



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)
Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition
Meeting Summary
Held virtually – Microsoft Teams
June 8, 2026
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Participants: Rubi Arizmendi, Emma Deane, Stephanie Dreiling, Gaby Esquivel, Marcia Harnden, Albany Chief of Police, Andy Hertel, Ian Howarth, Lalori Lager, Avalon Mason, Heidi May Stoulil, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Rocio Munoz, Thien Nguyen, Jesse Noble, James Page, Catherine Rupkus, Traci Sackett, Michelle Shannon, Sheila Thompson, Kacey Urrutia, Blue Valentine, Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff, 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 May 11, 2026, meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition. **Stephanie Dreiling moved to approve of the meeting minutes as presented, with Marcia Harnden, Albany Chief of Police, seconding the motion. Members present unanimously approved the motion.**

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. Provided a written report with the agenda packet.

- There are outreach events that she has attended or will be attending. These include:
 - a. February 3, 2026 - Taft Elementary Family Alcohol and Drug Night.
 - b. February 26, 2026 - Oceanlake Elementary Family Night.
 - c. May 8, 2026 - Mother's Day with Conexon Fenix at Taft Elementary School.
 - d. May 16, 2026 - Spring Family Fest in Yachats.
 - e. May 22, 2026 - Violence Prevention Summit in Lebanon.
 - f. August 4, 2026 - National Night Out Lincoln City.
 - g. September 19, 2026 - Newport PRIDE.
- Submitted the Noncompeting Continuation (NCC) Report by May 4, 2026, to HRSA. We received approval for Year 2 for this award.

- The Strategic Plan is due September 30, 2026. We received a template.
- The Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS) report's due date has changed from August 31, 2026, to October 30, 2026. We currently have a template but expect there to be minor changes coming from HRSA.
- Housing for Young Adults in Crisis - Our budget for Year 1 (\$10,600), is being divided up amongst agencies in Lincoln County that have expressed a need for funding to house young adults experiencing crisis (ages 18-24). The funds must be expended during June and July 2026, before the end of Year 1. Developing Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) for the following agencies for awards up to the following amounts:
 - a. Family Promise of Lincoln County - up to \$3,000.
 - b. Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers - The Hope Center - up to \$2,000.
 - c. ReConnections Counseling - up to \$2,000.

Conversations are ongoing with other agencies who have expressed interest in receiving funds.

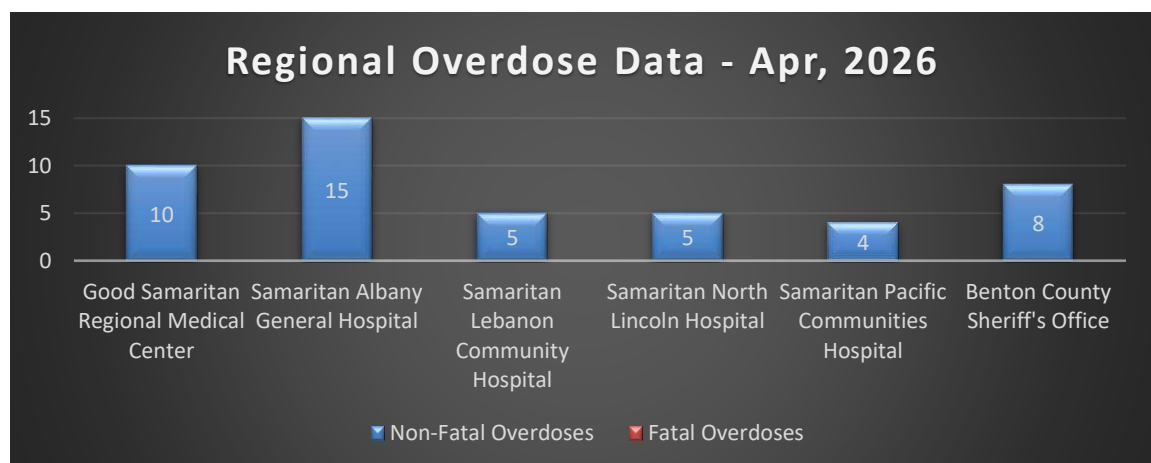
James Page moved to approve the HRSA Grant – Project NEXT report as presented, with Emma Deane seconding the motion. Members present unanimously approved the motion.

