

**Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health (Partners for Health)**  
**Virtual through Microsoft Teams**  
**1:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.**  
**September 9, 2025**  
**Meeting Summary**

**Participants:** Jeannie Davis, Ed.D., Luis Acosta, Misha Mayers, Sommer McLeish, Stephanie Miller, Thien Nguyen, Shannon Rose, Jacob Stewart, Mary Zelinka, and Shelley Hazelton

**Welcome:**

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the August 12, 2025, meeting of Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health Coalition. On page 4 of the meeting notes the next meeting should read, “September 9, 2025.” **Shannon Rose moved to approve the minutes with the noted change, with Luis Acosta 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.

- Grant partners will be presenting to Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health. Sommer McLeish asked grant partners present if they would present on the following dates:
  - a. Jacob Stewart – ABC House – Agreed to present on October 14, 2025.
  - b. Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) – Will present on December 9, 2025.
  - c. Luis Acosta – Acosta Services – Agreed to present on February 10, 2026.
  - d. Waiting to hear back from Sarah’s Place for presenting.
- The Oregon Alliance to End Gender Based Violence created a survey to collect data and stories looking at how cuts to Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) are affecting your programs to help with legislative and system-based efforts to secure adequate funding. Sommer McLeish shared the survey.
- ABC House is training staff as Community Health Workers and providing support in rural regions.
- CARDV is working on their social media campaign. During the month of August, the social media campaign addressed, “What is date rape.” They have upcoming plans to present at four schools and are helping to build supplemental materials and resource implementation sheets for students, staff, and families.
- Sarah’s Place is working on professional development to improve services. Sommer McLeish noted she is working to get more materials for them and have translated into Spanish as well.
- Acosta Services is working on the Action Plan deliverables for Lincoln County and meeting with partners.
- Putting hotline awareness stickers and materials out into the community.

Sommer McLeish shared the **Violence Prevention Partner Toolkit** from the Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN) website. [Violence Prevention Partner Toolkit - CCCWN](#)

The toolkit includes:

- Videos and media posts addressing child abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, and human trafficking in Indigenous communities.
  - A social media post focused on rural communities titled “Small Towns, Big Challenges.”
  - Developing a marketing plan to reflect activities from the last two years of the grant.
  - Sommer McLeish asked Partners for Health members if they have used the toolkit.
    - a. **Misha Mayers** - Shared that she has distributed the materials and is willing to reshare them.
    - b. The toolkit’s marketing rollout began in June.
  - Additional marketing efforts included:
    - a. Billboards.
    - b. Social media ads.
    - c. Newspaper articles.
    - d. Audio ads on Spotify and Pandora.
    - e. Moving into Year 3, marketing efforts will continue.
  - Shared metrics on the ad reach at the last meeting.
  - Moving into Year 3, marketing efforts will continue.
  - Received a quote to translate the toolkit into Spanish, including Spanish-language videos and a link to the Indigenous community’s content. ***It was agreed to proceed with the Spanish expansion.***
  - Suggested that future updates include survivor stories and translations into additional languages. Suggested languages for expansion:
    - a. Russian.
    - b. Arabic.
    - c. Asian languages.
- Sommer McLeish will explore additional languages.***

Sommer McLeish shared the Teen Resource Guide that we gave out at the May summit from “In Our Backyard.” It targets teens and is an appropriate resource to take home to show parents and caregivers. The guide does have information related to “In Our Backyard” printed on it. We are in discussions with them and looking at having for our website with a sticker with our information that be add that directs people to our website where we have resources for our region. Looking at translating into Spanish as well. Could include with outreach, summit, and other trainings.

Misha Mayers, Community Partnership Coordinator, Oregon Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency Programs, Linn, Benton, Lincoln Counties, noted with the summer EBT program, participants need to use their benefits within 120 days. You can no longer apply to the summer’s program. The call center for the summer EBT program has closed and will open again in the Spring. The federal budget came out. There is a SNAP Self-Sufficiency Partners meeting this Thursday to discuss changes. Sent information to partners. Will record the meeting and put up on their You Tube channel.

### **2026 Summit:**

Sommer McLeish led discussion around planning for the 2026 summit.

- Dr. Jeannie Davis noted that she is excited for the 2026 summit. ***She still needs to contact the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Santiam to host the day prior to the summit (Thursday night), and to contact Julie Miller to get her input on what she is seeing in the schools as it relates to youth needs.***
- **Summit date:** May 22, 2026, and exploring event the evening prior (May 21, 2026).

