

MINUTES

Purpose: Engage Okaloosa County community members in a health improvement process through an open, two-way dialogue to create an environment with healthy and safe children, families, and communities free of the negative impacts of substance use and drug activity.

Attendees: Sgt. Jessica Trimboli, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OSCO), Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Child Advocacy Center; Amber Wookey, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast; Lauren Hobbs, Department of Health (DOH)-Okaloosa; Caitlyn Golding, DOH-Okaloosa; Miriam Pohl, Grace Lutheran Church Destin; Diane Freeman, A Bed 4 Me; Nancy Robert, Northwest Florida Health Network; Mark Sherrod, Northwest Florida Health Network; Bethany Guillory, Healthy Start Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties; Teresa Schroeder, Okaloosa County School District; Janice George, Northwest Florida Health Network; Ashton Hatch, Florida Department of Children and Families; Emily Pickens, DOH-Okaloosa.

Opening – Emily Pickens

- Emily Pickens opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She reviewed the meeting's purpose and agenda.
- Caitlyn Golding shared feedback from the Community Engagement Survey from the previous meeting.
- Minutes from the February 22, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Action Plan Updates – Sgt. Jessica Trimboli and Danielle Wilson

- Danielle Wilson provided an update on the Handle with Care video progress. She stated the video has been shot and the videographer is in the process of editing it.
 - The video should be completed before the next meeting. Sgt. Jessica Trimboli stated she is proud of the video and hopes to launch it via Teams with the group before it reaches the public.
- Caitlyn shared an update of the number of registrants for the upcoming National DEC Training. Jessica reviewed the purpose of the training and expectations of trainers.
 - Janice George requested information about the training to share with Northwest Florida Health. Theresa Schroeder shared it is difficult for representatives from the school district to attend the training since it is one week long and during one of the final weeks of the school year.
 - Jessica stated she will connect with Teri after the meeting to discuss this issue further.
 - Attendees discussed organizations that are not registered but should be. They identified law enforcement, fire department, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Department of Children and Families (DCF).
 - Emily will reach out to EMS, Jessica will contact law enforcement, and Danielle will notify Niceville Fire Department. Ashton Hatch shared she will contact her supervisor at DCF to identify a representative to train.
- Emily shared the High School Survey progress has been paused. The group is unable to work with SWAT on this project and it will be tabled until there is District approval to work with students.

- Jessica provided an update on Spring Field Day. The Early Learning Coalition will bring their toddler play equipment to the Cruisers and Cops event on April 29th. Group members are encouraged to participate in the event by volunteering or tabling for their organization to share information and resources. Contact Jessica if interested.
- Jessica shared the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is working with the school district to resolve issues with the lockdown and lockout app.
 - She would like the app to also push notifications to nearby early childhood learning centers during a lockdown or lockout situation. Currently, the app is limiting the number of notifications released.
 - Teri suggested Jessica contact Danny Dean for assistance.

Action Items – Sgt. Jessica Trimboli and Danielle Wilson

- Attendees agreed to share information about the National DEC Training with their organizations and other who should be in attendance.

Open Discussion – All

- Emily reminded attendees the [Okaloosa County Health Resources Fair](#) will be on April 4th from noon to 6:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Fort Walton Beach.
- Bethany Guillory shared the World's Greatest Baby Shower will be on April 27th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Destin Fort Walton Beach Convention Center. The event is for pregnant women and women who have recently had a baby. They need volunteers, sponsors, and exhibitors. Click [here](#) to register or learn more.
- Diane Freeman shared an event is coming up on Saturday, April 1st from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the First Community Baptist Church of Lovejoy. The youth pastor is hosting a youth super event day. Contact the church at 850-244-3983 if interested.

Closing – Emily Pickens

- Emily thanked attendees for participating and asked them to complete the meeting evaluation form to provide feedback.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 26th at 9:00 AM at the Child Advocacy Center

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
Continue sharing National DEC Training information to partners via email	Amanda Colwell	Ongoing	In progress
Share National DEC Training with identified partners (EMS, law enforcement, etc.)	Emily Pickens, Sgt. Jessica Trimboli, Danielle Wilson	April 26 th	In progress
Share group meeting and information with Bridgeway Community Action Treatment Team and Boys and Girls Club representatives	Emily Pickens	April 3 rd	Completed