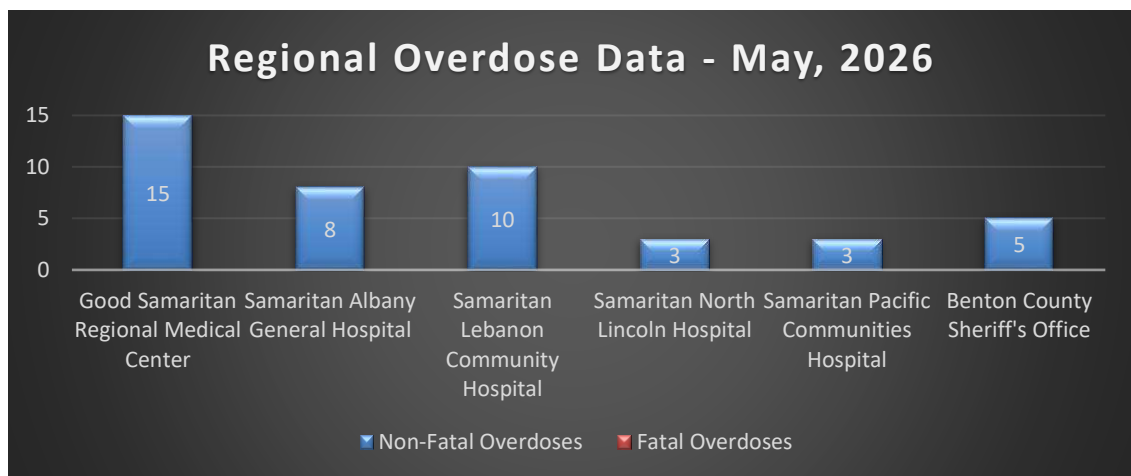
Update – Regional Overdoses:

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

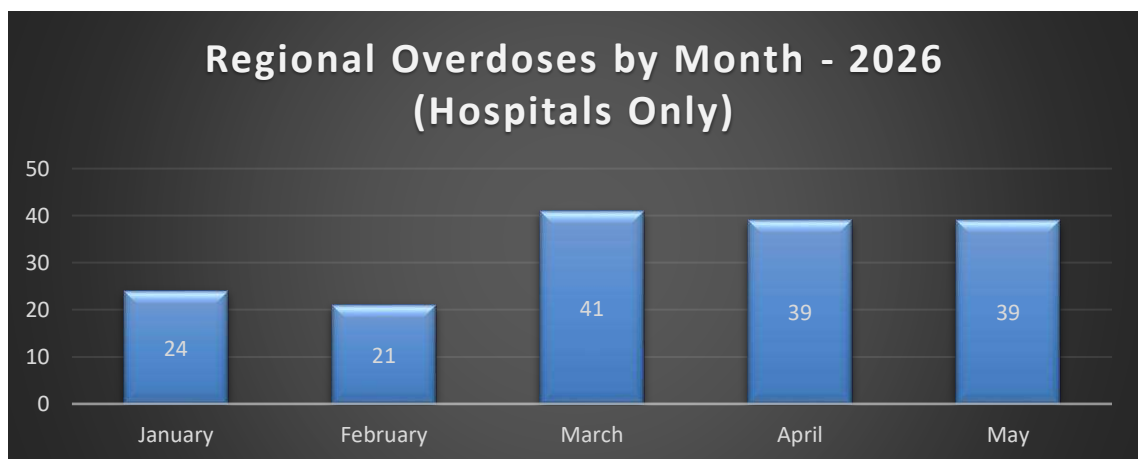
- Members noted the following reports attached to the agenda packet:
 - a. Samaritan Health Services Hospital (SHS) Hospital Data Report – Reporting Period: May 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026 – Individual Overdose Report.
 - b. SHS 2026 Data Report - Year-to-date drug overdose encounter hospital data from January 2026 through May 2026.
 - c. SHS overdose data report and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)/Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS) report from 2022 through May 2026.
- Thien Nguyen presented SHS Regional Overdose graphs, which included Benton County Sheriff's Office overdose data.

