

**Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health (Partners for Health)**  
**Virtual through Microsoft Teams**  
**1:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.**  
**October 14, 2025**  
**Meeting Summary**

**Participants:** Luis Acosta, Misha Mayers, Sommer McLeish, Thien Nguyen, Nike Neuenheim, Jacob Stewart, Mary Zelinka, and Shelley Hazelton

**Welcome:**

Sommer McLeish welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Presented the minutes from the September 9, 2025, meeting of Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health Coalition. Will review further at the December meeting.

**ABC House Presentation:**

- Jacob Stewart, Education Coordinator, presented regarding ABC House and an “Effective Prevention” program done in connection with Portland State University students.
- Jacob Stewart noted that he currently provides education and prevention in our communities for all ages.
- Early this year, he connected with Portland State University who requested opportunities for student to do some literature review, hands-on experience, and the opportunity to help develop an effective violence prevention program.
- Shared slides from Portland State University with Dr. Keith Kauffman, on work that students did around literature review and analysis.
- **The method included:**
  - a. In-depth literature review.
  - b. Hands-on field experience.
  - c. Feedback survey development and testing.
- **Literature review** – Identifying research on the effectiveness of child sexual abuse and interpersonal violence prevention programs. There was over a dozen studies from multiple countries reviewed by a team of Portland State University students.
  - a. Early and often.
    - Any violence prevention needs to start early with children.
  - b. Violence and values.
  - c. At school and in the home.
  - d. Inclusion and support.
  - e. Interactive learning.
  - f. Education leads to intervention.
    - The more students feel the opportunities to lead, the more they can easily understand things.
  - g. 40% of LGBTQ+ youth report experiencing teen dating violence (TDV).
  - h. Giving teens a role in teaching prevention led to better outcomes.
  - i. Prevention education is cost-effective, with studies showing it saves schools and businesses millions of dollars.
- **The bottom line – Effective prevention programs are:**
  - a. Long-term, multiple lessons.
  - b. Focused on values, behaviors, and intervention.

- c. Interactive.
- d. Open to student leadership opportunities.
- e. Flexible (able to adapt to different needs for different populations).
- Jacob Stewart email – [j.stewart@abchouse.org](mailto:j.stewart@abchouse.org)
- **How many presentations do you usually do in a month?**
  - a. **Jacob Stewart** – It does depend. Typically, has been doing presentations 3-4 days out of a week and lately mostly those at the schools in Linn and Benton Counties. During the summer could do more trainings for organizations.
- **Are you presenting to providers or parents and communities as well and are materials in Spanish?**
  - a. **Jacob Stewart** – His focus has been schools, K-12, and organizations that work with students. Have also presented to parent groups. Is open to presenting wherever needed.
  - b. Does have some materials in Spanish. Would like to identify additional materials to have that are available in Spanish.
- **With the literature review and the students identifying best practices or the best prevention/education program, when you look at your prevention/education program are they aligned?**
  - a. **Jacob Stewart** – There are parts that are on target. We communicate best practices with the Executive Director. One of the most popular school programs is offering multi-sessions. They do have the “Building Foundations/Healthy Relationships,” which is a multi-session. This is the second year doing it and it does feel like students are grasping the concept. Moving toward long-term multi-lesson formats and increasing more interactive work.

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

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

- **Acosta Servies** – Working on Action Plan and activities and working on training and distributing materials.
- **Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV)** – Working on social media campaign and resources offered and working with east Linn County.
- **Linn/Benton Anti-Trafficking Coalition** – This group is still meeting. Have reached out to them. Have funding for rural east Linn County.
- **Media Campaign and Partner Toolkit** – Have signed contracts for the media campaign. The Partner Toolkit is also on-line. Will do more with Spanish materials and put on the website as well.
- **Teen Resource Guide** – “In Our Backyard” has the Teen Resource Guide that we distributed this year at the summit in May. We are adopting as well and hope to translate in Spanish and share out.

### **2026 Violence Prevention Summit:**

Sommer McLeish led discussion around planning for the 2026 Violence Prevention summit.

- We have scheduled the Violence Prevention Summit for May 22, 2026, at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Shared a “tentative” schedule.
  - a. 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast, Registration, Networking, and Resource Tables.
  - b. 9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. – Emcee – Housekeeping and land acknowledgement – Dr. Jeannie Davis.

