



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

**Participants:** Ruby Arizmendi, Suzie Beaupre, Hailey Clark, Stephanie Dreiling, Robert Fallows, PsyD, Zachary Gould, Andy Hertel, Ian Howarth, Lalori Lager, Heidi May Stoulil, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Thien Nguyen, Jesse Noble, James Page, Catherine Rupkus, Michelle Shannon, Justin Thomas, Sheila Thompson, Kacey Urrutia, Blue Valentine, Chelcy Villaneuva, Emily Yeast, 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 April 13, 2026, meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition. **Blue Valentine, Benton County Health Department, moved to approve of the meeting minutes as presented, with James Page, Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center, seconding the motion. Members present unanimously approved the motion.**

**Presentation: Benton County Crisis Center:**

Hailey Clark, LPC, CADCI, presented information about the Benton County Crisis Center.

- She shared her background.
- Benton County Crisis Center is a drop-in treatment-centered facility that provides stabilization for people experiencing a mental health crisis, along with referrals and support for ongoing behavioral health services.
- The crisis team has multiple different sub-teams.
  - a. Civil commitment investigation and monitoring.
  - b. Jail Diversion Forensic Team – 2-person mobile response.
  - c. 24/7 mobile crisis response.
  - d. Crisis, Outreach, Response and Engagement (CORE)
  - e. Benton County Crisis Center Team (BCCC – Stabilization and Respite).
- Crisis services:
  - a. Civil commitment investigation and monitoring.
  - b. Jail diversion.

- c. Mobile team.
  - d. Crisis Center.
- What is the crisis center?
  - a. It is a voluntary walk-in mental health facility that is open to all members of all ages.
  - b. Walk in hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and they will be expanding to 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. beginning June 1, 2026.
- Shared goals of the crisis center.
- Staff includes:
  - a. Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP's).
  - b. Qualified Mental Health Associates (QMHA's)
  - c. Peer Support Specialists (PSS's).
  - d. Administrative manager.
- Expanded services for adults in stabilization - They added five stabilization chairs. They will open on June 1, 2026, and will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to start with. It will be a trauma-informed, treatment-centered space. It will support adults in stabilizing their mental health crisis and connecting them to vital community resources. It is a voluntary and safe place supported by two staff members – Peer Support Specialist and a Qualified Mental Health Associate.
- In the future we will expand services for respite care to six beds. This is not open yet. Individuals can stay up to 29 days. There is a kitchen, multiple bathrooms, additional space, and it is an overall calming space with low stimulation.
- Level of care – Serve children and adults and individuals 18+ and can stay in stabilization and respite.
- Shared crisis center vs. the Emergency Department. The crisis center is a non-medical facility designed to provide immediate walk-in mental health support in a voluntary outpatient setting while the Emergency Department manages acute medical emergencies and life-threatening conditions.
- FAQs – common questions:
  - a. It is not a detox center.
  - b. It is not a homeless shelter.
  - c. Can people in other counties use the crisis center – “Yes,” they can see everyone.
- They have uniform security on site and will eventually expand hours to 24/7.
- **Justin Thomas, Samaritan Health Services** – Was curious with stabilization beds and confidentiality and beds being in the same room. Realized it is a low stimuli environment, but he was wondering about putting agitate individuals together.
  - a. **Hailey Clark** – Individuals must sign a confidentiality and consent form and keep to self. Will go through everything with individuals when they present.
- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Samaritan Health Services** – Have you noticed a decrease in individuals routed to the Emergency Department and those that come to the crisis center?
  - a. **Hailey Clark** – They are collecting data – Officers sometimes want to use their services first.
- **Dr. Robert Fallows, Samaritan Health Services** – They did track data with Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. They have not seen a big shift. Patients present with mental health issues. Hovers at about 115 per month. Not seeing big shifts currently. Will follow up and meet further with Hailey.
  - a. **Hailey Clark** – Would love to connect. They may see a bigger difference when they extend hours.

- **Andy Hertel, Samaritan Health Services** – Are you seeing situations where they first go to the Emergency Department and then come to you?
  - a. **Hailey Clark** – When you compare Benton County to Deschutes County, Benton County does not have someone as a social worker that comes in, so they step in and see people.
  - b. **Heidi May-Stoulil** – Was wondering the same with going from the Emergency Departments then to your facility and did wonder the reverse way.
  - c. **Hailey Clark** – They will *not* pick up anyone from the hospital and take to the crisis center. She would love to coordinate more with the hospitals.