Regional Overdoses – April vs. May

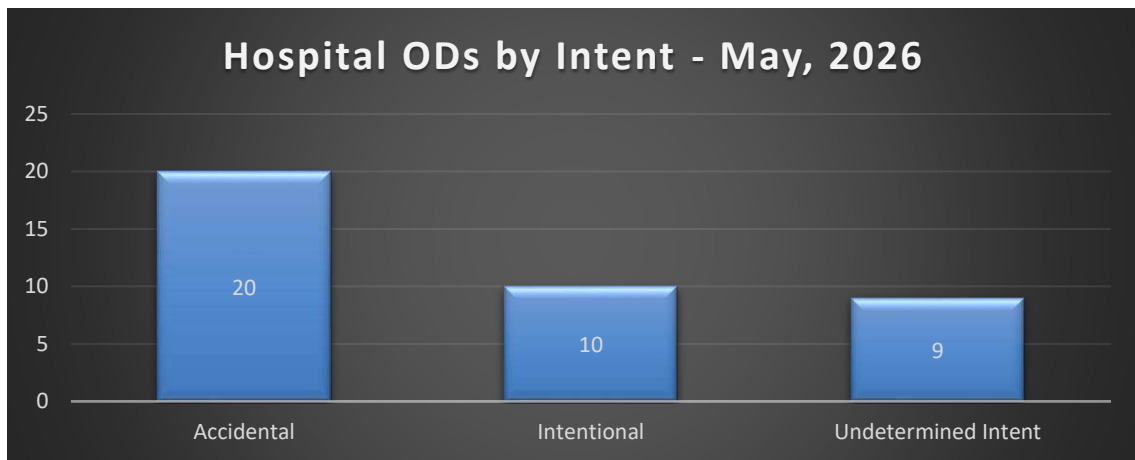




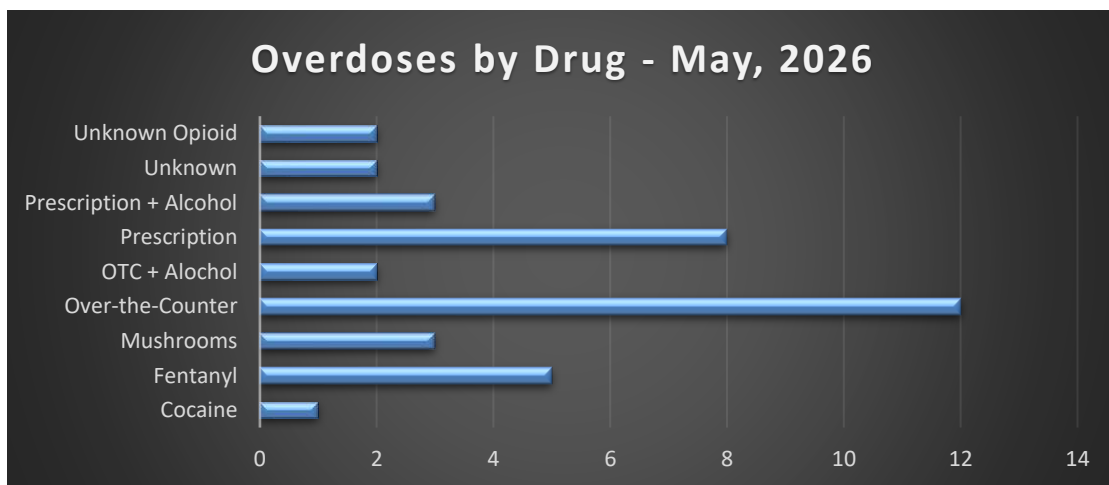
Overdoses by Month – 2025 vs. 2026:



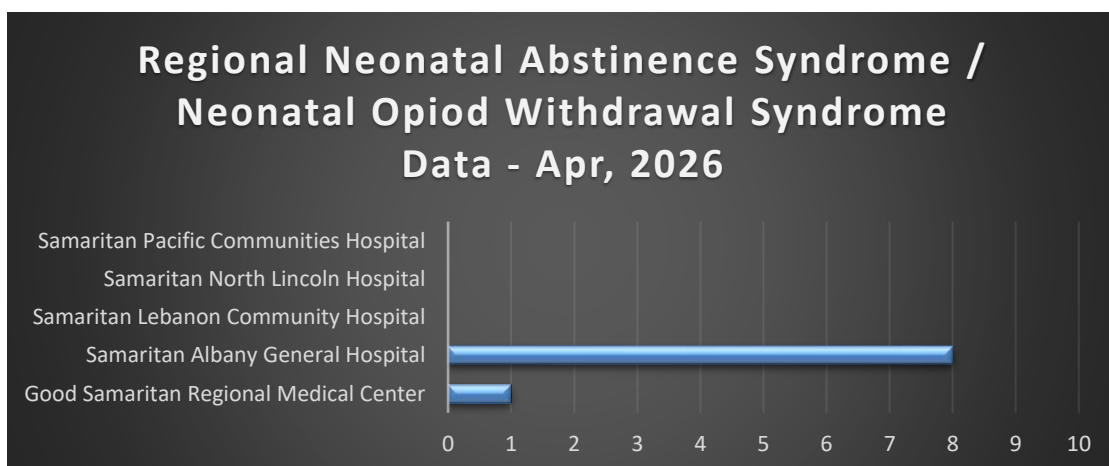
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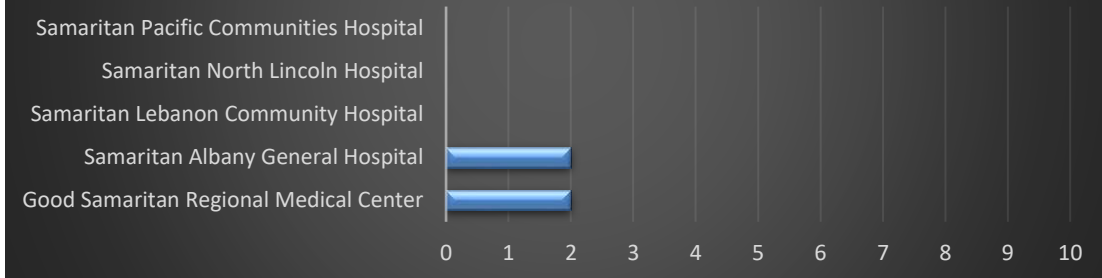
Overdoses by Drug – May 2026:



