



Linn Together Meeting		
May 20, 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, Karen Diprizio, Tierra Downing, Edgar Flores, Sue Harte, Angie Jansen, Heide Kizer, Kyle Kinion, Ashley LeFever, Nilly Livesay, Julie Mercer, Rose Reader, Shannon Snair	
Linn Together Updates & Approval of Minutes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linn Together April 15, 2026 meeting minutes were approved. • Linn Together’s summer Bottle Tagging campaign begins on June 1. Angie & Shannon will tag in Albany convenience stores, and Heide & Ashley will tag in Lebanon. Three signs have been printed that clerks can hold up to display in their “thank you” posts on social media. 		
Linn Together Community Outreach Events		
Presenter	Ashley	
Discussion	<p>Recent Events:</p> <p>May 12 -- Family Trivia Night for Scio 4th – 8th grade families. Seven families attended. Ashley and Julie hosted and were supported by a SCIO Cares member and a Centennial Elementary teacher.</p> <p>May 12 – LBCC SpringFest: Julie, Nilly and Sarah hosted a Linn Together table, featuring a Mental Health Toolkit activity and promoting mental health training. 36 students and faculty stopped by the table.</p> <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>Lebanon Sources of Strength Wellness Fair May 27, 4:00 – 7:00 pm at Pioneer School</p> <p>Brownsville Pioneer Picnic June 20, 12:00 – 7:00 pm at Pioneer Park</p> <p>Linn County Fair July 16-18, 11:00 am – 9:00 pm each day. The fair will feature the STAND Youth Council “Health Over Hype” vaping prevention campaign.</p>	

	Volunteers will be needed for the Linn County Fair; look for sign-ups soon.
Guest Speaker: Karen DiPrizio, Oregon National Guard, Counterdrug Task Force	
Presenter	Karen DiPrizio
Discussion	<p>Karen gave an overview of the Oregon National Guard Counterdrug Task Force's work in preventing youth substance use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Counterdrug Task Force has 40 employees, two of which are focused on youth substance use prevention • Services are free to the community and include Botvin's LifeSkills, DARE, and Primary Prevention • Currently, most of their outreach is in Clackamas and Marion counties, but they plan to expand services throughout Oregon • The DARE program is ten sessions long and is taught in health classes <p>Karen noted that Counterdrug Task Force employees must also be full-time, active members of the Oregon National Guard.</p>
Medication Lock Box Discussion	
Presenter	Shannon
	<p>Linn County Alcohol & Drug Prevention has \$4,000 in funding to purchase lock boxes for safe storage of medications and guns, as well as medication disposal bags. Linn Together members discussed what type of messaging would be helpful to include with the boxes. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attaching a 988 magnet to the metal cover • Adhering a large sticker with a QR code for safe storage and disposal information • Adhere a smaller sticker with a QR code in addition to a magnet • Include a list of items that can be stored in the box (medications, marijuana, vape pens, over-the-counter meds, etc.) <p>Shannon will create a draft to share with the group.</p>
Family Trivia Night Evaluation	
Presenter	Julie
	<p>"Family Trivia Night" was adopted as a new Linn Together strategy in 2025. Ashley and Julie have completed four Family Trivia Nights in rural schools (Lacomb, Harrisburg, and two in Scio). Julie is creating a survey to email participants to get feedback and suggestions for future events. Linn Together members reviewed a draft of the survey and provided edits. Julie will send the survey to Family Trivia Night participants this week and will share results at the next Linn Together meeting.</p>

Partner Updates	
Presenter	All
	<p><i>Linn County Juvenile Department</i> – Edgar shared that he is going on paternity leave this week. Kyle will substitute for him at Linn Together while he is out.</p> <p><i>Parenting Success Network</i> – Nilly said that LBCC is offering a free, virtual parenting class next week. More information about this and other classes available at parentingsuccessnetwork.org</p>

Next Linn Together meeting:
 June 17, 2026
 12:00 – 1:00 pm
 Linn County Armory Building
 Virtual option available