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

Jolynn Meza Wynkoop reported on the HRSA Grant – Project NEXT.

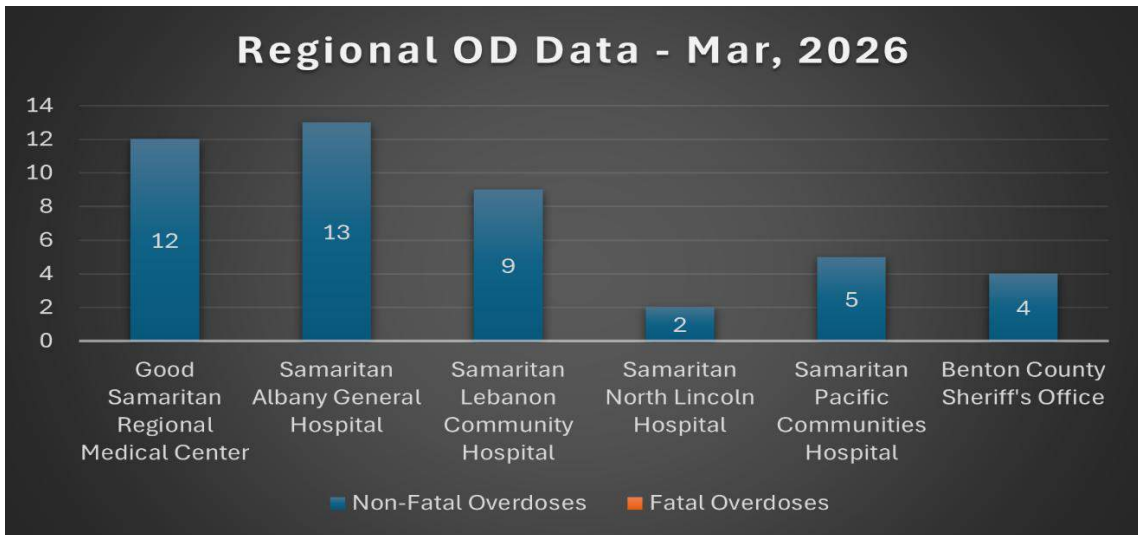
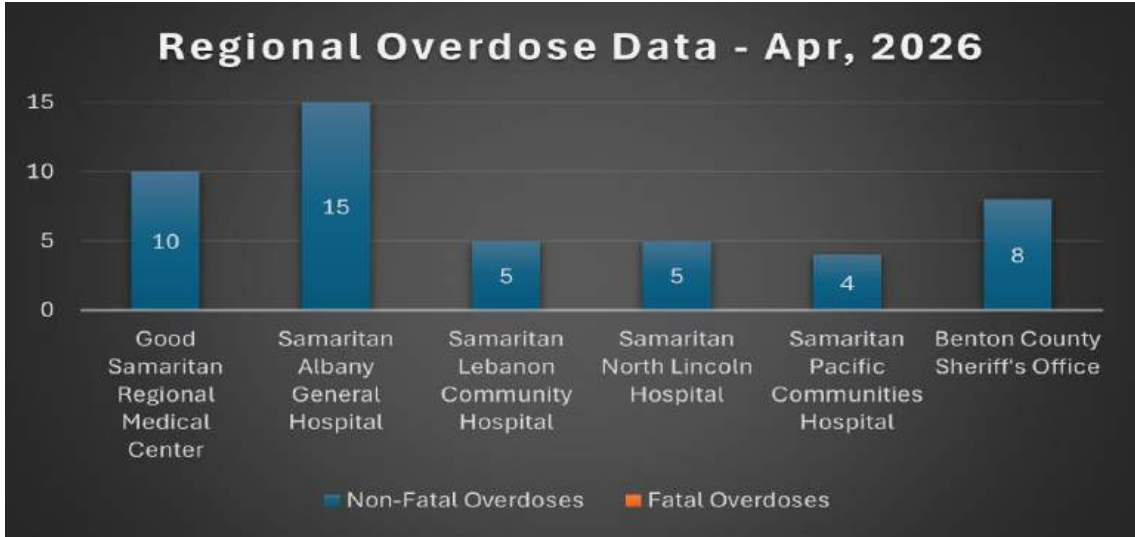
- The Noncompeting Continuation (NCC) Report was submitted by May 4, 2026, and received by HRSA.
- They had two Youth Mental Health First Aid courses on April 27, 2026, and on April 28, 2026.
  - a. The one on April 27, 2026, was held in Lincoln city at the Lincoln City Community Center and had 6 individuals that attended.
  - b. The one on April 28, 2026, was in Newport at the Samaritan Center for Health Education They had 22 individuals that attended.
  - c. The training was conducted in partnership with Oregon Pacific Area Health Education Center and Jaime Montgomery was the instructor.
  - d. They did receive interest from others to have additional classes.
- Working with Lincoln County Community Justice and have completed their subaward with the grant. Will be utilizing grant funds to pay for nightly stays for youth and young adults in crisis at their Youth Tides and Raising Tides Shelters. Will also be utilizing grant funds for basic needs items such as hygiene supplies, meals, clothing, bus passes, and other items.
- She participated last Friday in an outreach event at Taft Elementary School in Lincoln County. There were over 100 families at the event.
- She will also participate in the Yachats Spring Family event this Saturday.
- The Violence Prevention Summit is May 21, 2026, and May 22, 2026, and she will be helping the team with the event and will tabling at the event on May 22, 2026.
- 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.
- Have available funding now until the end of July to help with night stays for young adults ages 18-24 in need of immediate housing. Making a list of agencies to approach to see if they need services.

