

**Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health (Partners for Health)**  
**Virtual through Microsoft Teams**  
**1:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.**  
**May 12, 2026**  
**Meeting Summary**

**Participants:** Luis Acosta, Marina Cassandra, Jeannie Davis, Ed.D., Stephanie Herb, Misha Mayers, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Sommer McLeish, Julie Miller, Tasha Mosbrucker, Thien Nguyen, Kacey Urrutia, 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 April 14, 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.**

**Sarah's Place Presentation:**

Tasha Mosbrucker, RN, OR-Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), Department Lead, presented information on Sarah's Place.

- Sarah's Place is a safe place for survivors of sexual assault to receive resources and care.
  - **Statistics:**
    - a. In Oregon, 1 in 4 women report experiencing attempted rape or complete rape.
      - National – 1 in 5.
    - b. In Oregon, 1 in 6 men report experiencing sexual violence in their lifetime.
    - c. LGBTQ ages 16+ disproportionately experience violence 4x the rate.
    - d. In 2019 in Oregon, 39% of women and 32.6% of men report experiencing domestic violence (DV), specifically intimate partner physical violence, sexual violence, and stalking.
      - U.S. National – 25% of women and 11% of men.
- <https://www.nsvrc.org/statistics>
- 3 out 4 sexual assaults are never reported. Sexual assault is one of the most underreported violent crimes.
  - Since August 2016, Sarah's Place has seen over 2,000 patients.
    - a. Of those patients experiencing sexual assault and intimate partner violence (IPV), we see co-occurring with non-fatal strangulation at a rate of 50-60%.
      - 2022 post-COVID national statistics of women experiencing intimate partner violence, 68-80% will experience near fatal strangulation by their partner.
      - 2022 post-COVID national statistic up 58% of high risk for intimate partner violence are strangled along with sexual assault.
    - b. 95% are female.
      - This is the same as national statistic for survivors experiencing sexual assault, intimate partner violence, non-fatal strangulation.
    - c. High risk ages – 19-39.
  - Sarah's Place is Oregon's first 24/7 hospital-based Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner clinic.
    - a. Its purpose is to provide timely, confidential, and trauma informed medical exams by a certified SANE nurse.

- b. Preserve the option for evidence collection and legal follow up.
  - c. Provide services for all genders.
  - d. Provide services for up to 30 days.
  - e. 3 weeks follow up for sexual transmitted infection (STI) testing and resources.
  - f. All services are free.
- Shared the breakdown of the medical forensic exam.
- There are two kits – In Oregon – Sexual assault kit and strangulation kit (reporting kit).
- Have received subpoenas to appear in court. There are cases that do not make it to trial. They plea out.
- **Community Advocates** – Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV). Advocates reach survivors that the system never sees.
  - a. **Senate Bill 795:** “Requires medical assessment provider or law enforcement officer to contact victim advocate and make reasonable efforts to ensure that victim advocate is present and available at medical facility.”
- **Oregon Sexual Assault Victims’ Emergency Medical Response Fund (SAVE):**
  - a. Receive the necessary immediate medical care at no personal cost, with option of Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) kit.
  - b. Reimbursement for 5 free counseling sessions.
  - c. 2023 – Senate passed House Bill 2676, DV/non-fatal strangulation medical forensic exam, with imaging reimbursement.
  - d. Oregon is 1 in 6 states.
- **Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA):**
  - a. Occurs when drugs or alcohol are used to consent to sexual activity.
    - When the perpetrator takes advantage of someone’s voluntary use of drugs or alcohol.
    - When the perpetrator intentionally forces a victim to consume drugs or alcohol without their knowledge/consent.
  - b. Alcohol is the most common substance used to perpetrate DFSA.
  - c. Prescription drugs, street drugs.
- **Oregon DV/Strangulation Standardized Care:**
  - a. 2019 – COVID-19 – Porn sites free membership.
  - b. 2020 – Porn increases 65% and 28% now strangulation related.
  - c. 2022 – Providence with Oregon Sexual Assault Taskforce (SATF) launched pilot strangulation kits and started training Oregon SANEs.
  - d. 2023 – Sarah’s Place SANEs advanced training – non-fatal strangulation exams with SKIT collection (strangulation forensic evidence kit).
  - e. 2024 – Samaritan Health Services (SHS) hosted first Strangulation Training.
- **Consensual Sexual Choking since COVID-19:**
  - a. BDSM Community has been doing it for a while.
  - b. COVID-19 – As noted above, porn sites offered free membership. In 2020, porn increases 65%.
  - c. As noted above, 28% of all porn is now strangulation related.
  - d. Social media, TikTok - Romanizing strangulation.
  - e. Myth - that “consensual” strangulation, or “choking,” during intimacy, is not as dangerous or as much of a red flag as when strangulation occurs during assault.
  - f. One-third do not know what they are doing and the dangerous health consequences.

*(Dr. Debby Herbenick, Indiana University, Public Health)*
- **Choking vs. Strangulation** - The word “choking” has been misused for so long that it has become an accepted way of describing “strangulation.”

