



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)
Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition
Meeting Summary
Held virtually – Microsoft Teams
April 13, 2026
10:30 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.**

Participants: Suzie Beupre, Emma Deane, Stephanie Dreiling, Jordan Gabilondo, Zachary Gould, Marcia Harnden, Albany Police Chief, Andy Hertel, Ian Howarth, Lalori Lager, Heidi May Stoulil, Elizabeth Merritt, Thien Nguyen, Jesse Noble, James Page, Tanya Pritt, Benjamin Roe, Catherine Rupkus, Traci Sackett, Michelle Shannon, Sheila Thompson, Blue Valentine, Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome/Introductions:

Heidi May Stoulil, Director-Specialty Practices, Samaritan Health Services (SHS), welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 9, 2026, meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition. **Marcia Harnden, Albany Police Chief, moved to approve of the meeting minutes as presented, with Stephanie Dreiling seconding the motion. Members present unanimously approved the motion.**

Presentation: Lincoln County Community Justice:

Jordan Gabilondo, Department Supervisor, Juvenile Department, Lincoln County Youth Tides presented information on Lincoln County Youth Tides.

- Lincoln County Youth Tides is a juvenile shelter that provides emergency shelter and transitional living services for homeless and runaway youth.
- **Population served:**
 - a. 12-18 years of age.
 - b. They serve all of Lincoln County.
 - c. As noted above, they serve homeless, runaway youth, and those on probation as needed.
 - d. They work with the Department of Human Services (DHS) – have contract and can serve youth for up to 60 days or up to 90 days in a calendar year.
 - e. They do provide respite services. People can call for 3 days of respite (increase up to 7 days if needed).
 - f. Have a contract with InterCommunity Health Network (IHN)/Coordinated Care Organization (CCO).

- **Staff structure:**
 - a. The shelter is manned 24/7.
 - b. They have 4 YCS3: Which are lead staff that monitor the floor and day-to-day operations.
 - c. They have 4 YCS2: Primary staff that work as the case managers for the youth to ensure they are receiving the needed services while in our care.
 - d. They have 4 YCS1: Floor staff that spend most of their time with the youth (monitoring, hanging out, cooking, teaching, etc.).
- **Goals:**
 - a. Change the view of the Juvenile Department:
 - We are no longer a detention; it shut down.
 - We are a shelter for youth and want youth/parents to know that we are an option.
 - 100% hands off program.
 - Youth are monitored, safe, and have healthy boundaries with adult staff.
 - b. Safety and Happiness:
 - Youth safety is our primary concern; all staff are trained in TIC and de-escalation techniques.
 - Work with community partners to help Positive Youth Development.
- They do not take youth that have physical and aggressive behavior or youth that have attempted suicide within the last six months.
- They are all mandatory reporters.
- **Program information:**
 - a. We are a home setting with family style meals.
 - b. Electronics:
 - Cellphones: Youth 15+ have some access to their cellphones (out time/17+ room). This is a new rule that cell phones are now allowed. Most shelters for youth do not allow cell phones.
 - Each youth gets an iPad.
 - c. Schedule:
 - Includes wake up/bedtime, chores, quiet time, groups, free time, etc.
 - d. Out Time:
 - Youth 15 or older can have out time, unsupervised from shelter. This must be approved after youth demonstrate trust.
- **Remodel:**
 - a. We are currently in a remodel for a transitional housing program,
 - b. Approximately ages 18-24.
 - c. The program is still being developed.
- **Juvenile Probation – Transforming Juvenile Probation:**
 - a. Our goal is to reframe people's understanding of Juvenile Probation.
 - We do not want youth in Detention if it can be avoided. If youth do well, they can possibly get out early and are able to do diversion.
 - We want to help youth receive services.
 - We are here to help.
 - b. New supervisor – Catherine Cunan.

- Contact Information:
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 - b. ***Catherine Cunan***
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 - c. **Shelter:**
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541-265-6968
- **Heidi May Stoullil** – Where is the shelter located?
 - a. **Jordan Gabilondo** – The address is in Newport at 255 W. Olive Street, Newport, OR. It is near Nye Beach.
- Tony Campa is the Director, Parole and Probation. He made the facility family style and developed a budget, and they also have been able to obtain grants. Kids go out on weekly outings.
- Traditionally the shelter was for short stays, then they developed the contract with DHS for longer stays.
- They offer prevention services including screenings, education, assessments, and connection to outpatient treatment services.
- **Heidi May Stoullil** – Can we refer for the 18–24-year-old transitional program?
 - a. **Jordan Gabilondo** – “Yes,” – This is, however still in development. They are developing policies, and this will be open to everyone.