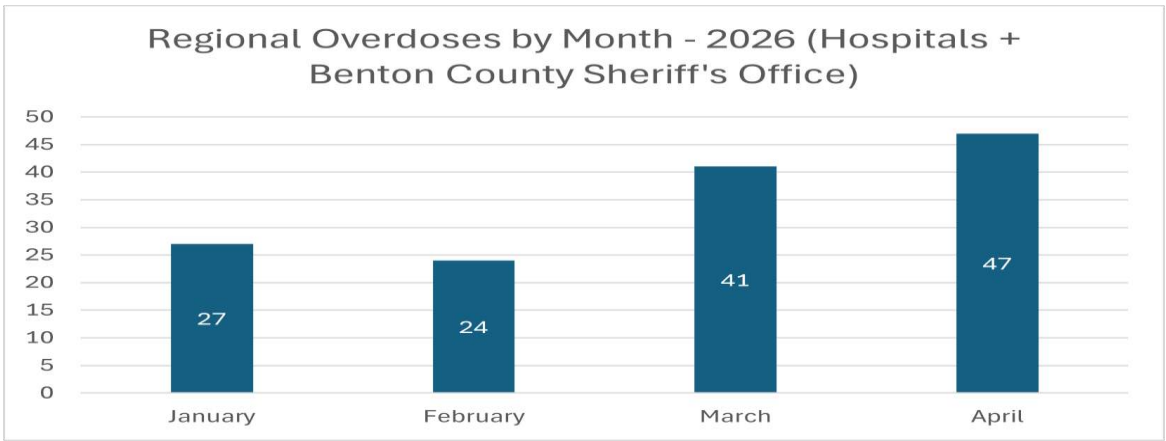
**James Page moved to approve the HRSA Grant – Project NEXT report as presented, with Justin Thomas seconding the motion. Members present unanimously approved the motion.**

