

Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health (Partners for Health)
Virtual through Microsoft Teams
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
February 11, 2025
Meeting Summary

Participants: Carolyn Black, Edelyn Solis Medina, Jacob Stewart, Dr. Jeannie Davis, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Julie Miller, Maisa Athamneh, Mason Stump, Rachelle Endres, Shannon Rose, Sommer McLeish, Tasha Mosbrucker, Thien Nguyen

Welcome:

Dr. Jeannie Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

Presented the January 14, 2025, meeting minutes of Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health. **Sommer McLeish made a motion and Shannon Rose seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion was voted upon and was unanimously approved.**

Sarah's Place Presentation:

Tasha Mosbrucker gave a presentation domestic / intimate partner violence, strangulation, barriers to accessing services, and the services that Sarah's Place offers to address these issues. A PDF of the presentation will be included alongside the meeting minutes.

- **Intimate Partner Violence & Strangulation**
 - The most dangerous domestic violence offenders and rapists strangle their victims.
 - 90% of people who kill cops or commit mass murder have strangled an intimate partner.
 - Of 30 strangulations, 50% had visible injury, only 15% of which could be seen on photography.
- **Choking VS Strangulation:** Choking is an internal event, while strangulation is caused by external forces. Using the terms interchangeably can undermine the more serious implications of strangulation.
- **Why do people strangle?** - Power and control – to ensure compliance, discourage reporting, to punish or intimidate the victim, to silence or terminate the victim.
- **Barriers to accessing services:**
 - Victims of intimate partner violence take an average of seven attempts to leave their abusers permanently.
 - Victims may be isolated from friends, family, and other supports, which increases their dependence on the abuser.
 - Many survivors cite a lack of housing, income and childcare options as major barriers to leaving.
 - Many stay or return due to shame, the needs of their children, fear of losing shelter, or a mistrust of the legal system.
- **Long-term effects of repeated strangulation:** Domestic violence brain injuries likely outnumber trauma from football players and are more comparable with the brains of boxers who suffer from CTE.
- **Sarah's Place DV & Strangulation Response:**

- Medical Forensic Exam: Connect patient with an advocate, review medical/assault history, conduct physical assessment.
- Strangulation Kit (SKIT): Forensic DNA kit, can be collected up to five days after an assault, available to anyone who has been strangled.
- Forensic photography
- Imaging studies, such as a CTA neck scan
- 24/7 Safety Screening, collaboration with partners such as CARDV to provide continued care.
- **Sommer McLeish** posted a [link to the Strangulation Training Institute](#)
- **Questions**
 - **Jeannie Davis – Where is Sarah’s Place located?**
 - In the west wing of Samaritan Albany General Hospital, 1046 Sixth Ave. SW in Albany.
 - **What are some barriers to care?**
 - Transportation, isolation, not knowing that Sarah’s Place is an available resource. Law enforcement, paramedics, and other community partners are often able to help with transportation.
 - **What partnerships does Sarah’s Place have for supporting individuals after direct care?**
 - Sarah’s Place provides follow-up care, free four-week follow-up. The Crime Victims Emergency Fund covers five counseling sessions, though waitlists are often long. ABC House and CARDV are two orgs that often coordinate care with Sarah’s Place.
 - **How do language barriers come into play?**
 - Live translation is provided, done via video conference. A translator who works mainly on the hospital’s labor and delivery floor is also able to provide services. Sarah’s Place is working on providing additional options.
- Deborah Hebernek’s published research on strangulation and sexual assault was recommended, particularly “Yes Your Kid”, which covers how to talk to children of different ages about strangulation, domestic violence, and sexual assault.
- PFH members are welcome to come tour Sarah’s Place.

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

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

- Lincoln County partners continue to work on the action plan event.
- ABC House is in the process of hiring a new therapist.
- The billboards mentioned in the prior meeting are now up.
- **Mason Stump:** CARDV has a full list of education presentations specifically for high school students that help satisfy the OR Education Standard Criteria.
 - **Edelyn Solis Medina:** CARDV has received good feedback from teachers in Linn County so far. Feedback from schools is that the more presentation Edelyn does at the same school, the more the students feel comfortable and safe with CARDV and the presented materials.

2025 Summit:

Sommer McLeish led discussions around the summit.

- Tim Simmons was invited to the PFH meeting, but has not yet responded.
- Supporting Indigenous Youth:
 - The Portland Health Clinic are not able to commit to attending at this time due to current events.
 - **Rachelle Endres** – rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us:
 - A new non-profit opened in Grand Ronde focused on missing and murdered indigenous peoples, which would be a great presenter.
 - The CTSI Youth Drum Group will be able to attend and open the summit. The Honor Song will last two to three minutes. A gift as thanks for their performance would be greatly appreciated.
 - The Council may come as well. They have another meeting at the venue that overlaps with the summit, so they may be able to pop in briefly.
 - Tribal members would be willing to sit on the Q&A panel if desired.
- Q&A Panel:
 - Cheryl Csiky from In Our Backyard will be on the panel, along with being the keynote speaker.
 - Tristan Young from Jackson Street will also be on the panel, giving perspective about how to support Latin American youth.
 - There are two remaining spots for the Q&A panel, one which focuses on indigenous youth, and another that should be focused on how technology affects youth.
 - Jeannie Davis recalled a group from an event a few years ago that was focused on the impacts of tech on youth, Screenager.
 - Q&A questions:
 - Jeannie Davis will be presenting the questions.
 - Aiming for more audience participation for this summit.
 - Questions should be directed at specific panelists instead of all four, to keep discussion flowing.
 - The group discussed filtering out questions for specific/appropriate topics, and potentially using an online platform to collect questions from attendees.
- Dr. Ogden's Opening Remarks:
 - Switched from five minutes to 10 minutes. Likewise, the closing remarks have been changed from 10 minutes to five minutes.
 - Sommer McLeish found a website with useful data for the opening remarks ([link](#)).
- As of this meeting, seven tablers have confirmed their attendance.
- All sessions are now filled.
- The flier is ready for print.
- There was a discussion on whether to do breakout rooms for this year. The consensus was to stick with one group instead of breaking out, as staying in one group allows for a more flexible schedule, more varied audience perspectives, and an easier transition between presentations and breaks.
- Jolynn Meza Wynkoop – What are some outreach methods to promote the event?
 - Physical fliers will be posted around town.
 - Julie Miller suggested using half-sheet fliers for posting in church bulletins.
 - Professors may offer class credit as incentive for students to attend the summit.
- Jeannie Davis – Is there potential for offering CME credits this year?

- Sommer McLeish – Offering CME credits takes a lot of extra work. They were offered at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital for the prior summit but there was no interest from medical professionals.

Additional Business/Announcements:

There was no additional business brought forward.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health is scheduled for March 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Thien Nguyen
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