

Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health (Partners for Health)
Virtual through Microsoft Teams
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
September 12, 2023
Meeting Summary

Participants: Jeannie Davis, Ed.D., Luis Acosta, Maisa Athamneh, Shelagh Baird, Elizabeth Bauermeister, Hannah Bowen, Iris Carrera, Mica Contreras, Maria Elosa, Molly Gelinias, Sommer McLeish, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, JoAnn Miller, Shannon Rose, Georgia Smith, Alli Stephenson, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome:

Dr. Jeannie Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.

Meeting Minutes:

The August 8, 2023, meeting minutes of Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health were presented. **Georgia Smith made a motion and Shelagh Baird seconded the motion to approve the August 8, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.**

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant - Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities:

Sommer McLeish reported on the Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities Grant.

- The grant focuses on child abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking in Lincoln and East Linn Counties.
- Partners include ABC House, Acosta Services, Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV, Sarah's Place, and the Linn/Benton Anti-Trafficking Coalition.
- ABC House will be providing counseling services. They have seen 7 children in the rural Linn County area with the grant and are doing services out of the ABC House location and waiting until the new Sweet Home Family Medicine Clinic opens. The clinic opening has been delayed until the end of October.
- CARD has been translating information into Spanish.
- Have been attending events in East Linn County and helping work on curriculum for Middle School and High School aged children such as healthy relationships, sexual development, etc.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Has medical students as part of their community outreach program that are interested in sexual health education. Please keep in mind to help with delivering curriculum. What about resources for the Sweet Home Family Medicine Clinic.
- With the grant, exploring options on what is needed. There are so many resources out there. Looking at focus areas of intimate domestic partner violence, human trafficking, and child abuse.
- Luis Acosta is making connections in Lincoln County with different forums and events.
- **Luis Acosta:**
 - a. Is out in the community making the connections and doing focus groups.
 - b. Attended a human trafficking presentation in Lincoln County in English only.
 - c. There are Indigenous people – Guatemalans that have moved to the area and marry young and no one is doing anything around education. Something could be normal in their culture, but in the United States it is not. Need to follow the rules of this country. We need to educate soon. More people are moving here.

- Sommer McLeish noted that she and Elizabeth Bauermeister will be planning the Violence Prevention Summit. The first one will be in Linn County in the Spring 2024. They are narrowing ideas for presenters including keynote, workshops, etc.
- **JoAnn Miller** – She and Sommer McLeish recently went to Atlanta, Georgia for a meeting with the grant. Met with the cohort staff and TA.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – What will you be doing as far as data with the grant?
 - a. **Sommer McLeish** – Will be meeting with Paulina Kaiser with Samaritan Health Services related to data and the grant. Will meet with her on September 18, 2023. Will also be discussing what will be needed with the Spanish and Mam population.

Human Trafficking Presentation:

Elizabeth Bauermeister gave a human trafficking presentation.

- She is the Coordinator for the Linn/Benton Anti-Trafficking Coalition. The focus has been getting the Coalition started. The project was started a couple of years ago.
- There are so many organizations that are working with survivors that struggle with resources catered for survivors.
- What is human trafficking?
 - a. Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age. (22 U.S.C. § 7102(11)(A)).
 - b. Forced labor is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. (22 U.S.C. § 7102(11)).
- When we talk about human trafficking, we are seeing the trafficker, the survivor, and the buyer.
- Each situation is unique as the survivor.
- Anyone under 18 is considered a minor and cannot consent to a sexual act.
- We see traffickers use force, fraud, and coercion.
- Seeing a lot of fraud coercion with massive manipulators preying on vulnerabilities. Builds their trust and uses the relationship to exploit or an adult taking them under their wing and then introducing them later. The survivors develop a relationship and feel they cannot leave beyond the physical barrier.
- Labor trafficking – 80% is drug trafficking. They do not feel they can leave or earn money and some are undocumented and coerced into staying.
- 42% of cases are familial, and 39% of the case are intimate partner/friend/marriage proposal. 80% of cases are someone that is close to the survivor.
- Using the Avery Center to use survival testimony and spotlight tool. Statistics for Linn/Benton County – The Avery Center:
 - a. 93 victims;
 - b. 2,768 buyers; and
 - c. 23 traffickers.