**Update – Regional Overdoses:**

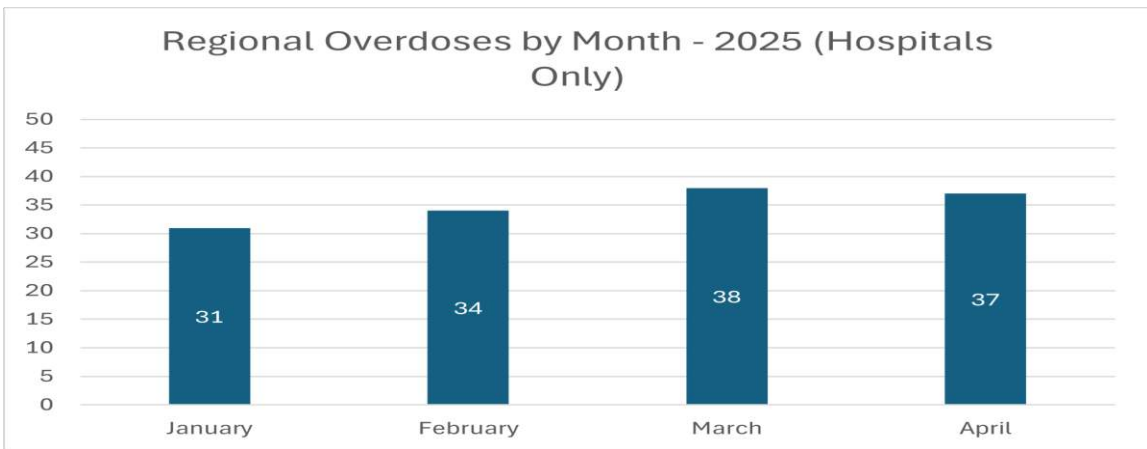
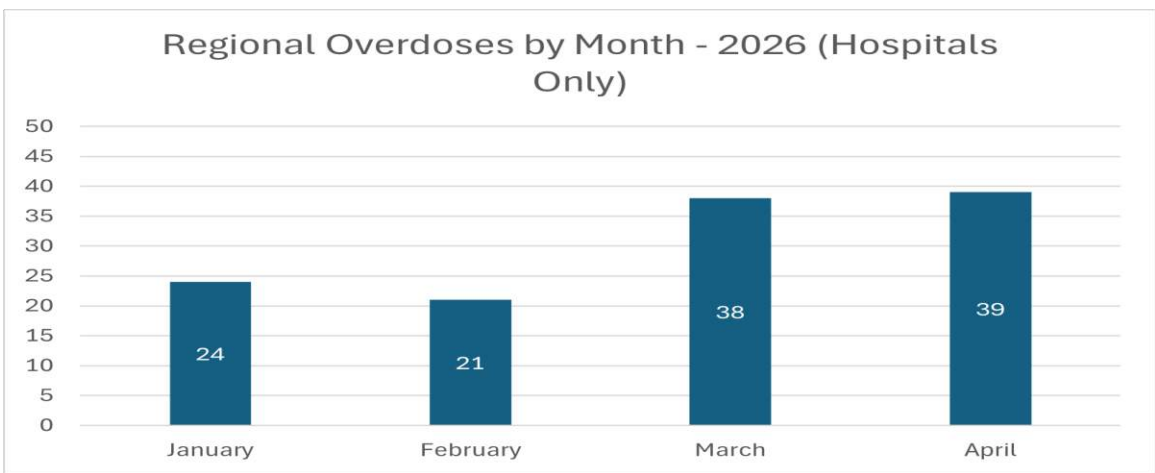
Discussion followed around regional overdoses. Thien Nguyen, Samaritan Health Services, reported on SHS overdose data, including Benton County Sheriff overdose numbers.