NAS/NOW – April vs. May:



Regional Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome / Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome Data - May, 2026



- **James Page** – Thanks for providing the additional data.
- **Blue Valentine** – With the substances, is it self-reporting or toxicology?
 - a. Numbers are from Epic.
 - b. They are by diagnoses.
- **Marcia Harnden, Albany Chief of Police – Law enforcement overdoses:**
 - a. Overdose calls county wide was at 33 with 0 deaths.
 - b. Linn County, including Albany, average over half.
 - c. The vast majority are Fentanyl followed by methamphetamine. Cocaine is also coming in.
- **Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff:**
 - a. Seeing the same across Benton County.
 - b. For 2024 – there were 65 with 3 deaths.
 - c. 2025 – 43 with 2 deaths.
 - d. 2026 so far – 23 overdoses and 1 death.
 - e. Have kits sent out with individuals leaving jail.
- **Blue Valentine** – Heard the strength is dropping in Fentanyl concentration. East Linn County also has requested Naloxone. If there is anyone that can help with distribution in East Linn County, let her know.
 - a. **Sheila Thompson** – Faith, Hope and Charity – Can help with Naloxone distribution – sheila@faithhopeandcharityinc.org – number to give to clients – (541) 740-5807. The following number is for community partners only – (541) 740-5849.
- **Heidi May-Stoulil** – Glad to hear overdoses are decreasing. Thanks to everyone for all your work out in our communities.
- **Jesse Noble – Public Health:**
 - a. She is hearing about a reduction in the strength of Fentanyl as well.
 - b. Trends in all three of our counties (Benton, Lincoln, Linn) are in the green.
 - c. Lincoln County data surveillance program – lumps Epic data and ESSENCE (Electronic Surveillance System for the Early, Notification of Community-Based Epidemics) data together and you must glean through to get the codes. Shared updated system. Previously with system, they went through ESSENCE data and identify suicide/overdose risk and assigned a category. If they had multiple things such as alcohol abuse, suicide idealization, and others, they could not get a clear picture.

Moving to risk scale – 0-5 for each category – assess each category on risk, get formulated spreadsheet, and align with old system. Gives thorough picture of each event with each client and formulates a more complete response.

- d. Already seeing an increase in TNF use and possible Isotonitazine.

Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRN) Update:

Coalition members provided Behavioral Health Resource Networks updates.

- **Thien Nguyen – Linn County and Lincoln County:**
 - a. Family Tree Relief Nursery continues to run training programs for Peer Support Specialists. They offer the training at cost for community partners and can award scholarships. The next training scheduled for July is full. There is training in October, with 10 free slots and 10 paid slots still available. The total cost is \$400. Family Tree Relief Nursery is also offering Motivational Interviewing training on June 23rd. The cost is \$120.
 - b. Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center sent out a partner snapshot, touching on the services they provide (attachment included with the agenda packet).
 - c. Communities Helping All Negotiate Change Effectively (CHANCE) Recovery celebrated the ribbon cutting for its Lebanon office on May 22nd. This location will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (a flyer attached to the agenda packet).
 - d. Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services will be hosting an open house at their Lebanon clinic on August 19, 2026, with CHANCE doing a silent auction for their Bridges to Recovery event.
 - e. Faith, Hope and Charity Inc. has started offering expungement screenings, working alongside Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center and Corvallis Housing First. These screenings are free for clients.
- **Avalon Mason – Benton County** – No updates currently.

Partner Updates/Announcements/Additional Business:

Partners provided updates discussed additional business.

- **Heidi May-Stoulil** – Apologizes that the presenter was not available to present today. If you would like to present or want to hear from certain presenters, please let Shelley Hazelton know.

Gratitude Moment:

Members shared a gratitude moment.

- **James Page** – Shout out to Thien Nguyen for getting us additional variables for our overdose data from the hospitals.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition is on July 13, 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 11:00 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.)