



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)
Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition
Meeting Summary
Held virtually – Microsoft Teams
February 9, 2026
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

Participants: Nike Neuenheim, Emily Yeast, Harnden Marcia, Heidi May-Stoulil, Thien Nguyen, Zachary Gould, Jesse Noble, James Page, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Benjamin Roe, Justin Thomas, Traci Sackett, Stephanie Dreiling, Avalon Mason, Andy Hertel, Suzie Beaupre, Blue Valentine, Ian Howarth

Welcome/Introductions:

Heidi May-Stoulil, coalition chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.

Meeting Minutes:

The Coalition reviewed the meeting minutes of the January 13, 2026, meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition.

Partner Presentation:

Jackson Street Youth Services had been scheduled to give a presentation on their organization. However, there were no representatives from Jackson Street Youth Services at this meeting so the presentation will be revisited at a later date.

Federal/State Grants Reports and Updates:

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant – Project NEXT (Nurturing Empowerment, eXcellence, and Transformation) for Youth:

A HRSA Project NEXT update for the month of February was distributed as part of the meeting agenda. Jolynn Meza Wynkoop Provided a presentation on HRSA Grant – Project NEXT

- Jolynn attended the FORHP Outreach Grantee meetings on 11/12 and 11/19, networking with partners from various grants across the country.
- A Notice of Award was received in January, giving the official go-ahead to start spending grant funds.
- Jolynn will be attending a youth outreach event in Taft.
- Jolynn is working on a calendar of outreach events coming up in Lincoln County, so that local organizations can plan for which ones they would like to attend.
 - o Traci Sackett said she would reach out and connect Jolynn with their scheduling person at Lincoln County Health & Human Services.

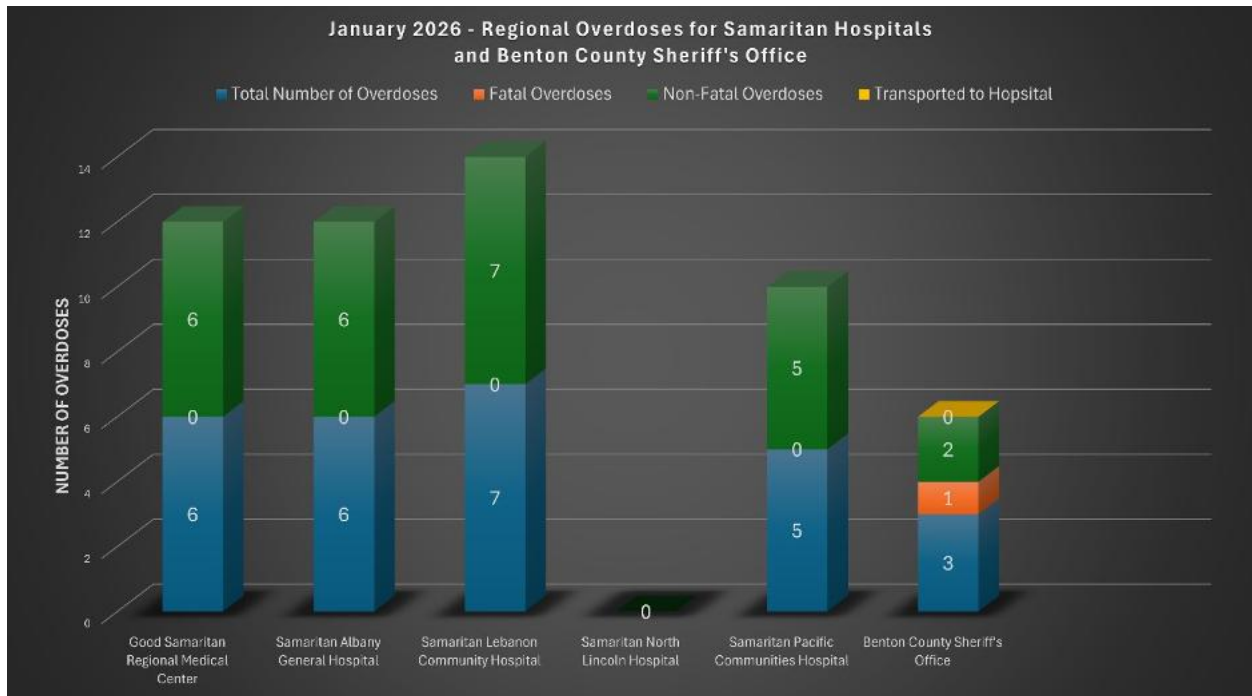
- Heidi May-Stoulil: “Thank you for the presentation, Jolynn. I get a better sense of what Project NEXT is about each time.”

