i>Fentanyl Card Assembly:</i> Thank you to the Linn Together members who assembled packs of Fentanyl Conversation Cards during today’s meeting. • <i>Trivia questions:</i> Ben won this month’s trivia activity!		
Linn Together Community Outreach Events		
Presenter	Ashley	
Discussion	Recent Events: • LBCC Welcome Day, September 24: Angie, Sarah & Julie hosted. They helped LBCC students make mental health toolkits and promoted mental health training. 160 students visited our table! • Lebanon Community Walk for Suicide Prevention & Awareness, September 27, at Ralston Park in Lebanon. Ashley hosted and provided mental health information and toolkits. She had 54 adult table visitors and a few children. • Scio Family Cares Day, October 4: SCIO Cares sponsored this family event, which included a BBQ, pony rides, face painting, a cake walk, and more. Linn Together had an informational table with children’s activities. Jeannie and Danette were event organizers, and Shannon hosted the Linn Together table. About 225 people attended Family Cares Day, which was 50 more than last year. • Student Wellness Fair at COMP-NW in Lebanon, October 8: Ashley hosted a table with mental health toolkits. 52 students visited the booth. Upcoming Events: Our next Linn Together community event will be the Albany Non-profit Networking Event at the Boys and Girls Club in Albany.	

Linn Together Media Outreach	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	Media highlights: • We are posting a series of social media “Thank You’s” for local organizations that display Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign posters and campaign materials. This month, we thanked Linn Lanes Bowling Alley in Lebanon. • We are continuing to promote Fentanyl Conversation Card sets for use by local schools and community organizations. Clear display bins have been purchased to help organizations make the cards easily accessible. Recent requests for the card sets have come from several groups, including DHS offices in Albany and Lebanon, the United Presbyterian Church in Albany, Milestones Recovery, and the Mid-Willamette Valley YMCA.
Family Trivia Night	
Presenter	Ashley
	Linn Together piloted a Family Trivia Night in April at Scio Middle School in May. The event was a success, and we plan to host four additional events this school year. Our next Family Trivia Night is being planned with Harrisburg Middle School for November 20. Ashley is currently teaching LifeSkills at Harrisburg Middle School and can promote the event in person. The Harrisburg Booster Club expressed interest in supporting Family Trivia Night. Heide said she would help with the event. Linn Together Family Trivia Nights are a fun way for families to spend time together and strengthen connections. With interactive trivia and helpful prevention tips, these events spark conversations and encourage healthy choices during the middle school years.
Linn Together Bottle Tagging	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	The Linn Together Bottle Tagging campaign has been active since 2022. More than fifty Linn County retailers participate. Linn Together members who are interested can select a store that would be convenient for them to tag. Julie will provide the materials and instructions. A sign-up sheet was passed.
STAND Youth Council & Vaping in Schools	
Presenters	Shannon & Ashley
Discussion	The Linn County STAND Youth Council met on September 24 in Albany. The council selected vaping in schools as a primary issue

	they would like to address this school year. Students created maps of their schools and identified high-risk areas for vaping, including those with limited supervision. Students noted that a particular concern is vaping in school bathrooms. STAND Students are using the Strategic Planning Framework to address vaping/Zyn issues in local high schools. The next STAND Youth Council meeting will be on October 29 at Harrisburg High School. Ashley highlighted key points of a recent Truth Initiative article, “Educators’ Perspectives on Vaping in the Classroom”: Educators report that vaping is widespread in middle and high schools, with students starting to vape as early as 6th grade. Many vape in bathrooms or even during class, creating distractions and making non-vaping students feel uncomfortable. Small, easily hidden vaping devices make detection difficult, while outdated policies and competing priorities limit staff enforcement efforts. Dani has developed a vaping prevention campaign with a popcorn theme. The campaign includes keychains and conversation/facts cards that will be distributed in Linn County middle schools.
Linn Together Community Training	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	Linn Together will be offering a community drug trends training by “Tall Cop Says Stop” trainer Jermaine Galloway. We have reserved his services for a full day on April 1, 2026. Linn Together members discussed options for a training location.
Agency Updates	
Presenter	All
Discussion	<i>Eastside Christian Church:</i> Ben shared that Eastside Christian Church in Albany will host a Trunk-or-Treat event on October 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. <i>Linn County Alcohol & Drug:</i> Danette showed medication disposal bags that are available without cost through Linn County Alcohol & Drug.

Next Linn Together meeting:
November 19, 2025
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Linn County Armory Building
Miller Room A, First floor and virtual