

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 impact of substance use and drug activity.

Attendees: Amanda Colwell, Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa), Emily Pickens, DOH-Okaloosa; Cozette Costanza, Bridgeway Center, Inc.; Christeia Hawkins, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Dana Hodges, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast; Remeeka Wilson, Bridgeway Center, Inc.; Teri Schroeder, Okaloosa County School District; Mary Travis, CareerSource Okaloosa Walton; Trisha Dall, DOH-Okaloosa; Kirk Webb, DOH-Okaloosa.

Welcome & Introductions – Amanda Colwell

- Amanda Colwell opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- Minutes from November 15, 2023 were reviewed and approved.
- Emily reviewed the meeting's purpose and agenda. Amanda shared the results from the Community Engagement Survey from the previous meeting. The group shared they felt their ideas were heard and hope for better attendance in the future.

Action Plan Updates – Sgt. Jessica Trimboli & Danielle Wilson

Run for Health Updates

- Amanda shared due to insurance issues, the run will take place in Crestview instead of Fort Walton Beach. Emily is working with staff at the city to determine a route.
 - The proposed date is Saturday, April 6th. The run will begin at 8:00 a.m.
 - Registration will be \$25 until the March 9, then it will increase to \$30.
- Attendees reviewed the t-shirt designs. They requested the colors be changed for the design to stand out more and for the graphic of the children to be larger.
 - These edits will be made and shared with the group at a future meeting.
- Dana Hodges suggested adding a Field Day component to the 5K that the Early Learning Coalition will help manage.
 - This will be modeled similarly to Family Field Day the group hosted in November 2022. The ELC will bring a play area for little kids.
- Members also discussed recruiting food trucks to attend the event. Coffee, donuts, and other breakfast items will be available before the race.
 - Danie will work with Eglin Federal Credit Union to discuss a potential partnership.
- Amanda shared staff will meet with Active.com to discuss utilization of the platform for registration.
- Attendees suggested connecting with the Crestview Run Club and looking into a paid timing system like the Northwest Florida Track Club uses.
- Amanda will calculate the number of awards needed. Age groups will be broken up into categories by gender. Medals will be designed by the DOH-Okaloosa PIO as prizes.

- DOH-Okaloosa will pay for social media advertisements for the run starting in February and running until the week of the race.

DEC Trainings

- Emily reminded the group that the Boys and Girls Club in Fort Walton Beach needs to receive the DEC Approach training. They received Awareness in December.
- Members discussed hosting another DEC Community Training in March located in Fort Walton Beach. Suggested locations were discussed. Staff will reach out to the library and recreation center in Fort Walton Beach to schedule a date.
 - Members will assist with promoting the event on social media.

Lambi Grant Updates

- Emily informed attendees that *Lambi Learns About Addiction* books arrived. There are around 300 to be given out around the county. The group discussed distribution.
 - Dana shared the ELC will begin doing VPK Round Ups soon and books could be given out then. Danielle suggested the CAC receive copies for their therapists.
 - Teri will review the book and determine if any OCSD facilities could share them.

Action Items – Sgt. Jessica Trimboli & Danielle Wilson

Run4Health

- The DOH-Okaloosa PIO will edit t-shirt designs using feedback. Emily will schedule a meeting at Warrior's Hall for February 1st, where the 5K Planning Committee will meet.

DEC Trainings

- DOH-Okaloosa staff will secure a venue for a March DEC training in Fort Walton Beach.

Lambi Grant Updates

- Members will share suggestions of drop-off sites for *Lambi Learns about Addiction Books*. Emily and other staff will coordinate delivery and work with the ELC to distribute.

Closing – Amanda Colwell

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 20th at 9:00 a.m. at the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center in Niceville and via Microsoft Teams.

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
Update t-shirt design, develop social media ad & medal awards	Allison McDaniel	February 20 th	In Progress
Secure venue in FWB for DEC Community training in March	Emily Pickens	February 20 th	In Progress
Share locations to distribute <i>Lambi Learns About Addiction</i> books	All	Next meeting	Ongoing



OCHIP Healthy Children Meeting
Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center
401 McEwen Drive Niceville, FL 32578 & via Microsoft Teams
January 17, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.