

**Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health (Partners for Health)**  
**Virtual through Microsoft Teams**  
**1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.**  
**April 14, 2026**  
**Meeting Summary**

**Participants:** Luis Acosta, Beatriz Botello Salgado, Marina Cassandra, Jeannie Davis, Ed.D., Paulina Kaiser, Misha Mayers, Sommer McLeish, Shannon Rose, 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 March 10, 2026, meeting of the Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health Coalition. **Mary Zelinka moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, with Luis Acosta seconding. Members present unanimously approved the motion.**

**Acosta Services Presentation:**

Luis Acosta shared information regarding Acosta Services. He shared his background story.

- **Overview** - Founded in 2016, Acosta Services addresses the need for Spanish-language services in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties.
- **Organizational background** - Started with interpretation and translation services and expanded into outreach and education.
- Has provided different parenting programs:
  - a. Abriendo Puertas
  - b. Making Parenting a Pleasure
  - c. Active Parenting of Teens
  - d. Other curriculums
- **Core Services:**
  - a. Medical interpretation (Is a qualified interpreter)
  - b. Simultaneous interpretation
  - c. Translation
  - d. Community events
  - e. CPR and First Aid Classes (Is a certified CPR instructor) – In the past, Spanish individuals would go to Eugene for classes because there were no Spanish classes in this area
  - f. Parenting classes
- Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities Grant – Impact for Years 1-3 – Have helped address taboo topics, provide education and outreach on human trafficking, domestic violence, and child abuse.
- **Innovation Community Engagement Strategies:**
  - a. Zumba classes Mid-session education + surveys – Invited the community to free Zumba classes
  - b. Culturally relevant gatherings – Providing outreach and resource had discussion on Also, providing outreach with the Mam speaking community
- **Key Outcomes:**
  - a. High interest in immigration topics
  - b. Workshops with immigration attorney

- c. U Visa & VAWA
  - d. Know-your-rights sessions
- **Different Trainings and partnerships:**
  - a. Human Trafficking 101
  - b. Sex trafficking awareness
  - c. Partnerships with local agencies
- **Future Plans (Year 4):**
  - a. Expand training topics
  - b. Mandatory reporting
  - c. Deepen partnerships
  - d. Health equity advancement
  - e. Increased access to information
  - f. Culturally responsive services
  - g. Community empowerment
- **Community partners** – Churches, local businesses, and nonprofits.
- **Impact in Numbers:**
  - a. Has reached 80+ families in Lincoln County
  - b. Participated in community events (health fairs)
  - c. Delivered 2 key workshops: Human Trafficking 101 and Sex Trafficking
- Shared flyers used with some of the training classes/courses.
- Community Voice/Voz de la Comunidad - Shared a couple of quotes from those in the community.
  - a. “I had never heard anyone talk about this topic before...”
  - b. “Now I believe there is hope for someone I know experiencing domestic violence.”
- We are making a difference step by step. Luis Acosta noted that he has been in the community for at least 20 years now and has helped provide resources, outreach, classes with the Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities Grant, which gives him and Acosta Services the opportunity to talk about and address needs in the community. We can make a difference little by little.
- **Misha Mayers** – Do you provide interpretation for Mam outside Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties?
  - a. **Luis Acosta** – Feel free to contact him further. Noted that he has worked with the Mam community for 18 years. There is a new generation graduating from high school in Corvallis that are trilingual – Spanish, English, and Mam.
- **Sommer McLeish** – Will be doing mandatory reporting training in Spanish. Have a video with knowledgeable instructor and next year will do train-the-trainer in Spanish for Lincoln County.
- **Mary Zelinka** – Are you non-profit and how do we get a hold of you?
  - a. **Luis Acosta** – “No,” he is not non-profit. His phone number is – 541-220-9686 or email – [luisfacosta.services@gmail.com](mailto:luisfacosta.services@gmail.com)
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – You offer amazing services. Thank you for your work and your presentation.

**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’s Place will be doing a presentation/provide training for Western University of Health Sciences-COMP Northwest for rural track students for Sexual Assault Awareness Month on April 23, 2026. It is open to all students.

- The Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) social media campaign - Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, school presentations, and providing resources at tabling events. Attended the Linn County Developmental Disabilities Resource Fair.
- Adding stickers to the Teen Resource Guides to direct individuals to the Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN) website. These guides are in English and Spanish. Sommer McLeish noted that she has not had a lot of requests for these. Please let her know if you would like copies.
- Submitted the Noncompeting Continuation (NCC) report on time for the grant for releasing Year 4 funds.

#### **Department/CCCWN Director Update:**

Paulina Kaiser provided an update around the CCCWN Director and department changes.

- Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health reports up to the CCCWN. The CCCWN is the formal Coalition that provides guidance and direction on issues that impact the health of individuals residing in Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties. They support the different HRSA grants and are responsible for reviewing and approving reports, engaging in discussion around grant applications and funding opportunities, and supporting regional health and well-being.
- Nike Neuenheim, Director of the CCCWN and Manager of Grants and Sponsored Programs, Samaritan Health Services (SHS), has left SHS. She reported to Mary Landis.
- Mary Landis is the Director of the Grants and Sponsored Programs Department at SHS will retire on May 6, 2026.
- Paulina Kaiser noted that she will take over as Director of the department once Mary Landis retires and they are looking at contracting out the CCCWN Director position.

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

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

- Violence Prevention Summit - **May 22, 2026**, at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- There will be an evening session the night prior on **May 21, 2026**, at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Santiam from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Aezandra Russell will present that evening on “*How Parents can Protect their Children from Online Groomers & Predators.*” She will also be the keynote speaker at the next day’s summit. The evening session will be a good focus for high school students but would be beneficial for everyone. Attendees do not have to register for this evening event.
- People can register for the May 22, 2026, day event at - <https://ThirdAnnualViolencePrevention.eventbrite.com>
- Have confirmed catering with J&C Barbeque in Lebanon and put down a deposit for the evening event on May 21, 2026, at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Santiam. They will deliver, set up, and take down after the event.
- The Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital will provide catering for the May 22, 2026, event.
- Checked on childcare at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Santiam and they do have 3 staff members available to help. It is \$120 total, and one staff member can have up to 20 children. There would be no childcare available for kids under the age of 3. They are also not able to help with diapering or taking children to the bathroom. That would be the responsibility of the parent(s).

- a. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Does like this idea of providing childcare. *Noted that she was going to also reach out to the Peds Club at the medical school to see if anyone could volunteer to help as well.*
  - b. **Sommer McLeish** – Is the additional money from the grant that Dr. Jeannie Davis has for the summit, would that just be used for catering or can we use for childcare if we wanted to, and do we have to use it this year? Could it be saved for a future summit? For the last couple of summits with the Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health Coalition we have combined the yearly summit with the Violence Prevention Summit since the Coalition did not have extra funding for the summit and grant funds are designated through the AVIROC Grant for the Violence Prevention Summit. The AVIROC Grant ends in 2027. There will be one more Violence Prevention Summit in Lincoln County in 2027 prior to the grant ending.
  - c. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – There is approximately \$1,200 left over from that previous grant funding. It was an SHS grant that she had applied for previously for the summit. *She can hang onto this for now until we need to use it in the future.*
- Sommer McLeish noted that she sent out flyers to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Santiam for advertising.
  - **Sommer McLeish** - Met with the keynote speaker, and she is excited about presenting for the evening event to families and having a question-and-answer session. She is also excited about the full day summit with breaks for questions. The keynote speaker seemed nice and knowledgeable and should be a good fit for our summit.
  - **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – *Can send flyers and information out to the Lebanon Community School District and send throughout the community. Can connect with the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce as well.*
  - **Sommer McLeish** – Does the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Santiam have audio capabilities?
    - a. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – “Yes,” they do.
  - **Sommer McLeish** – Resource tables are ready to go.
    - a. **Misha Mayers** – Will the resource tables be set up outlining the main conference rooms?
    - b. **Sommer McLeish** – “No,” they will be across the hall from the main conference rooms in conference rooms 3, 4.
  - To date there are 32 people registered for the day summit. Sommer McLeish noted that she can do some additional marketing for the event.
  - We are planning for about 50 people to attend the evening event.
  - **Misha Mayers** – Would like to bring to our attention – the summit flyer looks overwhelming with a lot of information. Is there a way to make it more simplified?
    - a. **Sommer McLeish** – Had brought that up before with those approving the flyer and they did approve it.
    - b. **Misha Mayers** – We could suggest a more simplified version on social media.
    - c. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – She could do a simple email and add the flyer to send out. That way we would not have to redo the flyer. She is not sure on social media. Could send out to organizations, Lebanon Community School District, and the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce.
    - d. **Sommer McLeish** – *She can reformat the flyer and make the pictures smaller and information bigger.*
  - **Sommer McLeish** – Is working on the summit guide and will have Luis Acosta translate into Spanish.

She also reached out on the Healing Garden tours, and no one is available at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital to provide a tour, but they will get us brochures that we can provide attendees.

**Additional Business/Announcements:**

Members shared additional business/announcements.

- **Dr. Jeannie Davis:**

- a. The Business Expo in Lebanon is coming up on April 16, 2026, at the River Center.
- b. There will be a Rural Health Care Equity Fair on May 2, 2026, at the River Center. Western University of Health Sciences-COMP Northwest is hosting the event. Free screenings, resources, and more will be available.
- c. Western University of Health Sciences-COMP Northwest is offering a Mini-Medical school this month for local kindergarten students and hosted by volunteer medical students.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health will be May 12, 2026.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Hazelton  
Grants and Sponsored Programs

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