This is just online activity in person or by word of mouth. There is a lot under the radar or by word of mouth. Since we have the university here, there is a lot that come out and go to other areas.
- What did we learn?

- a. Take away is that the initial data is a bigger issue than realized. Early conversation brushed aside, finding out there is more activity here. Trying to figure out the vulnerable population and activities.
- Other collected data – Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) – It Tool Screening through West Coast Children’s Clinic – CSE Tool that asks questions on exploitation and took identifies Clear, Possible, or No Concern.
- CSE – It Tool Screening – Jackson Street Youth Services, Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT), and Community Partners:
 - a. So far we have screened 59 youth;
 - b. Of those 59, 61% were Clear Concerns, compared to the average of 25%; and
 - c. Our protocol:
 - Report (ODHS, Law Enforcement)
 - Medical – ABC House for minors
 - Victim Advocate/Services

If working with an adult employee victim, advocate first then victim lead after that. There are organizations that work with survivors.

- Our goal (goal of Coalition) is:
 - a. Universal Screenings for At Risk populations;
 - b. Education among professionals working with At Risk populations;
 - c. Increase in services for survivors of trafficking (Let survivors take the lead on what they need; what are we not seeing that is needed; and how can we do better); and
 - d. Data collection and better understanding of the dynamics.
- Current activities:
 - a. Summit- 2024;
 - b. Showing of Surviving Sex Trafficking with Q&A- January 12th (This is a documentary of what happens after trafficking, what it looks like, and rebuilding life);
 - c. Ongoing screenings with community partners;
 - d. Education- UAST and R&R curriculum;
 - e. Sending community partners to conferences;
 - f. Grant activities; and
 - g. Data collection- Prevention Now (Statewide effort to create data tool).
- You can to onwatch.org to get additional knowledge that was developed by survivors.
- **Mica Contreras** – What kind of data are you collecting now such as Race, Ethnicity, Language, and Disability (REALD) data or Sexual Orientation Gender (SOG) data?
 - a. **Elizabeth Bauermeister** – Only data can share is data on what numbers look like. Jackson Street Youth Services has extensive demographic data. Information goes to them and they collect demographic data and turn into more detailed data.

Discussed the 2024 Violence Prevention Summit.

- The goal for the summit will be for organizations to come and speak about specific topics such as ABC House and discussing counseling services.
- One aspect will be how to work with survivors in a mental health setting.
- Will discuss labor trafficking.
- Looking at Jessa Crisp as the possible keynote speaker.
- Would like to have a panel interview with a whole look at the investigative process and may have panelist from ODS, law enforcement, legal, ABC House, and community-based organization – Those organizations that serve survivors.
- Will share information on how to work with survivors.

- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Will the audience be community professionals?
 - a. **Elizabeth Bauermeister** – “Yes,” anyone that works with traffic survivors.
- **Shelagh Baird** – Likes the focus of recovery and resources and strengths to address.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Will also include child abuse and domestic violence as part of the summit.
- **Elizabeth Bauermeister** – All of this is intertwined and all leads into exploitation.
- **Georgia Smith** – Would like to hear from LGBTQ+ survivors. I worry about the youth in our rural area that run off to Corvallis and Portland without having that conversation. Also, prevention in our schools and the connection with our foster care programs and trafficking as well.
 - a. **Elizabeth Bauermeister** – “Yes,” the LGBTQ+ community is a focus. We have a lot of survivors from this community and they become unhoused or have no emotional support. The system makes them vulnerable.
 - b. **Georgia Smith** – Does not know of survivors locally. Has worked with Project Bravery through the Olalla Center and loves to share.
- **Elizabeth Bauermeister** – Erin’s Law in Oregon – Each school district would need to adopt a child sexual abuse prevention instructional program for all students, in each grade K-12. The law passed Session. Human trafficking education is included as well. Not sure how much will be monitored.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Have we identified a location for the Violence Prevention Summit?
 - a. **Elizabeth Bauermeister** – Looking at Boulder Falls Conference Center in Lebanon.
- **Elizabeth Bauermeister** – She and Sommer McLeish has been looking at the date of May 24, 2024, for the summit. Knows there is fundraising around this time.
 - a. It was noted that Memorial Day is May 27, 2024, so the Friday before might not be the best date.
 - b. *It was suggested to move the date for the summit to May 17, 2024.*
- Sommer McLeish shared – Learn to recognize the signs of sex trafficking – <https://www.jamonwatch.org/>