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

Heidi May Stoullil reported on the HRSA Grant – Project NEXT, in the absence of Jolynn Meza Wynkoop.

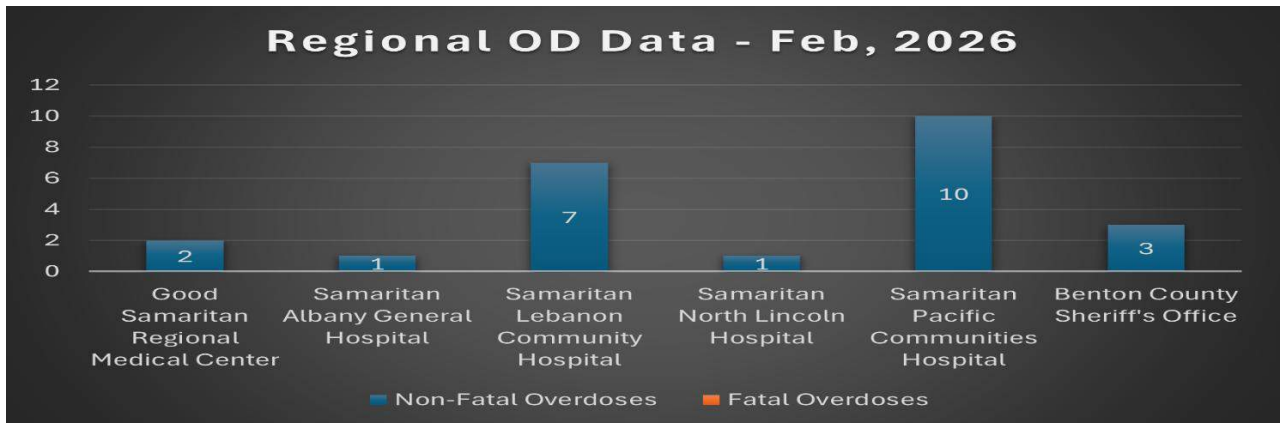
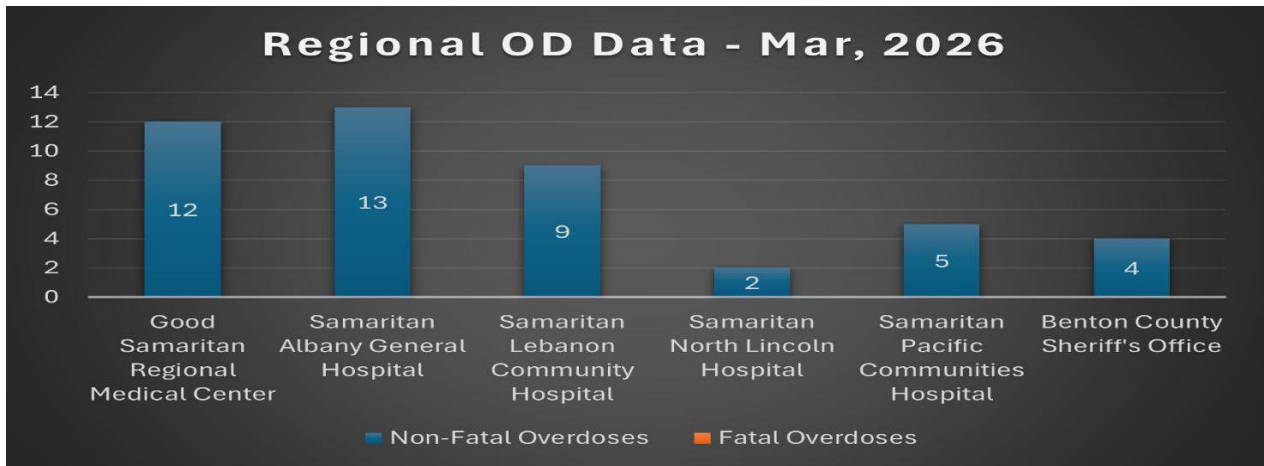
- The Noncompeting Continuation (NCC) report template was sent to grantees in March. A draft copy has been completed and will be submitted to HRSA by May 4, 2026.
- Two Youth Mental Health First Aid courses will take place on April 27, 2026, and on April 28, 2026.
 - a. The one on April 27, 2026, will be in Lincoln city at the Lincoln City Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are currently 6 individuals who signed up for this class.
 - b. The one on April 28, 2026, is in Newport at the Samaritan Center for Health Education from 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. They have 20 individuals signed up for this course.
 - c. The training will be conducted in partnership with Oregon Pacific Area Health Education Center and Jaime Montgomery will serve as the instructor.
- Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS)-Newport – Working to finalize a job description for the Peer Support Specialist position who will conduct outreach to youth in the community and provide peer support services to young adults who are receiving treatment and recovery services through STARS.
- Subaward agreements were sent out for signature for Lincoln County Health and Human Services and Lincoln County Community Justice.