Justin Thomas made a motion, and Traci Sackett seconded the motion to approve the HRSA grant – Project NEXT written report and Work Plan Highlights. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Update – Regional Overdoses:

Nike Neuvenheim led discussions around regional overdoses.

- **Nike Neuvenheim – Regional Overdose Data**
 - Nike presented regional overdose data from the month of January. Please refer to the attached graph.
 - Of note was a fatal nitrous oxide overdose in Benton County, which was the first time an overdose of that nature has been recorded in the county.
 - Nike expressed that a goal moving forward is to graph data for any law enforcement agency that is willing to share their overdose information.



- **Jesse Noble – Lincoln County Overdose Data**
 - Due to the user agreement with their data collection program, e-sens, Jesse was not able to share specific data points regarding Lincoln County overdoses.
 - Lincoln County is currently below the Yellow Alert overdose threshold.
 - Jesse is continuing to monitor the tri-county area for Benadryl overdoses
 - Jesse noted that Linn County has the highest rate of Benadryl overdoses in the region.
 - Jesse noted that there is difficulty delineating between intent when it comes to Benadryl overdoses – whether the overdose happens due to a suicide attempt or recreational usage.

- Jesse brought up the OHA Regional Overdose Prevention Coordinators' Meeting, an opportunity for attendees to share information across county lines.
- Jesse brought up SPOT (Suspected Potential Overdose Tracker)
 - A program to track suspected overdoses prior to final toxicology reports. Jesse highlighted the usefulness of such a program, as final reports can take months to be published.
 - SPOT has been effective in Lincoln County for identifying trends in drug use and overdoses.
 - Jesse will share information on both SPOT and the Regional Overdose Prevention Coordinators' Meeting. (jnoble@co.lincoln.or.us).
- **Chief Marcia Harden – Linn County Overdose Data**
 - Chief Harnden noted six overdose calls in January, which are pace compared to last year.
 - These overdoses were from fentanyl, and suspected meth usage.
 - County-wide, there are no overdose deaths so far.
 - There have been eight overdoses since the beginning of this year.
- **Blue Valentine – Linn County and Benton County Overdose Data**
 - Blue noted two overdose reports in January, both in Linn County
 - One of these overdoses was not initially reported via 911 call.
 - Blue is looking for more partners to refer Linn County residents to for additional naloxone. Those who would like to help can contact Blue at the following email address: blue.valentine@bentoncountyor.gov.

Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRN) Update:

Behavioral Health Resource Networks updates were provided.

- **Thien Nguyen – Reporting for Linn County and Lincoln County:**
 - Due to a shortfall in funds from state marijuana tax, BHRN budgets across Oregon are being reduced by fourteen percent. This change will take place in July.
 - BHRN partners in Linn and Lincoln are currently working out how they will adjust their services to accommodate the incoming reduction in funding.
 - In more positive news, Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) staff hosted a successful resource table at LBCC's Dry Curious event on 1/21.
 - The Linn County BHRN is planning a networking event for 4/3. Called Mid-Willamette Behavioral Health Meet & Greet; this event will be an opportunity for service providers in behavioral health and related fields to learn more about each other and share what projects they have been working on. Attendance is not exclusive to BHRN partners.
- **Avalon Mason – Reporting for Benton County**
 - Similarly to Linn and Lincoln counties, the Benton County BHRN partners are all working out how they will adjust to the incoming budget cuts.

Announcements/Additional Business:

Discussed announcements/additional business.

- **Zachary Gould – Ideal Option**
 - Zachary touched on recent struggles that Ideal Option has encountered in Lincoln County. CHANCE Recovery recently closed their Newport location, meaning that Ideal Option must find a new building to set up their clinic.

- Another partnership has recently fallen through, meaning that Ideal Option must find a different office location in short order.
- Zachary requested that anyone with information that could help Ideal Option secure a new office space reach out to him via email – zacharygould@idealooption.net.
- Traci Sackett suggested that the Avery Street Building would be a good home for Ideal Option. Traci stated that they would discuss it in the upcoming directors' meeting. Her email is: tsackett@co.lincoln.or.us.
- **Heidi May-Stoulil**
 - Heidi announced that Dr. Simmons had left his position as Medical Director of Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) on Friday, 2/6.
 - Heidi will not be present for the Regional MH/SUD meeting on 3/9/2026.
- **Justin Thomas – IHN**
 - Justin brought up the potential adoption of the Unite Us referral platform – “Nike, in other meetings we are having more discussions about the value of using Unite Us as a referral tracking platform. This seems to be a consistent barrier in the region of each agency using different means for referrals and not being able to track if those referrals are being received and followed up on.”
 - Nike Neuenheim agreed that Unite Us is a potentially useful tool in this regard and stated that its adoption should be discussed in future meetings.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2026.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Thien Nguyen
 Grants and Sponsored Programs