

Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
August 20, 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	Brandi Blethen, Jennifer Cabral-Ireland, Dani Crabtree, Sarah Daniels, Sue Harte, Ian Howarth, Angie Jansen, Danette Killinger, Ashley LeFever, Julie Mercer, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair, Jeannie Wooten	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
• <i>Minutes:</i> Linn Together June 18, 2025 meeting minutes were approved. • <i>New member introduction:</i> Welcome to Ian Howarth, the new Program Manager at Linn County Alcohol & Drug Program. • <i>Trivia questions:</i> Rose won this month’s trivia questions!		
Linn Together Community Outreach Events		
Presenter	Sarah	
Discussion	Recent Events: June 21 – Pioneer Picnic, Brownsville It was a cold, rainy day, but people still showed up for the event. Ashley had 81 table visitors. July 17-19 – Linn County Fair Thank you to the Linn Together volunteers who helped fill 30 hours of hosting time! Dar, Avis, Angie & Dani. The theme was the Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign. Visitors received a prize if they could answer a true/false question about marijuana risks. We talked to a record 2,210 people over the three days! 1007 adults, 565 teens, 647 children. Due to time limitations, we will discuss comments/suggestions about the fair at the September meeting. July 22 – Recovery in the Park Sue and Danette hosted our Linn Together table and had 139 visitors. August 5 & 19 – National Night Out	

	Linn Together had outreach at events in Lebanon, Scio, Sweet Home, Millersburg, and Mennonite Village. Sweet Home held its event on August 19 so as not to conflict with the Jamboree. Each event is different, but all are great opportunities to connect with Linn County families. August 9 – Hoop Jam at LBCC Sarah put tickets in the athletes' bags, sending them to the Linn Together table for a cooling towel. We had 529 youth and 186 adult visitors. August 16 – Sweet Home Health Fair Julie hosted a table at the event, which was moved indoors due to rain. Still had a good turnout of 155 table visitors. August 12, 19 & 20 – Middle School Registration Events Linn Together had tables at middle school registration events at Memorial, Calapooia, North Albany, Seven Oak, and Harrisburg and provided materials for registrations at Santiam and Central Linn. Upcoming events: August 27 – Sweet Home Back-to-school event, 5:00 – 6:30 pm September 13 – Bridges to Recovery, starting at CHANCE in Albany, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm September 24 – LBCC Welcome Day, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm September 27 – Community Walk for Suicide Prevention & Awareness, Lebanon, 9:00 – 11:00 am A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed. Angie will help with LBCC Welcome Day and Rose will help at Bridges to Recovery.
Linn Together Media Outreach	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	Recent social media and listserv mailings have had a summer theme, including summer bottle tagging, summer activities for teens, and preventing underage drinking in the summer. Julie pointed out where social media posts can be viewed on the linntogether.org home page. Viewers do not need to have a Facebook or Instagram account to view.

School Lunch Campaign (Youth marijuana use prevention)	
Presenter	Sarah
	Ashley and Sarah visited free lunch sites at schools this summer to distribute “Level Up” Youth Marijuana Prevention Campaign materials to local children. In Lebanon, free lunches were distributed at drive-through events. Linn Together distributed 140 promotional bags at Cascade School and 120 at Riverview. In Albany, children must eat lunch on-site, and there were fewer participants (7-30) per lunch at each school. Promotional bags were also distributed at the Albany Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, and Jackson Street Youth Services.
Linn County STAND Youth Council	
Presenter	Shannon & Ashley
Discussion	Two STAND Youth Council members joined Ashley and Shannon for the CADCA Mid-Year Training Institute July 20-24 in Nashville, Tennessee. Ashley participated in the adult track and Shannon and the STAND students participated in the youth track. The youth developed a plan for STAND’s 2025-26 school year and demonstrated strong leadership skills at the training. Ashley noted that there was a lot of helpful information about drug trends, especially high-potency marijuana.
Fentanyl Strategic Outreach Plan Breakout Activity: Exploring Partnerships	
Presenter	Shannon
	Linn Together members divided into small groups to discuss ideas for partnerships in the Fentanyl Strategic Outreach Plan. The goal is to establish and strengthen partnerships to increase public awareness of the dangers of fentanyl and counterfeit pills. The breakout groups discussed: • What organizations should we ask to partner with us? • What could a potential partnership with this organization look like? • What message or “ask” could we bring to them? Ideas generated from the group discussions included:

	• Provide presentations to staff at DHS substance use disorder training • Provide short videos or intake materials for treatment providers • Display posters in libraries • Send information through Parent Square, most schools' communication service • Put tags on prescription medications
Agency Updates	
Presenter	All
Discussion	• <i>Central Linn School District</i>: Sue shared that Central Linn School District begins classes on Monday, earlier than most Linn County schools. • <i>Linn County CASA</i>: Jen reported that CASA has trained eight new CASA workers, who will be assigned to twelve children.

Next Linn Together meeting:
September 17, 2025
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Linn County Armory Building
Miller Room A, First Floor
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