

Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health (Partners for Health)
Virtual through Microsoft Teams
1:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.
June 10, 2025
Meeting Summary

Participants: Jeannie Davis, Ed.D., Luis Acosta, Shelagh Baird, Carolyn Black, Beatriz Botello Salgado, Sommer McLeish, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Julie Miller, Stephanie Miller, Thien Nguyen, Jennifer Pettit, Jacob Stewart, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome:

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

Meeting Minutes:

The committee reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 2025, meeting of Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health Coalition. **Stephanie Miller moved to approve the minutes as presented, with Carolyn Black seconding. Members unanimously approved the motion.**

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.

- **Sarah Place:**

- a. The SANE nurses attended two conferences recently:

- **Institute of Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) Conference-** <https://www.ivatcenters.org/multidisciplinary> - Gathering of professionals working together to tackle the major issues in fields dealing with violence, abuse, and trauma. International and local speakers come together to share their findings on causation, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation at both the global level and at smaller, community-based levels; sessions included sexual violence including the intersections of intimate partner violence and sex trafficking, best practice in addressing child abuse and addressing childhood adversity (ACES screening), cultural practices in addressing trauma and healing, providing trauma-informed and healing centered care for survivors, and stories and perspectives from survivors of sexual victimization/trafficking. *(Added link after the meeting).*
- **International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Forging New Pathways-** <https://victimresearch.org/event/international-conference-on-sexual-assault-domestic-violence-and-forging-new-pathways/covered> - All forms of violence against women. Different multidisciplinary groups attended. For example, law enforcement, advocates, and of course SANE nurses; some of the sessions included: Evidenced prosecution of Intimate partner violence, Alcohols Role in facilitating sexual assault, understanding Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the influence of expert witness testimony. *(Added link after the meeting).*

- **ABC House** – Still looking for a therapist. Looking at other options to get therapy services for minor children and non-offending family member.
- **Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV)** – Doing their social media campaign and attending different events.

- Today received notice that we will receive funding for year 3 of the grant.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – With the trainings mentioned, how can people find these trainings and register.
 - a. **Sommer McLeish** – Had not heard about the trainings. Oregon Health Authority puts on local trainings and there is a National Training Institute conference in September in Florida.
 - **Oregon Health Authority:**
<https://www.youtube.com/user/healthoregonon> - Building responses to drug endangered children and child abuse; brought awareness and suggested ways to implement, improve our community responses; well-attended by Department of Human Services (DHS) and found it helpful listening to what DHS does with our mandatory reporting when kids present to the ER and have been neglected and exposed to drugs.
(Link/information added after the meeting).
 - **The National Training Institute website for their conference in September:** <https://victimsofcrime.org/national-training-institute/>
(Link added after the meeting).
- Sommer McLeish shared the Partner Toolkit that is on the CCCWN website – cccwn.org – or the YouAreNotAloneOregon.com will also direct to the Violence Prevention webpage as well.
 - a. Under Programs, Violence Prevention – Go down the page slightly to the Toolkit. Click on Violence Prevention Partner Toolkit.
 - b. Broke into different areas – Child Abuse Resources, Domestic Violence Resources, Human Trafficking Resources, Human Trafficking in Indigenous Communities Resources, and Rural Communities Resources (Rural Communities Social Media Post).
 - c. Everyone is welcome to use and share and add to social media as needed.
 - d. With our September meeting, would like to follow up and see if people have tried the Partner Toolkit out and how it has worked. That way we can build toward our marketing plan.
- Sommer McLeish noted that the media campaign has been underway for the AVIROC grant with newspaper ads, billboards, social media, videos, Spotify. Will be following up with an analyst from AHM Brands (helped develop and launch media campaign) on how numbers look with the media campaign. The Lincoln County billboard was up for 12 weeks.

Luis Acosta shared information regarding the Action Plan for Lincoln County.

- Is honored and thankful to be part of this project.
- Had an action plan event and invited the community in for conversations and did a survey last year with focus groups all to raise awareness and empower the community. Had presentations in Lincoln City and Newport. Invited a lawyer (Maria Cobarrubias) to attend each of the three events. These events were in Spanish. People were asking personal questions of the lawyer.
- Attendance was lower at the Lincoln City event. Rumor had circulated that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) might show up at community events focusing on the Latino population. We are thinking of ways to manage and register for events now with a link sent to the registrant where the meeting/conference will be.
- Lincoln City - Participants in the event expressed gratitude and will spread the work and are committed to the call to action.

