

Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
April 16, 2025	12:00 – 1:00 PM	In-person & virtual Linn County Armory Building Albany, Oregon
Type of meeting	General Meeting	
Facilitator	Danette Killinger	
Notetaker	Julie Mercer	
Attendees	Brandi Blethen, Jennifer Cabral-Ireland, Sue Harte, Rhonda Jacques, Carter Kachel, Danette Killinger, Ashley LeFever, Julie Mercer, Dar Merrill, Thien Nguyen, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair, Jeannie Wooten, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
• <i>Minutes:</i> Linn Together March 19, 2025 meeting minutes were approved. • <i>Guest introduction:</i> Thien Nguyen and Jolynn Meza Wynkoop from Samaritan Health Services were introduced. They will be sharing two upcoming events at today’s meeting.		
Linn Together Community Outreach Events		
Presenter	Julie	
Discussion	Recent Events: • On March 19, Linn Together hosted a Problem Gambling Awareness Month table at the Lebanon Senior Center. Hosts Sarah & Brian Mayta, a gambling treatment counselor, talked with 17 seniors at the center. Upcoming Events: • May 14 – LBCC Springfest, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Host: Sarah. A QPR suicide prevention class will be offered on the LBCC campus on May 28. SpringFest will be utilized to promote the training. Two people have already registered for QPR. • May 28 – Lebanon Sources of Strength Wellness Fair, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Pioneer School. Host: Ashley • July 17-19 – Linn County Fair, 11:00 am – 9:00 pm each day. Volunteer table hosts are needed for the upcoming events. Watch your email for volunteer requests from Julie.	
Family Trivia Night at Scio Middle School		
Presenter	Ashley, Jeannie & Julie	
Discussion	In collaboration with Scio Cares, Linn Together piloted our first Family Trivia Night on April 10 at Scio Middle School. Five families attended the event. Ashley was the emcee, and three Scio Cares	

	members helped at the event. Julie, Ashley, and Jeannie commented on the fun atmosphere, the high level of family engagement, and the smooth infusion of substance use prevention information. Similar Family Trivia Night events will be offered to the other Linn County middle schools over the next two years.
Media Outreach	
Presenter	Julie
	The first STAND Youth Council Dr. Seuss-themed video for parents was released through Linn Together email on April 1. The second video will go out on April 22nd, and the third on May 6th. The first video is available for viewing at linntogether.org. A handout entitled “Teen-Approved Conversation Starters for Parents” was developed in consultation with Harrisburg High School students. The handout will be distributed with the second STAND Youth Council video. A sub-list of Linn Together email subscribers who are educators has been developed in order to distribute educator-specific prevention information to this population. A mailing was sent this week on vaping resources for educators. Linn Together now has both Instagram and Facebook pages.
Recruiting & Retention Workgroup	
Presenter	Danette & Rose
Discussion	The purpose of the recruiting and retention workgroup is to create promotional and marketing materials for Linn Together. The work group also plans the annual Volunteer Celebration. Rose presented the final draft of a Linn Together elevator speech that can be used at events and community presentations to provide a brief overview of the coalition. A suggestion was made to emphasize that the coalition focused on youth substance use.
Opioid Settlement Funds & Community Presentation at Harrisburg High School	
Presenter	Danette, Shannon & Rose
Discussion	Dannette and Shannon have been gathering data and conducting discussion groups on fentanyl to learn more about fentanyl’s impact on our community. The information is being utilized in planning for the \$298,000 Opioid Settlement Grant awarded to the Linn County Alcohol & Drug Prevention Program.

	The discussion sessions are 30-45 minutes long and have included discussions about fentanyl's impact on families and the need for longer courses of treatment (up to two years) for those in recovery from fentanyl. Let Danette know if your organization would like to host a fentanyl discussion session. There are incentives available for client/patient participation. A community presentation entitled, "Fentanyl & Substance Use: What Harrisburg Parents & Teens Need to Know" will be held on May 15th in collaboration with the City of Harrisburg, Harrisburg School District, and the Linn County Sheriff's Office. Rose will be one of the presenters at the event, which will include information on youth substance use trends, signs and symptoms, and what parents can do. Representatives from the STAND Youth Council will discuss their peer-to-peer prevention efforts. The presentation will be from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at Harrisburg High School.
Linn County STAND Youth Council	
Presenter	Shannon
Discussion	The STAND Youth Council is planning a summer campaign that will include suggestions for peers on fun summer activities in each Linn County community. Shannon has been working on recruiting student participants from each Linn County high school. Her goal is to have 4-5 students from each school. Danette noted that it has taken time to rebuild STAND participation since COVID.
Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign	
Presenter	Shannon
Discussion	The Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign will have a billboard splash this summer, with a total of 16 billboards in June, July and August. Some of the billboards will feature the "Level Up" message and design used for parents in the previous billboard round. Additional designs are being created that will emulate the colors and designs of the three youth posters in Phase 2 of the campaign. Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign materials will be distributed at community events throughout the summer and will be featured at the Linn Together booth at the Linn County Fair. The linntogether.org Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign landing page will have a unique URL for the campaign.
Community Conversations on Opioid Use Disorder	
Presenter	Thien Nguyen & Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Samaritan Health Services

Discussion	Samaritan Health Services, in partnership with UR Medicine Recovery Center of Excellence, is hosting “Community Conversations on Opioid Use Disorder” events in Albany, Lebanon, Lincoln City and Newport, May 19-22. The conversations will be facilitated by Tedra Cobb and are intended to reduce stigma around substance use disorders. The intended audience includes individuals in recovery, the health care/medical community, business owners, and law enforcement. On June 24 & 25, Samaritan will host screenings of the movie, “Recovery City” which will include a question and answer session with the director and one of the individuals featured in the movie. Ms. Cobb will also be offering train-the-trainer workshops for those interested in learning to facilitate similar sessions.
Agency Updates	
<i>Family Tree Relief Nursery</i> – Carter shared that Family Tree is having a diaper drive throughout April. However, they accept diaper donations year-round. <i>Scio Cares</i> – Jeannie announced that the 2025 Linn County Lamb and Wool Festival will take place in Scio on May 16, 17 & 18. Visit lambfair.com for the event schedule. <i>Linn Together</i> – HP in Corvallis has selected Linn Together for one of their “HP We Day” community projects. A team of eight HP employees will help to assemble fentanyl conversation card packs on April 25. <i>Drug Take Back Day in Linn County</i> – The Linn County Sheriff’s Office is hosting drug take back events on April 26 in Mill City, Scio, Halsey, and Harrisburg. To learn more call the Linn County Sheriff’s Office at 541-967-3950.	

Next Linn Together meeting:
May 21, 2025
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Linn County Armory Building
Room 102, First Floor
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