

MINUTES

Purpose: Engage Okaloosa County community members in a health improvement process through an open, two-way dialogue to provide feedback for each OCHIP group and ensure continuity, especially regarding substance use activities.

Present: Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Robert Bage, Fort Walton Beach Police Department; Amanda Colwell, Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa); Emily Pickens, DOH-Okaloosa; JB Whitten, City of Crestview; Lynn Wadsworth, DOH-Okaloosa; Ardelle Bush, Healthy Start Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties; Deb Willis, West Florida Area Health Education Center; Sgt. Jessica Trimboli, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office; Petra Maddens, DOH-Okaloosa; Stephanie Wedel, Freedom Life Compass; Sheila Fitzgerald, Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners.

Absent: Elizabeth "Beth" Smith, DOH-Okaloosa; Kylee Gallavan, Community Member; Trisha Dall, DOH-Okaloosa.

Welcome & Introductions – Amanda Colwell

- Amanda opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She reviewed the meeting's purpose and agenda.
- Minutes from the June 14, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved.
- She shared results from the Community Engagement Survey from the previous meeting. Results were positive and attendees felt like their opinions were valued and there was time to provide input.

OCHIP Group Reporting – OCHIP Champions

- Ardelle Bush shared updates for the Healthy Moms & Babies group.
 - Their recent Fetal Infant Mortality Review identified one infant death that could have been prevented by utilizing the Count the Kicks Initiative.
 - October 15th is National Pregnancy Loss and Infant Remembrance Day. Healthy Start will be hosting an event at Lincoln Park. Ardelle will share a flyer with the group.
 - Emily investigated local trends for maternal substance use after discussion at the previous meeting. EMS reported they have not seen an increase.
 - Mayor Whitten shared he learned about a Safe Haven Baby Box during a conference in Ocala. He visited the fire department to see it personally and reported how impressive, necessary, and effective it is.
- Sgt. Jessica Trimboli and Danielle Wilson shared updates for Healthy Children.
 - They attended the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children's Conference recently. They will share knowledge at the next group meeting.

- Sgt. Trimboli shared National DEC encouraged local alliances to work with DEA agents to provide education and get training. She emphasized the quality of their data and materials shared at the conference.
- September 23rd is the rescheduled Cruisers and Cops event.
- Sgt. Trimboli shared there is progress with Crestview Police Department for Handle with Care. She still needs Valparaiso and Niceville.
 - Chief Bage offered to assist.
- Mayor Whitten and Chief Bage reported for Healthy Communities.
 - The City of Crestview's Overdose Awareness Event was well attended. More than 60 doses of Narcan were provided to community members.
 - The group has numerous projects going on during October for Pedestrian Safety Month. There is a press conference on October 2nd, Walk, Bike, Roll to School events on October 4th and a poster competition going on through October 4th.
- Stephanie Wedel reported for Healthy Behaviors.
 - Stephanie shared there will be a Recovery Event hosted by the Okaloosa County Anti-Drug Coalition on Saturday, October 7th at The Place on Beal.
 - Emily shared the group has been working to advocate for an adult pre-arrest diversion program. Escambia County is primed to implement a program soon.
 - Chief Bage discussed the importance of sharing key statistics highlighting the program's effectiveness and benefits.
 - Emily will work on a 1-page brief with key information.
- Emily shared the Substance Use Resource Sticker draft with the group. Positive feedback was provided, and attendees approved the design. These will be printed along with the rack cards. Distribution will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Emily informed the group that DOH-Okaloosa plans to host a Partnership Celebration event in 2024. More details will be discussed at the next quarterly meeting.
- Emily shared DOH-Okaloosa plans to implement a final Born Learning Trail at Don and Susan Stilwell Park in Fort Walton Beach. She requested input from attendees for dates to have greater participation.
 - Attendees agreed waiting for cooler weather is best. Members also shared weekends may be better attended. Emily will look for dates in November.

Action Items – OCHIP Champions

- Emily will share information about the DEC Community Training with the group. Members agreed to promote it to key individuals.

Closing – Amanda Colwell

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



OCHIP Champions Meeting
Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County
221 Hospital Dr NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 & via Microsoft Teams
September 13, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 9:00 AM DOH-Okaloosa

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
Order resource rack cards and stickers	Emily Pickens	ASAP	Not started
Share event information with meeting attendees	Emily Pickens	9/20/2023	In Progress
Determine potential dates for second Born Learning Trail	Emily Pickens	10/2/2023	In Progress