They both impair breathing but in different ways. Choking is an “internal” event, while strangulation is caused by “external” forces.

- **Strangulation: A Closer Look:**
  - a. **Strangulation** is the process of applying external pressure to the neck, which can obstruct the airway or blood vessels.
  - b. **Airway obstruction:** pressure on the trachea that can block air flow, preventing breathing.
  - c. **Blood vessel compression:** pressure on carotid arteries and jugular veins that restrict blood flow to and from the brain (*pounds per square inch-PSI - opening can of soda can compress jugular veins*).
  - d. **Brain injury:** with oxygen to the brain cut off, a person can have loss of consciousness (LOC) in seconds.
  - e. Unconsciousness can occur at 5-10 seconds
    - 11 PSI applied to carotid arteries (opening a soda can is approximately 20 PSI).
    - 4.4 PSI applied to jugular veins (average trigger pull on handgun is 5-6 PSI).
    - 34 PSI can compress and block adult trachea (average male handshake is 80 PSI).
  - f. Death can occur at 2-4 minutes without release of occlusion.
  - g. Permanent injury.
- **Oregon Law – ORS 163.187:**
  - a. A person commits the crime of strangulation if the person knowingly impedes the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of another person by:
    - Applying pressure on the throat, neck, or chest of the other person.
    - Blocking the nose or mouth of the other person.
  - b. Anything that impedes normal breathing or circulation is strangulation. Smothering someone, a choke hold, bear hug, or lots of things.
  - c. Applying pressure on the throat.
  - d. Applying pressure on the neck.
  - e. Blocking the nose.
  - f. Blocking the mouth.
- Noted the triage key questions/assessment.
- Sexual assault response only works when no single system works alone.
  - a. Colleges – OSU, Linn-Benton Community College, Western Oregon University (WOU), Western University.
  - b. Advocacy groups – CARDV, Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS), Center for Advocacy, Prevention, and Education (CAPE), Sable House.
  - c. Law enforcement.
  - d. Local non-profits – ABC House, Jacson Street Youth Services, Young Roots, Dala’s Blue Angels.
- Sarah’s Place supports broader public health goals.
  - a. **Poverty:**
    - Sarah’s Place offers free resources to community members providing access to care after experiencing sexual violence to include domestic violence and non-fatal strangulation.
  - b. **Child abuse and neglect:**
    - We assist our Emergency Rooms (ABC House, Department of Human Services, law enforcement) in providing care and forensic photography for children when there are concerns and/or suspicious of abuse.

- c. **Reduce spread of STI's and related health concerns:**
  - We provide options – Emergency contraception (EC), free HIV, STI prophylaxis, follow-up testing.
- d. **Homelessness:**
  - We assist with connecting to resources such as CARDV, homeless shelter, Communities Helping All Negotiate Change Effectively (CHANCE), Jackson Street Youth Services, and others.
- e. **Food insecurity:**
  - Patients provided a backpack/3 day of shelf stable food.
- **Community impact:**
  - a. Building trust and community resilience.
  - b. Survivors of diverse ages, races/ethnicities, classes, languages religions, sexualities, and abilities seeking medical attention will be referred to Sarah's Place.
  - c. Educate future Jurors.
  - d. Commitment to support survivors.
- **Criminal justice system impacts:**
  - a. Patients are more likely to report the assault to the police and police more likely to file charges.
  - b. Credible, high-quality evidence is available in prosecuting sexual assault, domestic violence, and non-fatal strangulation cases.
  - c. SANE testimony is instrumental in obtaining convictions.
- **The cost of sexual violence:**
  - a. Annually, rape costs the U.S. more than any other crime (\$127 billion).
  - b. Assault (\$93 billion).
  - c. Murder (\$71 billion).
  - d. Drunk driving (\$61 billion).
- **Accessing Sarah's Place Services:**
  - a. No appointment necessary.
  - b. Will see patients up to 30 days.
  - c. All patients first register at Samaritan Albany General Hospital Emergency Department Registration desk.
  - d. Patients will see Emergency Department Triage Registered Nurse/vitals taken.
  - e. Please call Sarah's Place 24/7 with any questions or concerns – (541) 812-4420.
- **Patient information...Referrals:**

Please inform patients of the following:

  - a. Medical care is a priority regardless of evidence collection.
  - b. Law enforcement reports are not mandatory for patients ages 18-64.
  - c. Encourage no shower/bathing and no change of clothes.
  - d. Prophylactic medication for emergency contraception, STI's, HIV, if initiated within 72 hours.
  - e. Evidentiary exam, up to 120 hours and medical exam up to month post assault.
  - f. You can call Sarah's Place anytime.
  - g. Remember all services at Sarah's Place are free for patients.
- **Resources:**
  - a. CARDV – 24/7 crisis line – (541) 754-0110.
  - b. National Domestic Violence Hotline – 24/7 crisis line – (800) 799-7233.
  - c. Oregon Strangulation Resources – [www.skitoaregon.com](http://www.skitoaregon.com)
  - d. Sarah's Place – 24/7 – (541) 812-4420.

- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – What about transportation? If your clinic is in Albany and if someone from Sweet Home calls, can you transport individuals?
  - a. **Tasha Mosbrucker** – Police will transport. CARDV can help with transport as well. There are also taxis. They are the center for all SHS. If someone presents to SHS, the individual can be referred to Sarah’s Place. Transportation is an ongoing need.
- **Misha Mayers** - Do You have Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS) in your resource folder and if not, would you like it? Program helps families experiencing domestic violence with moving costs and items to stay safe. Those that are pregnant or have children are eligible for the program.
  - a. Here is a link. It is also available in other languages  
<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/de2384.pdf>
  - b. Here is our website. You can get other languages for the above flier on this site  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/dv/pages/default.aspx>
  - c. Here is my contact info if you would like a presentation on TA-DVS  
- [michelle.mayers@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:michelle.mayers@odhs.oregon.gov)
  - d. **Tasha Mosbrucker** – “Yes,” would love to connect.
- **Luis Acosta** – Do you offer services in other languages?
  - a. **Tasha Mosbrucker** – They have the blue iPad and have language services through the iPad.

### **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.

- Acosta Services has initiated partner connections and planning for the Community Action Plan in Lincoln County and is doing different tabling events and training courses for the upcoming year. Looking at pivoting and covering topics that are not as heavy.
- CARDV’s social media campaign continues, and school presentations are winding down with the end of school and summer break. They are providing resources at tabling events in rural Linn County.
- Teen Resource Guides on human trafficking are now available. Anyone interested can contact her to request copies. Half of the allocated funds have been used for this effort, and no additional funds are being spent at this time toward this project.
- The Bilingual Media Campaign local advertising is complete; the Partner Toolkits are available to utilize, and available with Spanish translation.
- She has reached out to Kat & Company, who have helped with the Partners Toolkits, for additional ideas for the media campaign and one example was to do survivor’s stories, adding 15 second and 30 second videos. Would include parallel Spanish translation and have social media posts, poster designs, etc. Kat & Company sent examples. Other ideas included testimonial videos, domestic violence public service announcements, or an app with student prevention games for youth. Shared documents and audio and examples of some of the work they do. Talked about expanding on some of the language as well such as Asian, Russian. Will reach out further with them.
- We have one more year of the AVIROC grant.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Loved the way the stories interacted with the survivor’s story and public service announcement.
- **Sommer McLeish** – Would make sure it was appropriate for our area.

## 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-Lebanon from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Artist – Has changed. Liz Riley cannot attend due to a family emergency so Nina Petrovich will be the artist at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> event and will do mindful water coloring and clay sculpting. A musician will be available to play the harp.
- Sommer McLeish noted that she would not be at the summit this year due to some medical travel restrictions, but there is a team of staff that will be available and are assigned to certain responsibilities throughout the evening and day events.
  - a. Jolynn Meza Wynkoop and Shelley Hazelton will oversee registration on May 21, 2026, and May 22, 2026. At the evening event at the Boys & Girls Club we will just have attendees fill in their name and contact information.
  - b. Jolynn Meza Wynkoop will bring the summit guides for the day session and folders to distribute at registration.
  - c. Kacey Urrutia and Paulina Kaiser will help with presentations.
  - d. Thien Nguyen will oversee the resource tables and bring a projector for Thursday evening's event.
- J&C Barbeque will be the caterer for the May 21<sup>st</sup> event and will deliver, set up, and take down after the event. Shelley ***Hazelton will be picking up takeout boxes from Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital for left over food.***
- Sommer McLeish noted that she has spoken to the keynote speaker, who is excited to be part of our event.
- Acosta Services will be available for translation.
- The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Santiam agreed to share out summit flyers.
- Has reached out for brochures for the Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital Healing Garden, and these will be available for distribution at the day summit.
- We have reserved all the conference rooms at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.
  - a. Conference rooms A-D will be the main room for presenters.
  - b. Conference rooms 3 and 4 will be for the resource tables.
  - c. Conference rooms 1 and 2 will be available for the chaplains to meet with attendees if needed.
  - d. Conference room E will be for the artist and musician. We will be able to have up to 30 in the room.
- For Friday event, a continental type of breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks will be provided.
- Dr. Jeannie Davis will be the emcee for Friday's event.
- **Sommer McLeish** - Land acknowledgement – Laurie Regalado will provide the land acknowledgement, but she has not heard back from her. There will be a written copy in the summit guide in case she is not at the summit.
- Last year, the Violence Prevention Summit was in Lincoln City and Dr. Lesley Ogden provided an update on Lincoln County and shared data. It was youth focused. This year it is more of an allyship focus.
- We will have the conference rooms set up for 100. We currently have 60 signed up to date.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Thank you, Sommer McLeish, for all your work on the summit.

**Additional Business/Announcements:**

Members shared additional business/announcements.

- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – The Sources of Strength Wellness Fair is May 27, 2026, in Lebanon. It is a community-wide event focused on promoting resilience, hope, and holistic health.
  - a. Medical student graduation is this Friday at Western University of Health Sciences in Lebanon.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health will be June 9, 2026.

**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.)*