

Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
May 21, 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, Dani Crabtree, Sarah Daniels, Sue Harte, Angie Jansen, Danette Killinger, Ashley LeFever, Lincoln Luna , Michael Mattingly, Julie Mercer, Dar Merrill, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
<i>Minutes:</i> Linn Together April 16, 2025 meeting minutes were approved. <i>Guest introduction:</i> Lincoln Luna from Portland State University was introduced. He will be substituting for Aliza Tuttle while she is on leave. <i>Linn Together Assessment:</i> Lincoln will be conducting this year’s Linn Together Assessment, a member survey that provides valuable information about the coalition. Members will receive a link to the online survey, which takes 10-15 minutes to complete. Participants have the option for an additional 15-minute verbal interview. Additionally, Linn Together members who have not already done so will be asked to complete an online Skills & Interests inventory.		
Linn Together Community Outreach Events		
Presenter	Sarah	
Discussion	Recent Events: - Linn Together participated in the LBCC Springfest on May 14. Sarah, Dani and Shannon hosted a table that included a mental health toolkit-making activity. The toolkits were popular with the students. Hosts also promoted the QPR suicide prevention class which will be held at LBCC on May 28. To date, 25 people have registered for the training. Upcoming Events: - 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. A sign-up sheet was passed. Brandi suggested using the elevator speech developed by the Recruitment & Retention work group at community events.	
Harrisburg Community Presentation		
Presenter	Shannon	

Discussion	Linn Together, in collaboration with the Harrisburg School District, City of Harrisburg, Linn County Sheriff's Office, and Linn County Health Services, hosted a community presentation on fentanyl awareness. The event, titled "Fentanyl & Substance Use: What Harrisburg Parents & Teens Need to Know," took place on May 15th at Harrisburg High School. Rose, Shannon, three STAND Youth Council students, and an officer from the Linn County Sheriff's Office gave presentations. The audience turnout was smaller than expected, but those in attendance were engaged. The Linn County Sheriff's Office expressed interest in working with the STAND Youth Council.
HP "We Day"	
Presenter	Julie
	Hewlett-Packard in Corvallis selected Linn Together as one of the recipients for their "We Day" volunteer event. On April 25, a team of eight HP employees, led by Tom Gary, assembled Linn Together fentanyl conversation cards. The team assembled over 900 card packs and expressed an interest in helping Linn Together at next year's "We Day" event. Linn Together members signed a "Thank You" card for Tom and his team.
Linn County STAND Youth Council	
Presenter	Shannon & Ashley
Discussion	"Check In, Don't Check Out" campaign: The STAND Youth Council has been working on a spring and summer project centered around the message: "Check In, Don't Check Out." The campaign encourages students to reach out to their friends if they're concerned about them. The goal is to raise awareness about the signs that someone might be struggling, share practical ways to check in with friends, and connect students with helpful resources for support. For the summer, STAND students developed summer-themed "Check In, Don't Check Out" posters and a list of fun, safe summer activities for teens to enjoy with friends. Shannon shared the posters and summer fun list. Linn Together members are encouraged to make suggestions for additional events or activities to add to the summer fun list.

	Beach Balls: STAND students are designing beach balls with positive messaging to hand out at local high schools on the last day of school in June. “Start Fresh, Keep it Real” Toolkits: STAND students are developing a freshmen toolkit for students entering high school in 2025-26. The kits will contain helpful tips from upper-level students and fun back-to-school items, like mints and mechanical pencils.
CADCA Mid-Year Training Institute	
Presenter	Shannon
	Three Linn Together members and two STAND Youth Council students will attend the CADCA Mid-Year Training Institute in Nashville, Tennessee, from July 20–24. The institute offers separate tracks for adults and youth, providing training in substance use prevention, the latest strategies, and evidence-based best practices. Attendees will also have opportunities to network and exchange solutions with peers from across the country. Shannon, Ashley and Dar will be attending as Linn Together representatives. Two students from West Albany High School who have been active in STAND will represent the youth council. These students will be expected to provide leadership roles in the STAND Youth Council next year.
Opioid Settlement Workplan	
Presenter	Danette
Discussion	Danette and Shannon have been collecting data and leading discussion groups on fentanyl to help develop a work plan for the \$298,000 Opioid Settlement Grant awarded to the Linn County Alcohol & Drug Prevention Program. So far, five of the six planned focus groups have been completed. The next step is to develop strategies for the work plan. Linn Together members are invited to participate in a review and comment session on Wednesday, May 28, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Miller Room A of the Linn County Armory Building. The finalized work plan is due by May 30.
Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign	
Presenter	Rose
Discussion	The Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign will be featured on 17 local billboards this summer:

	• June – 3 billboards (one in Spanish) • July – 6 billboards (one in Spanish) • August – 7 billboards (one or two in Spanish) Madison Avenue Collective is updating the designs and colors for the July and August billboards. Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign materials will be distributed at summer tabling events and will include a link to the campaign page.
Media Outreach	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	• May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and Linn Together has listserv mailings and social media posts on the topic throughout the month. • The final STAND Youth Council Dr.Seuss-themed video was released this week. The three videos provide a light-hearted reminder to talk to kids about the risks of youth substance use. • The Linn Together listserv mailing offering suicide prevention classes for local businesses and organizations generated three requests for on-site QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training. • The May Linn County Reporter features a story about STAND Youth Council's videos for parents and their "Check In, Don't Check Out" campaign. • Linn Together's Instagram now has 603 followers.

Next Linn Together meeting:
June 18, 2025
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Linn County Armory Building
Miller Room A, First Floor
& Virtual