- **Location:** Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.
- Looking at incorporating arts/healing into the summit. Sommer McLeish noted that she is reaching out to Samaritan Health Services (SHS) Arts Care Program.
  - a. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Mentioned at the last meeting, a recent workshop that Dr. Crystal Rivera at Western University of Health Sciences – Lebanon campus had provided to students about color connection and guided mindfulness. We can connect with her art healing and mental health awareness. *Will invite her to an upcoming meeting and talk about her program.*
  - b. **Sommer McLeish** – *Can also invite someone from SHS to talk about the Arts Care Program.*
- For the belonging piece, reached out to Lebanon – Weaving Fala group - [Weaving Education in Lebanon, Oregon](#) We could even have them do a table at the summit. The focus on education, health, and economic opportunity and create a welcoming space through community building, youth programs, and cultural events and outreach. *Dr. Jeannie Davis noted she could reach out to the person at Weaving Fala.*
- Dr. Jeannie Davis noted that we could also reach out to others in our communities such as Public Health.
- Sommer McLeish also added information in Microsoft Teams “Chat” related to Jessa Crisp, who is survivor of abuse and human trafficking, Licensed Professional Counselor out of Colorado and a nationally certified counselor. [Jessa's Bio — Jessa Dillow Crisp](#)
- There is also the Prevention and Education Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) - [Prevention & Education | Sexual Assault Resource Center](#) that offers different community trainings related to:
  - a. SARC overview and abridged SA 101- FREE (preferred 1½ hours, can do in one hour)
  - b. Sexual violence 101 and 102 – history, root causes, tactics, dynamics, and impacts.
  - c. Vicarious trauma, self-care, and creating containers for conversation.
  - d. Healthy dating 101.
  - e. Teen dating violence.
  - f. Supporting survivors.
  - g. Trauma informed care with survivors of sexual violence.
 They all do customization specialized trainings and customized training previously given.
- Are we going to invite anyone from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians CARE Program. The program provides advocacy, support services, and assistance to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
  - a. **Sommer McLeish** – “Yes,” we can invite them to attend again. They may be interested in a breakout session or shorter presentation. *Will follow up with them.*
- There is at:project (Anti-Trafficking Project) - [Our Services - at:project](#) – They provide services to victims and survivors of human trafficking (sex and labor) and serves all regardless of age, sex, gender identity, race or cultural background. Services and Resources are available to suspected and confirmed victims of sex and/or labor trafficking.
- Mentioned last time was J Bar J Youth Services - [J Bar J Youth Services: J Bar J Youth Services](#) – They have different programs for struggling youth and is the largest social services organization helping youth in Central Oregon. They provide shelter, mentorship, education, and other programs.
- [TLC | Trafficking Law Center](#) – A pro bono law center for human trafficking victims and survivors connecting to legal services, trauma-informed care, and victim-centered training, legislative policy initiatives, and public education.

- **Misha Mayers** – This is a cool organization – Red Feather Ranch - <https://www.redfeatherranch.org/> - For woman veterans and their children – Located in Kings Valley, Oregon. A transformational earth-based place where women veterans and their children transcend trauma through their relationship with land, livelihood, and community.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Would love to see training with human trafficking around how to notice things and see it – what to look for. Would be helpful to have a keynote speaker what we see, signs, and moving through the process. Look at what we need to know, prevention, and education. How do we help before it happens and how to start the conversations.
- **Sommer McLeish** - How do we make it a priority for everyone and encourage people to get the support they need. *Will also be reaching out to the Human Trafficking Intervention Coordinator from the state.*
- **Sommer McLeish** – There is an online program out of Nevada - [Kids Not For Sale | Holding Las Vegas, Nevada, & the U.S. Accountable](#) – Kids Not for Sale is the initiative of the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking to establish Southern Nevada as a “Trafficking Free Zone.” They fight to end human trafficking and aim to do this by significantly reducing the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Southern Nevada and the United States.
  - a. Noted on their website that there is over 5,600+ estimated victims of child sex trafficking in Nevada.
- [Love146 - Ending Child Trafficking and Exploitation](#) - Love146 has been a credible force preventing child trafficking and providing holistic support to survivors. Does offer practical parenting tips from anti-trafficking experts.
- Are there still people in this area that provide Human Trafficking 101 training?
  - a. **Sommer McLeish** – “Yes,” the Sexual Assault Resource Center does. We do need to focus also on all areas of the grant – child abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking.
- **Misha Mayers** – Has a contact out of the Portland area looking at “batter intervention.” *Will connect with Sommer McLeish regarding this.* They are more for professionals.
  - a. **Allies in Change** – Non-profit organization that offers counseling and social activism to prevent domestic violence – Chris Huffine – [chuffine@pacifier.com](mailto:chuffine@pacifier.com)  
Allies in Change - <https://www.alliesinchange.org/>  
Allies in Change Curriculum - <https://www.alliesinchange.org/the-aic-curriculum>
- U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking – Kids Not for Sale - [Get Educated - U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking](#) - Nationally recognized not-for-profit organization committed to ending human trafficking in the United States. With offices strategically located in Tampa, Washington D.C., Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Austin. Creating nationwide Trafficking Free Zones, educating the public about the issue, providing help to victims and survivors, and empowering volunteer abolitionists to take a stand in their communities.
- Traffick Stop Toolkit - <https://www.traffickingstop.org/toolkit/> - The Traffick STOP program uses a multidisciplinary approach. It encourages collaboration between school resource officers, law enforcement, social service providers, victim advocates, guidance counselors, students, and other community stakeholders. There are self-paced online trainings for Traffic Stop facilitators.
- Would be great to have the “You Belong” folks from the last summit and the Department of Justice involved in the summit, even if they had a resource table for the summit.

**Additional Business:**

Members shared additional business.

- **Sommer McLeish** – The November Partners for Health meeting is November 11, 2025, which is Veteran’s Day.
  - a. “Yes,” we can have the meeting if we think we need to.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Western University of Health Sciences-COMP-NW has changed their name to “Heatherington College of Osteopathic Medicine.” They have acquired property and will break ground for a new graduate program in Nursing and master’s degree in behavioral health.
- **Misha Mayers:**
  - a. **CARE Resource Fair** – Corvallis Library – **September 16, 2025.**
  - b. **Linn-Benton Veteran’s Standdown** – **September 18, 2025**, at Linn County Expo.
  - c. **Albany Business Extravaganza** – **September 24, 2025.**
  - d. **Orange Shirt Day** – **September 30, 2025** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation or National Day of Remembrance to honor and raise awareness of the thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools. Recognized in Canada and the United States.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting – October 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Hazelton  
Grants and Sponsored Programs

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