- Lincoln County Health and Human Services (LCHHS) has identified staff to serve as the Mental Health Intervention Specialist (LifeSkills Trainer) and Clinical Counselor. LifeSkills curriculum will be piloted in Fall 2026. Planning conversations with Lincoln County School district are ongoing.
- Lincoln County Community Justice will utilize grant funds to pay for nightly stays for youth and young adults in crisis at their Youth Tides and Raising Tides shelters. Will also utilize grant funds for basic needs items such as hygiene supplies, meals, clothing, bus passes, etc.

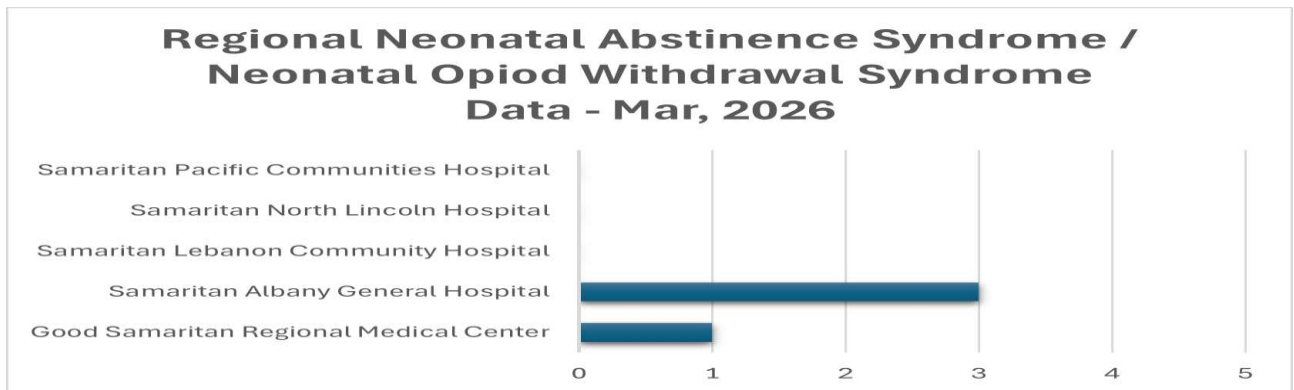
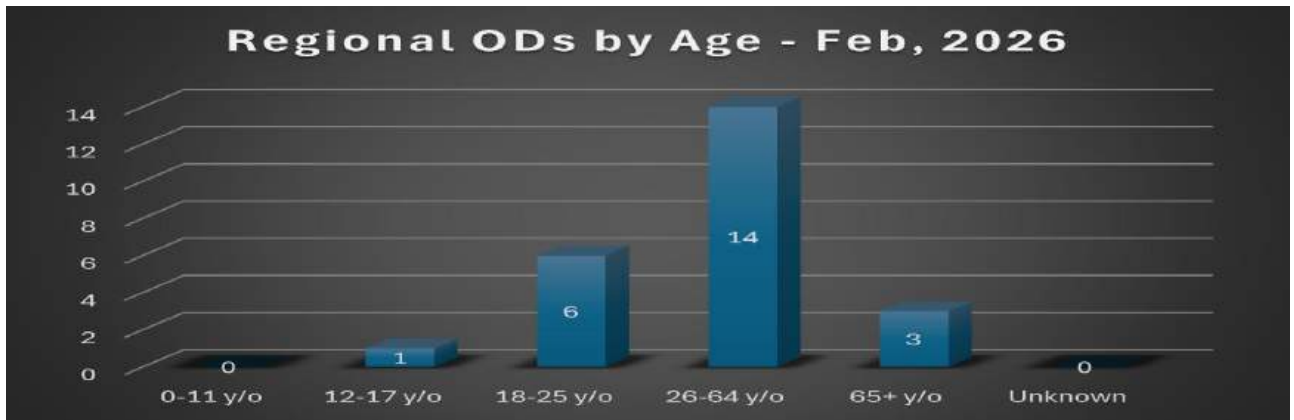
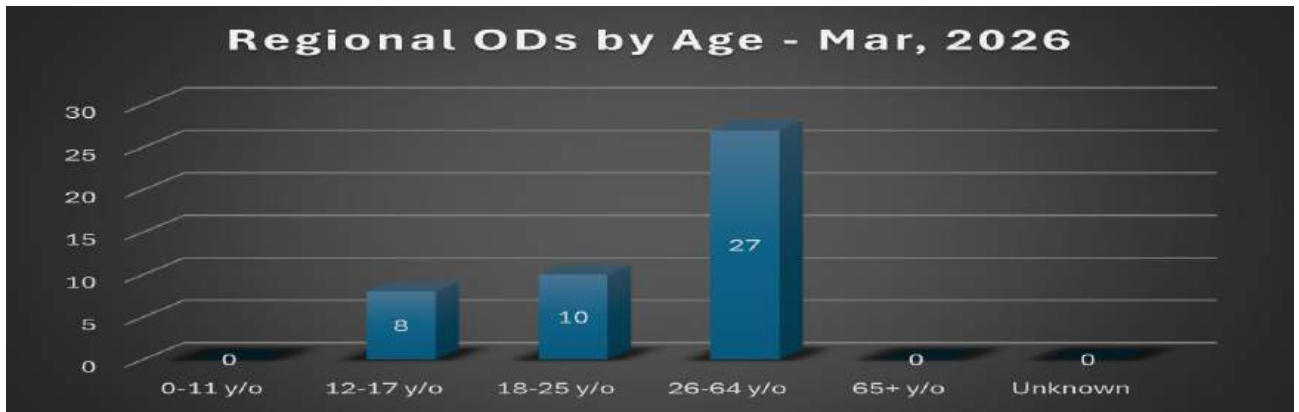
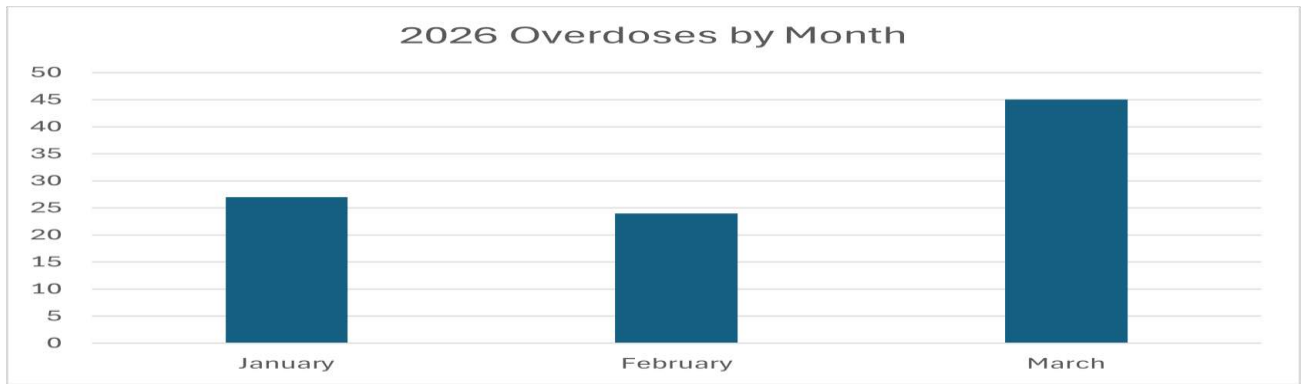
Update – Regional Overdoses:

Discussions followed around regional overdoses. Thien Nguyen, Community Health Improvement Program Specialist, Behavioral Health Resource Network, Coordinator, Samaritan Health Services (SHS) reported SHS overdose data.