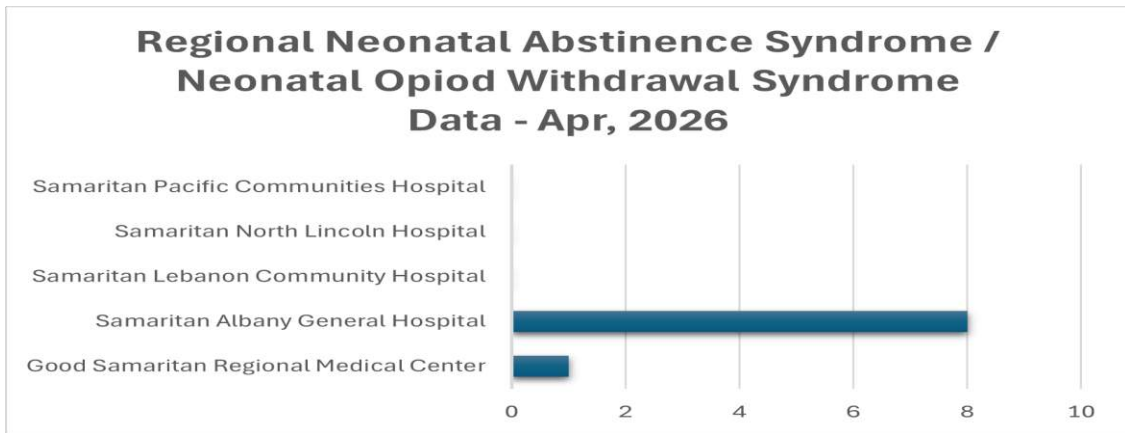
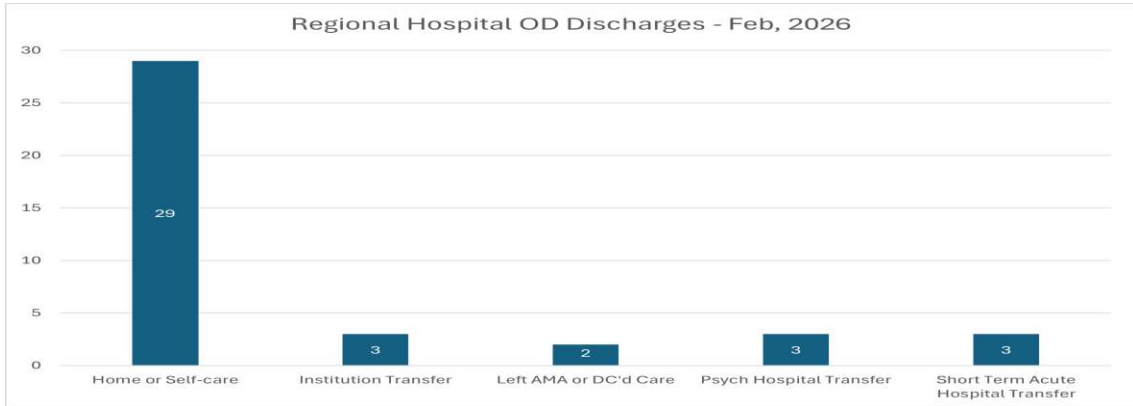
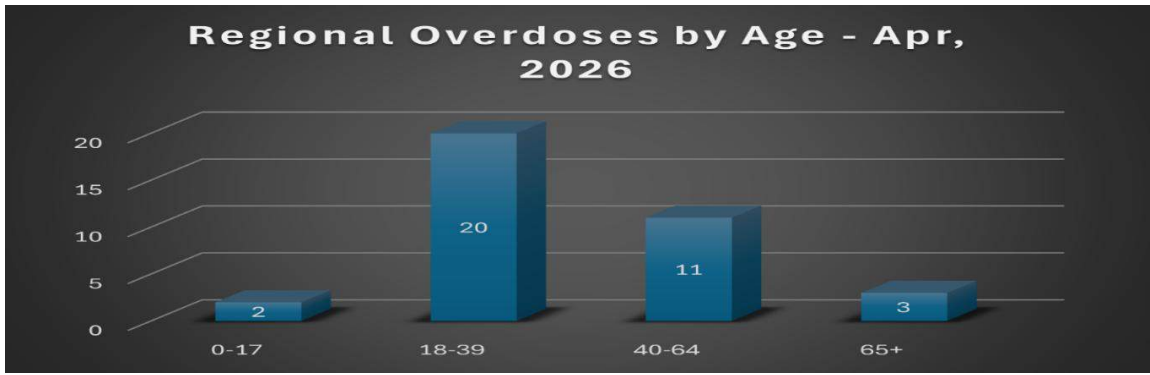
- The following reports were noted and distributed with the agenda packet:
  - a. Samaritan Health Services Hospital (SHS) Data Report – Reporting Period: April 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026 – Individual Overdose Report.
  - b. SHS 2026 Data Report - Year-to-date drug overdose encounter hospital data from January 2026 through April 2026.
  - c. SHS overdose data/Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)/Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS) reports from 2022 through April 2026.
- Thien Nguyen presented SHS Regional Overdose graphs, which included Benton County Sheriff's Office overdose data.





