



Linn Together Meeting Minutes		
February 18, 2026	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	Dani Crabtree, Jennifer Cabral-Ireland, Sue Harte, Carter Kachel, Heide Kizer, Julie Mercer, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
Linn Together December 17, 2025 meeting minutes were corrected and approved.		
Linn Together Community Outreach Events		
Presenter	Julie	
Discussion	<p>Recent Events:</p> <p><i>The Great Winter Gathering at Family Tree Relief Nursery, December 20.</i> Carter hosted a Linn Together table at the event, connecting with 40 adults, 7 teens and 30 children. Carter noted that some families he talked to were already familiar with Linn Together.</p> <p><i>Albany Non-profit Networking Event, January 15 at the Boys and Girls Club in Albany.</i> Rose, Angie and Julie hosted the Linn Together table and had 50 adult, 2 teen, and 2 child visitors. They focused on promoting our “High in Plain Sight” training and fentanyl conversation cards. Rose noted that the event was a valuable source for contacts with local non-profits.</p> <p><i>Takena Kiwanis Club Presentation, January 20.</i> Julie and Rose attended a Kiwanis club meeting and gave an overview of youth substance use trends and Linn Together’s work in our community.</p> <p><i>Rotary Club Presentation, January 27.</i> Shannon gave a Linn Together presentation for the Albany Rotary Club.</p> <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p><i>Linn Together Family Trivia Night</i> – The next trivia night will be at Lacombe School. Shannon is working with their administration to select a date in March or April.</p>	

	<p><i>QPR Suicide Prevention Training at Sweet Home Public Library, March 9.</i> 14 people have registered for this training. Linn Together members discussed that trainings at alternative locations typically draw more attendees.</p> <p>Linn Together has also been invited to participate in movie nights at Scio High School and Calapooia Middle School in March.</p>
Linn Together Celebration Lunch - Debrief	
Presenter	Shannon
Discussion	<p>The Retention and Recruitment work group hosted a Linn Together Celebration Lunch on January 21. The event was held to honor Linn Together volunteers as well as to recruit new members.</p> <p>Twenty-six people attended, which was slightly less than last year’s event. The trivia game was well-received and was a fun way to highlight Linn Together’s 2025 successes.</p> <p>Linn Together members discussed options for next year, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host two separate events: a volunteer thank-you event and a volunteer recruitment event • The volunteer thank-you event would have fewer people and could be held at a restaurant or catered • The member recruitment could be part of a regularly scheduled meeting. Members could invite guests, and a Linn Together overview would be presented.
Linn County STAND Youth Council	
Presenter	STAND Youth Council students, Dani, Shannon
	<p>Seven Linn County STAND Youth Council students gave an update on the project they are working on today. The council is assisting Linn County Public Health in preparing Vaping Conversation Cards for distribution to local youth and their parents. The cards provide information on the risks of vaping and provide prompts for family discussion. STAND students will help to distribute the cards to local middle school students. The cards will also be distributed in 6th grade LifeSkills classes and are being promoted through the Linn Together newsletter and website.</p>
Jermaine Galloway Training April 1, 2026	
Presenter	Julie
Discussion	<p>Linn Together and Linn County Alcohol and Drug are hosting a training by national speaker Jermaine Galloway (“Tall Cop”) on April 1, 2026 at the Russell Tripp Theatre on the Linn Benton Community College campus. Registration for the training has opened, and 208 people have registered. Most of the registrants appear to be</p>

	professionals working in Linn or surrounding counties. Julie passed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help on the day of the event. Rose and Dani will help with the AM registration and Jenn and Carter will help with the PM registration. Jenn will be a microphone runner for the afternoon session.
Partner Updates	
Presenter	All
Discussion	<p>CASA of Linn County – Jenn reported that four new CASA volunteers will be appointed in March. To learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer, go to linncasa.org/volunteer.</p> <p><i>Family Tree Relief Nursery</i> – Carter shared that Family Tree now has a community food pantry that is open every Friday from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. No appointment or proof of ID is needed. For more information, call 541-400-1087.</p>

Next Linn Together meeting:
 March 18, 2026
 12:00 – 1:00 pm
 Linn County Armory Building
 Miller Room A, First Floor
 Virtual option available