- The following reports were noted and distributed with the agenda packet:
 - a. Samaritan Health Services Hospital Data Report – Reporting Period: March 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026 – Individual Overdose Report.
 - b. SHS 2026 Data Report - year-to-date drug overdose encounter hospital data from January 2026 through March 2026.
 - c. SHS overdose data/Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)/Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS) report from 2022 to March 2026.
- Thien Nguyen presented SHS Regional Overdose graphs with Benton County Sheriff’s Office overdose data for March and February 2026.



Samaritan Health Services Overdoses:



- **Traci Sackett** – Is there any data on why the jump in numbers? Is this a trend or normal?
 - a. **Thien Nguyen** – Does not have the data with him but can look at last year’s data and report back at the next meeting.
 - b. **Jesse Noble, Regional Prevention Drug Overdose Coordinator, Lincoln County Public Health** – Can share numbers with Traci Sackett as well. It is not typical surge. They see spikes on holidays and monitor to see if there is a repeat pattern. The increase in March is not consistent with an annual increase. She goes through regional data for overdoses for Linn County, Benton County, and Lincoln County on Mondays. In the past week we have seen an increase in methamphetamine and fentanyl in Lincoln County. Checking if course or substance contamination. There have been increases this past week, but she is not seeing any identifiable trends. Working to identify any information and concerns.
 - c. **Zachary Gould, Community and Law Enforcement Outreach Manager, Ideal Option:**
 - Can assist as well if needed and reach out to labs and look at what the testing covers for clients that come through their door. He could ask for information about Albany and Corvallis.
 - Ideal Option will be opening Monday April 20, 2026, and located in the Reconnections Counseling Annex building in Newport - 332 SW Coast Hwy.
 - Feedback he has received from providers is that it is rare to see methamphetamine without fentanyl. They are a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) provider and do treat all kinds of substances.
 - d. **James Page, Clinical Director, Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center** – Admissions fluctuate at Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center on amount of fentanyl available and see surges as availability and cost arise. Seeing the opposite the last month or so.
- **Jesse Noble** – Have seen an increase in Lincoln County fatal overdoses in the past week and sent out a yellow notification regarding this. Fatalities were with fentanyl/ methamphetamine with a wide range of ages and not connected. Not sure if poly-substance use or contamination. No increases in Linn County and Benton County in the past week. They do have Naloxone available and talk to people about poly-risk. She would like to give a huge shout out to the local Fisherman’s Wives group for their support with a vigil for a person that recently passed away. It was good to see the community come together. Did reach out and provided Naloxone to community and family members. Please reach out to her if you hear of other things coming up.
- **Marcia Harnden, Albany Police Chief:**
 - a. Reporting for Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff, who had to leave earlier. There have been 10 overdoses year-to-date with 1 fatality.
 - b. For the City of Albany, they had 13 overdose calls with no fatalities.
 - c. They are seeing a downward trend with potent fentanyl and on the enforcement side methamphetamine as well.
 - d. Linn County wide – 20 overdose calls and no deaths.
- **Heidi May Stoullil** – Seen on the news, that Oregon is trending down with overdoses, even though we did see a spike in March.

Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRN) Update:

Coalition members provided Behavioral Health Resource Networks updates.

- **Thien Nguyen – Linn County and Lincoln County:**

- a. Moving the Linn County BHRN meetings to quarterly so both Linn and Lincoln County BHRNs will meet quarterly.
- b. STARS hosted the first Mid-Willamette Behavioral Health Meet & Greet on April 3, 2026. There were approximately 65 people in attendance. The New Era Newspaper in Sweet Home did an article on the event. Thien Nguyen shared some pictures from the event.

Partner Updates/Announcements/Additional Business:

Partners provided updates and additional business was discussed.

- **Lalori Lager, Executive Director, Reconnections Counseling** – The new perinatal mobile clinic is parked at Monarch and 4th in Corvallis every Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Last week they seen 5 clients, which included 2 walk ins off the street. Emily Zeno Yeast is there seeing patients. They are seeing any pregnant or post-partum person within one year of delivery. Specialize in substance use disorder, but they will see anyone, regardless of insurance. The patient does not have to be a Reconnections Counseling patient. They do have an Outreach Coordinator that will pick patients up. Shared her email address – lalori.lager@reconnectionsounseling.com

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition is scheduled for May 11, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. and will be a virtual meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Hazelton
Grants and Sponsored Programs

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