**Samaritan Health Services Overdoses:**





- **James Page** – Can we extract diagnosis data to see substances?
  - a. **Thien Nguyen** – *Will check on this.*
- **Jesse Noble, Lincoln County Public Health** – Challenges they have with Lincoln County Health and Human Services when you go through to read data for the hospitals, sometimes you are not legally able to share. There are limitations to data and data sharing.
- **Dr. Robert Fallows** - We are working with our Emergency Departments to improve coding accuracy as well, as one of our IET process improvement goals.
- **Blue Valentine** – Had previously asked and hopes we can add “Public Health” under the Regional Overdoses section on the agenda packet to report out in addition to SHS and law enforcement updates.

- **Jesse Noble** – Since the last meeting, Lincoln County put out a “yellow” alert – Went “yellow” last week for two or more fatal overdoses in a week. These were involving methamphetamine and Fentanyl.
  - a. **Blue Valentine** – Jesse Noble as the Regional Overdose Prevention Coordinator and team also separates out unintentional overdoses from intentional when counting and looking at data and alerts are usually sent based on an increase of intentional overdoses.
  - b. **Emily Yeast, Samaritan Health Services** – Asked if Jesse Noble could send her the threshold for the levels – [eyeast@samhealth.org](mailto:eyeast@samhealth.org)
  - c. **Justin Thomas** – Please add him to the alerts – [juthomas@samhealth.org](mailto:juthomas@samhealth.org)
  - d. **Jesse Noble** – Can send the Overdose Response Plan to both Emily Yeast and Justin Thomas. If anyone else wants a copy, her email – [jnoble@lincoln.or.us](mailto:jnoble@lincoln.or.us)
  - e. **Jesse Noble** – We do monitor trends in suicidality. We are currently updating our data cleaning process to be far more inclusive and detailed and will share out to partners.

### **Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRN) Update:**

Coalition members provided Behavioral Health Resource Networks updates.

- **Thien Nguyen – Linn County and Lincoln County:**
  - a. The Linn County BHRN meetings have switched from monthly to quarterly.
  - b. Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) are doing additional outreach.
  - c. Communities Helping All Negotiate Change Effectively (CHANCE) Recovery, opened their Lebanon office on May 22, 2026.

### **Partner Updates/Announcements/Additional Business:**

Partners provided updates and additional business was discussed.

- **Jesse Noble:**
  - a. She has been busy with Youth Mental Health First Aid training.
  - b. The Harm Reduction Team is partnering with the schools to do Fentanyl awareness training and refusal bubbles. Will compile.
  - c. Participated in the blessing of the fleet. Have had overdoses among the fisherman’s community.
  - d. Will be participating in the fisherman’s First Aid class tomorrow.
  - e. She attended a Research Fair at the Oregon Community College.
- **Emily Yeast:**
  - a. They have had approximately 30 patients present at the new mobile clinic and are averaging about 6-10 each time they are open on Mondays.
  - b. They had a couple deliveries with safety plans in place.
  - c. They have resources and items available such as diapers, clothing, food pantry, etc.
  - d. The Peer Support Specialist functioned as doula for two births.
  - e. The hours between 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. can be chaotic.
  - f. **Lalori Lager, Reconnections Counseling** – They have had 37 contacts with 19 people being seen by Emily Yeast over the last 4 weeks. The clinic has been open for 5 weeks as of today.
  - g. **Suzie Beaupre, Benton County Health Department** – Do you accept donations and what is needed?

- h. **Lalori Lager** – They are out of formula. That is a huge need and diapers. Yes, they accept donations. Nice baby clothes would be helpful. They cannot take car seats. The car seats must be brand new. Prenatal vitamins like gummies would also be helpful.
- **Stephanie Dreiling, Samaritan Health Services** – They had an open house for Samaritan Health Services' Behavioral Health and Recovery Clinic last week. The clinic has primary care, mental health, and addiction medicine on site located in Lebanon.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition is scheduled for June 8, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. and will be a virtual meeting through Microsoft Teams.

**Gratitude Moment:**

Attendees were asked if they would like to share a gratitude moment.

- Dr. Robert Fallows thanked Emily Yeast and Lalori Lager for their work with the new mobile clinic and is excited to see all the visits.
- Jesse Noble thanked Ruby Arizmendi for all her work with the Fentanyl awareness training.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss, adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Hazelton  
Samaritan Health Services  
Community Health and Grants

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