- At the Newport event, attendance was higher. Had a Mam interpreter at this event. Participants learned they can report abuse. Trust is important. Attendees asked the question if the lawyer were someone they could trust. They were also thankful for all that we did. Gave individuals resources at the events, and they were informed that they have rights regardless of immigration status.
- There are community members that do not know things are happening, and they truly are appreciative when we take the time to have conversations.
- **Sommer McLeish** – We have a year to complete the Action Plan. With the Action Plan events had 45 adult attendees and 15 children in childcare rooms.

Sommer McLeish shared the steps toward the Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities Action Plan – 2025-2027.

- Lined out the different quarters.
- Objective – To educate and engage our community in recognizing, preventing, and responding to child abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking.
- Listed selected partners, and the focus is on Lincoln County, especially the Spanish and Mam population. Partners may change. Is confirming if partners/organizations can participate in the Action Plan.
- The objectives include the following:
 - a. **Objective 1 – Community Awareness Campaign** – Actions – Workshops/trainings, public service announcements, and information booths.
 - b. **Objective 2 – School + Youth Engagement** – Actions – Age-appropriate education, Youth Ambassador program, and safe spaces at school.
 - c. **Objective 3 – Accessible Support + Resources** – Actions – Hotline awareness, safe houses, and Legal Aid clinics.
 - d. **Objective 4 – Community Awareness Campaign** – Actions – Neighborhood watch groups, faith-based partnerships, and volunteer programs.
- May change Objective 4 to “Community Action” or something like that. Will be following up with Brandan Kearney, Consultant, with formatting and words.
- AVIROC Resources are available and provided in Spanish.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Likes the volunteers and workshops to help with engagement.

2025 Summit Debrief:

Sommer McLeish provided a summit debrief.

- We had 110 participants signed up for the Violence Prevention Summit held on May 23, 2025. There were 75 people in attendance at the event. Last year, we had a total of 65 attendees.
- **Evaluation** – We received back 26 evaluation responses. There were three questions overall, which included the following:
 - a. I would recommend the Violence Prevention Summit to a colleague or friend.
 - Attendees mostly marked “strongly agree” or “agree.”
 - b. The summit covered the content I was expecting.
 - Attendees mostly marked “strongly agree” or “agree.”
 - c. I can apply what I learned today in my work/personal life.
 - Attendees mostly marked “strongly agree” or “agree.”
- **Evaluation:**
 - a. It helped having a paper copy of the evaluation.

- b. The rest of the evaluation had questions pertaining to the speakers – 1) – I gained useful information; 2) The speaker was knowledgeable; and 3) I would recommend this presentation to a colleague. Responses were “strongly agree” or “agree.”
- c. Different comments or suggestions for improvement for next year’s summit included:
 - Gender neutral restroom option please!
 - Panel should/could be survivors from different types of communities/ ethnicities.
 - None- am looking forward to it!
 - Excellent information. Excited to take it back to my team. Already planning to use some of the resources for families I work with! Thank you!
 - Amazing training loved it! Thank you so much for providing this training and all your hard work!
 - Better signage to locate event center easier.
 - Location with windows.
 - This was a very thorough day of presentation. Thank you.
 - Additional outreach to support community knowledge of event.
 - A Speaker (*name removed*) conflated "Illegal Immigration" vs "Hispanic," or speaker thinks the general population does. Our leadership continues to speak highly of the Hispanic community.
 - Food during lunch was not labeled; as someone with dietary restrictions, this made it difficult to know what my options were. Otherwise, great experience!
 - Cookies! I like the healthy options, but it is nice to have some variety.
 - Really loved how informative this convening was! Just wish it were more interactive :) But amazing overall.
 - No, everything was amazing. Thank you everyone :)
 - Do it again, please!
 - It would be great adding a second day with workshops.
 - Excellent Day. Thank you for the book!
- Shared photos taken at the summit.
- **Dr. Jennie Davis** – Felt like the timing and presentations went well. There was support throughout the presentations. Everything was great. Loved the guest speakers and there were things she did not know about. Enjoyed the Teen Guide and In Our Backyard books. Can we get together with the In Our Backyard group and see how we can collaborate?
- **Julie Miller** – She and her team enjoyed it. Next time will ask for a handicapped hotel room with this location.
 - a. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Did ask for a larger, downstairs room for her and her mother since there were stairs to the rooms in the hotel and no elevator.
- **Sommer McLeish** – Enjoyed the royalty, drummers, and land acknowledgement.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Was able to connect with some participants of the conference outside the conference, so that was good.
- **Sommer McLeish** – Panel – Always seems like we need additional time with panels.
 - a. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Was hard to be the timer and cut presenters off. Partners were engaging.
 - b. **Sommer McLeish** – In the future can have a timer for the participants to see.
 - c. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Loves to see participants talk about their story and have the audience ask questions.