Sommer McLeish – Noted that Luis Acosta is providing education to the Spanish and Mam population.

Luis Acosta introduced Maria Eliosa.

Maria Eliosa - Shared that she is part of Conexión Fenix and she is housed at Oregon Coast Community College in Lincoln City offering supports for the Hispanic population in northern Lincoln County – Lincoln City. Their mission is to bring education to the Latino community.

Elizabeth Bauermeister – They offer a couple of presentations in Spanish. “Understanding and Addressing Sex Trafficking” training through the Department of Justice – Are trainings held periodically (about every few months). They will be offering this training in Spanish.

JoAnn Miller – As she travels through the airport, notices that they do have human trafficking information posted. In Atlanta, Georgia they had it across the billboard.

Debrief - 2023 Summit and Summit Evaluation:

A debrief of 2023 Summit was noted.

- The summit was recently held on August 25, 2023.

- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Enjoyed the smaller attendance the flexibility to move around and have the workshops together. The information was great and felt like the summit was a success.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Agrees with Dr. Jeannie Davis. It was nice to be able to pivot due to attendance and have all the workshops in one room. Feedback was good. Being able to pivot made the summit much richer conversation.
- **Elizabeth Bauermeister** – Loved the diversity of the speakers. Each topic was unique and it felt fresh and holistic.
- **Shelley Hazelton** – There were a total of 44 attendees at the summit.
- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – 16 attendees responded to the survey/evaluation. There was a QR code and paper copy. Maybe could move to the Springtime for a future summit if we might want to try to get more attendance.
- Jolynn Meza Wynkoop reviewed the evaluation results.

Questions:

- a. I would recommend the Partners for Health summit to a colleague or friend.
- b. The summit covered the content I was expecting.
- c. I can apply what I learned today in my work/personal life.

Most attendees strongly agreed with the above three questions.

- d. Please indicate your preferred format for next year's summit.

There were 69% of those that responded that prefer an in-person event and 31% that prefer a hybrid event (both online and in-person).

- e. Please indicate your preferred month for the next year's summit.

13% preferred early August; 50% preferred late August; 13% preferred early September and 25% preferred late September.

- f. **Keynote address by Dr. Kelly Gonzales** – Mostly “Strongly Agree” and “Agree” responses around questions – “I gained useful information; The speaker was knowledgeable; and I would recommend this presentation to a colleague.” There were a few responses for “Neither Agree nor Disagree” as it related to – “I would recommend this presentation to a colleague.”
- g. **Workshop 1: Parenting Support by Luis Acosta** – Received all “Strongly Agree” and “Agree” responses as it related to questions – “I gained useful information; The speaker was knowledgeable; and I would recommend this presentation to a colleague.”
- h. **Workshop 2: Mindfulness for Mental Health and Wellbeing by Kari Hart** – Had “Strongly Agree” and “Agree” and some “Neither Agree nor Disagree” responses around questions - “I gained useful information; The speaker was knowledgeable; and I would recommend this presentation to a colleague.” The “Neither Agree nor Disagree” responses were for “I gained useful information; and I would recommend this presentation to a colleague.”
- i. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – We may have had this workshop positioned at the wrong spot.
- j. **Workshop 3: Youth Services by River Aaland** – Received “Strongly Agree” and “Agree” responses along with “Neither Agree nor Disagree” responses around questions - “I gained useful information; The speaker was knowledgeable; and I would recommend this presentation to a colleague.” The “Neither Agree nor Disagree” responses were related to “I would recommend this presentation to a colleague.”