- c. 9:05 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. – Welcome – Speaker to be determined.
- d. 9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. – **Keynote Speaker - Alezandra Russell** – Latina Anti-Trafficking Expert and Human Rights Activist and Founder of Urban Light.
- e. 10:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. – Break.
- f. 10:25 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. – **Session 1 – Human Trafficking 101 – Lizzie Martinez**, Lincoln County Anti-Trafficking Task Force.
- g. 11:10 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. – Break.
- h. 11:25 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. – **Session 2 – Red Feather Ranch or Bias Response Training.**
- i. 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. – Lunch Break (Networking and resource tables).
- j. 1:10 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. – **Session 3 - Becoming Allies - Chris Huffine**, Allies in Change.
- k. 1:55 p.m. – 2:05 p.m. – Break.
- l. 2:05 p.m. – 2:55 p.m. – Panel with stories from survivors. Dr. Jeannie Davis will facilitate.
- m. 2:55 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Closing remarks – Dr. Jeannie Davis.
- **Alezandra Russell** - Shared the website from the AAE Speaker’s Bureau. Alezandra Russell could also speak on topics around trafficking and child safety, Latinx issues, social justice, and motivational topics.
  - a. While visiting Thailand, Alezandra Russell witnessed firsthand the horrors of trafficking, exploitation, and violence against an overlooked population-Boys. After that initial trip she founded a non-profit – Urban Light, which provides services and emergency support to boys and men who are victims of exploitation and commercial sexual exploitation in Thailand providing education, training, and counseling.
  - b. We could look at the night before the summit having Alezandra Russell present on trafficking and child safety and then the day of the summit talk on social justice.
  - c. [Alezandra Russell | Keynote Speaker | AAE Speakers Bureau](#)
- **Chris Huffine – Becoming Allies** - Has a book, “Becoming Allies...With Your Partner, Yourself, and Others – Addressing the Abuse and Control in Your Relationships.” The book examines abusive and controlling behaviors. This could be valuable to survivors and individuals working with survivors.
  - a. [AIC CURRICULUM | Allies In Change](#)
  - b. [Microsoft Word - Allies in Change Abuse Intervention Group Curriculum Manual](#)
- **Red Feather Ranch** – Would we want them to talk about their non-profit and bias response training. They focus on women veterans and their children and working through trauma.
  - a. <https://www.redfeatherranch.org/>
- Sommer McLeish noted that she is still in conversations with Art Care at Samaritan Health Services (SHS).
  - a. Also, in conversations with the Department of Justice Belonging group.
- With the panel discussion, we had talked about having more of survivor’s stories.
- What is our focus of the summit? We can look at confirming after we have all the speakers lined up.
- Sommer McLeish asked for feedback on if this is the directions we want to go, and she will then reach out and confirm with everyone. The goal is by the December meeting is to have an outline of what things will look like with speakers and additional details Dr. Jeannie Davis was also following up on items. *Sommer McLeish noted she would reach out to her.*
- Who do we want for resource tables. Last year we had ABC House, 211, Jackson Street Youth Services, Health Insurance Marketplace, along with others.

We could look at including Oregon Department of Human Services and others as well. The resource tables will be in conference rooms 3, 4 at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.

### **Additional Business:**

Members shared additional business.

- **Oregon Rural Health Conference** – Sommer McLeish noted that Dr. Jeannie Davis and Luis Acosta attended in Bend, OR.
  - a. **Luis Acosta** – There were approximately 40 different vendor tables and about 400 people that participated in the conference. Representatives from the state talked about new laws. There was a session on the importance of Foundation for support. There was another session on community health workers in rural areas. OHSU – Mental Health – has secure access line to offer resources.
- **Misha Mayers** – As of October 1, 2025, there are funding and policy changes around SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program).
  - a. Refugees, asylees, and immigrants will no longer be eligible for SNAP.
  - b. Currently, with deductions those that pay their own utilities would get a higher allotment of SNAP. This will no longer be the case. Starting November 1, 2025, anyone that receive the utility deduction, benefits will go down.
  - c. **Changes to Work Rules for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)** - More people with an ABAWD status must meet [work requirements](#) (if the ABAWD Work Rules apply to you, you are required to do 80 hours of work activities a month) to keep SNAP for longer than three months. The expanded age now includes people 18 to 64 with no children under 14 on their SNAP case.
  - d. Oregon will begin applying the new rules on October 1, 2025. People who do not meet the ABAWD work rules may lose SNAP benefits after 3 months.
  - e. If you live in certain counties and receive SNAP benefits, you might need to do work activities to keep your benefits. Benton County is one of these counties.
  - f. Starting January 1, 2026 - ABAWD Work Rules will apply to SNAP participants in **all Oregon counties**.
  - g. People may qualify for exemptions and there are alternate work opportunities such as if on unemployment and volunteering can count as work or if an individual does something for trade or barter such as on a farm and parks trailer on land and works can count as well.
  - h. <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/food/Pages/snap-time-limits.aspx>
  - i. <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/food/Pages/snap-employment.aspx#abawd>
  - j. <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/providers-partners/self-sufficiency/pages/default.aspx>
- **Nike Neuenheim** – Do we know the percentage of individuals impacted in Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties?
  - a. **Misha Mayers** – Not specifically for our area. There is a SNAP Partner meeting each month to review the food program information and updates and is a forum for questions and feedback. Feel free to contact her for details.
- **Sommer McLeish** – Does schooling count as work requirements?
  - a. Misha Mayer – “Yes.” Starting January 1, 2026, as noted above, the ABAWD work rules will apply. This date may change.

### **Next Meeting:**

There will be no meeting in November 2025.

Next meeting – December 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Hazelton  
Grants and Sponsored Programs

*(These meeting minutes are the true and accurate record of the meeting.)*