- d. **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – The panelist for this summit all presented to the audience. We had time to get to know them. We can have panelist introduce themselves and have the audience ask more questions, especially with new people – Tell story and organization they work with.
- e. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Not all panelists would need to answer the same questions either. The panelists do get copies of the questions ahead of time.
- f. **Carolyn Black** – With the time piece, can go the other route and open to the audience and recommend additional time.
- g. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – The panelists could say, “For any additional questions, here is how to contact me,” if they are okay with that.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** - Did think the overall conference was amazing. Sommer McLeish did an amazing job keeping us on track. Years ago, did not know human trafficking happened. The more we hear about it the more we can talk about it.
 - a. **Sommer McLeish** – Like Luis Acosta mentioned there are so many community members that do not know what is happening.
 - b. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – “Yes,” and Luis Acosta’s comment about trust. This opens things up and who and where do I go for resources.
 - c. **Sommer McLeish** – It is important to build those community members as someone we trust.
 - d. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – And “I am a good resource to give you other resources.”
- **Sommer McLeish** – The AVIROC Grant is a 4-year grant. We have done two summits to date. The first two had keynote speakers that were survivors. This is important.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Would love to build with the “You Belong” people. Not sure how yet to build on this but would love to connect with the group. Live Longer Lebanon is looking at a belong campaign for Lebanon. Would love to connect with the group and see how we can tie in with things.
 - a. **Sommer McLeish** – *Will send the contact information for the You Belong folks.*
 - b. **Carolyn Black** - When you said "I want to build on that...and I don't know how, yet" you lit up for sure. You did not need more words than that. I am sure we could all see what you are envisioning.
 - c. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – The “You Belong” group would be a great group to connect with for a future summit. We are all inclusive, those in our communities, all of us belong.
 - d. **Sommer McLeish** – And how and what does that look like. How do we invite in and feel safe and comfortable in our community and what does that look like?
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – We can brainstorm topics for next year’s summit at our next meeting and discuss whether we combine summits again.
- **Carolyn Black** – What will be our target audience? Will we look at a focus on early college age and high school age (younger adults/older teenagers)? Where is the medium?
- **Sommer McLeish** – One year we did a summit on “Screenagers” and the evening before we had a dinner and showed the film, “Screenagers” and it was more youth oriented and then the next day we had the regular summit.
 - a. **Carolyn Black** – Likes that idea. If it is about youth and educating them, it can be beneficial. How can we get them to have the hard conversations?
 - b. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – It is important to have the conversations and the trust. We now finally talk about suicide and behavioral health in youth.
 - c. **Sommer McLeish** – And models of how to have the conversations.
- **Julie Miller** – The belonging piece is important.

If kids feel they belong, often they may not find themselves in compromising positions to belong, whether trafficking or disappearing. The “You Belong” people are important. Works with the youth center in Lebanon. The skating ring will be opening in Lebanon. The River Center will have events with skating at the church location. They will have kid’s games, family events, and after 8:00 pm for adults.

- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** - Would love to connect with some college groups from OSU. There might be students from the public health club or other clubs that would be interested in helping to plan a future summit. Would also be curious to learn about what sorts of projects they do on campus and what sorts of topics they are interested in learning more about. Could be a future partnership with OSU or LBCC into which we could lean.

Additional Business/Announcements:

Members shared additional business.

- **Thien Nguyen** – For Linn County – There will be having “Recovery City” film screening that follows four women in recovery from addiction. There will be a screening in Lebanon on June 24, 2025, at the Santiam Place Wedding and Event Hall from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. On June 25, 2025, there will be a “Recovery City” film screening at the Russell Tripp Performance Center, Takena Hall at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. These are free and open to the public. The same media company we used to bring in the Inheritance Documentary from last year approached us regarding this new film. We will be flying out the filmmaker and one of the film participants to participate in a question-and-answer session after the film. *Included a flyer in Microsoft Chat to register for either event.*
- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – For Lincoln County – We will show the “Recovery City” film on June 26, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. with the question-and-answer session following from 7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. *Included a flyer in Microsoft Chat to register.* There will two additional events where we will show the “Recovery City” film to “Celebrate Women in Recovery” on June 23, 2025, in Newport and June 27, 2025, with dinner, dessert, and craft activity.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Thinks there is a “Hands Across the Bridge” event coming up.
 - a. **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – Knows of one coming up in Waldport in September. A flyer will be coming out soon on this. She and Thien Nguyen are part of planning group for the September event.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Had a medical student graduation with the medical college. New incoming students will arrive in August. Appreciates everyone!

Next Meeting:

Next meeting – July 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hazelton
Grants and Sponsored Programs

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