- k. **Cooking Demonstration: Chips and Salsa by Beatriz Botello Salgado** – Received high responses with “Strongly Agree” and “Agree” around questions - “I gained useful information; The speaker was knowledgeable; and I would recommend this cooking demonstration to a colleague.”
- l. **Mental health Panel:** Dr. Robert Fallows, Elizabeth Bauermeister, and Shannon **Snair** – Received “Strongly Agree” and “Agree” and “Neither Agree nor Disagree” responses around questions - “I gained useful information; The speaker was knowledgeable; and I would recommend this panel to a colleague.” The “Neither Agree nor Disagree” responses were related to “I would recommend this panel to a colleague.”
- m. **Do you have any final suggestions for improvement for next year’s summit?**
 - Maybe if people had to pay for attendance, they would come. It was a wonderful day and I think everyone could benefit from the information presented.
 - Broader engagement of managers, directors, and primary care clinicians.
 - Partner resource fair should be placed in hallway. Not easily accessible.
 - Better time management.
 - I noticed the closing speaker, Lesley, mentioned every session except for the keynote. This felt like a major oversight that could be interpreted as continuing indigenous erasure.
 - Thank you! I appreciate the variety of topics and respectful dialogue about the whole person approach to health.
 - Hand on activities; Cooking art to decrease stress; garden for hobby and growing own food to increase knowledge and connection with the food and cooking.
 - I enjoyed the whole group in all sessions.
 - I would like to see some Samaritan Health Services (SHS) department invited individually, such as behavioral health providers, clinicians, etc.
- n. **What topics of interest would you like to see covered at next year’s summit?**
 - Regional partnerships. I loved the cooking segment and that we had the bilingual session, turning the tables a bit.
 - More Health Community Organizations.
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Childhood Obesity.
 - Impact of internet on children, bullying, especially Cybernet, and internet safety for children.
 - More behavioral health, substance use disorder (SUD), suicide prevention.
- **JoAnn Miller** – It was nice when we had the summit at the new Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) Building in Corvallis – Chinook Hall in 2022. The space is usually available in August. The only issue is finding catering.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Sounds like we will continue with our August event. Linn-Benton Community College Chinook Hall is a central location. LBCC does have the Zoom sessions if we wanted to do hybrid. Loved having the in-person event.
- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** - Chinook Hall did work well. It was nice having the resource fair in the entry as you came in and lunch in the back room. It had a good flow to it. We could look at recording different sessions at next year’s summit if we wanted to.
- **JoAnn Miller** – It can be tricky at times to get permission from presenters for recording.
 - a. For future summits, we want to invite those of different race, ethnicity, and leaders of diverse cultures and spend time to see what people need and want.

We need to look at our meetings and see if we are providing information to migrant/refugee/Mam populations and if we have supports for these populations.

- b. We take for granted that there are people who do not know what a telephone/cell phone/TV is. We expect diverse cultures to behave like us. There are cultures for example do not go to the hospital, because they think that if you go to the hospital you die. We need to look at those basic services such as schools, shopping. What are diverse cultures accustomed to and include in their culture?
 - c. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – What do we need to know to help them where we are at?
 - d. **Georgia Smith** – What resources are out there that we can help them with to learn our culture as well?
- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – There is a really good book on this very topic: <https://www.amazon.com/Spirit-Catches-You-Fall-Down/dp/0374533407>
“The Spirt Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures” by Anne Fadiman.
 - **Mica Contreras** – Appreciates JoAnn Miller’s comment. How do we integrate so people keep their culture always – Ways to disseminate information?

Additional Business:

Additional business was discussed.

- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – There were 9 first year medical students that participated in the Sweet Home Health Fair.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is October 10, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hazelton
Community Health Promotion