

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; Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Jessica Trimboli, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office; Danie Crowley, DOH-Okaloosa; Nancy Robert, Northwest Florida Health Network; Claire Jones, A Bed 4 Me; Dana Hodges, Early Learning Coalition; Leslie Fuller, The Pear Project; Greg Cain, Okaloosa County Emergency Medical Services; Jasmine Selph, DOH-Okaloosa; Janice George, Northwest Florida Health Network.

Welcome & Introductions – Danielle Wilson and Sgt. Jessica Trimboli

- Danielle Wilson opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- Minutes from January 17, 2024, were reviewed and approved.
- Emily reviewed the meeting's purpose and agenda. Danie shared the results from the Community Engagement Survey. Attendees felt that their opinions were heard. Attendees would like to see more participation. Newcomers would like to have a rundown of current events and acronyms used to better understand and follow along.

Action Plan Updates – Danielle Wilson and Sgt. Jessica Trimboli

Run4Health

- Danielle announced the Run4Health 5K has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 20th at Spanish Trail Park. The proceeds will benefit the Early Learning Coalition (ELC). The event is family-friendly and will include food trucks, a play area with games and more.
- The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. and likely end at 11:00 a.m.
- Since the event is in observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, blue powder will be tossed during the race and attendees are encouraged to wear blue clothing and/or accessories.
- Emily confirmed that EMS will be onsite for any issues.
- Danielle stated the t-shirt design has been approved for the front and back, pending logos. Designs will be emailed to the group following the meeting.
- Amanda shared that a measuring wheel was procured by Trisha, but the route still needs to be measured. She will tackle this action item soon.

Lockdown and Secure

- Jessica provided clarification on the Lockdown and Secure program, explaining that it is a national standardized practice for active threat protocol (i.e., active shooters, fires, tornados, etc.). It is used by the Okaloosa County School District.
- Pamphlets and teaching manuals are given to parents. The group wants to incorporate the early learning centers and other facilities serving children so they can also be aware of best practices and informed of potential threats in a timely manner.

Lambi Learns About Addiction Book Distribution

- Danie provided an update on book distribution so far. Copies of Lambi Learns about Addiction have been delivered to the Children's Advocacy Center.
- Danielle asked attendees for recommendations for pop-up events to share the books and other agencies to reach out to for distribution:
 - Sgt. Trimboli recommended keeping books in the school mental health counselor offices. Emily shared the district has not provided feedback on the books yet.
 - Leslie requested books to share with parents and the public.
 - Nancy Robert will reach out to Arthur Rogers to let him know that the books are available for foster families.
 - Sgt. Trimboli also recommends giving the Drug Court Coordinator copies.
 - Emily suggested creating a lending library for when the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, EMS, etc. reads to children at various events.
 - Dana suggested United Way could possibly utilize them for Reading Pals.
 - Dana also stated they can use the book next year for Storybook Village.
 - Emily recommends Danie read the book at the libraries for story time in April for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

DEC Training

- Emily shared there will be a DEC Approach training following the Early Learning Coalition's March Provider Meeting. Emily, Petra, and Nancy will train.
- Greg shared he is working to provide DEC training for all of the local fire departments, starting with Niceville and Ocean-City Wright districts. He will update with progress.
- Danie provided an update on the Community DEC Training in Fort Walton Beach.
 - She will confirm Beulah Baptist Church for March 26th or 28th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Danielle requested ideas to share and promote the training to the public.
 - Attendees felt email blasts and social media will be the best option for promoting the event.
 - Greg recommended a public safety announcement on the daily news.
 - Jessica stated the sheriff's office could post it on social media. She also suggested the ELC ask their childcare providers to share with parents.
 - Janice George stated she will share with her Integration Group.

Action Items – Danielle Wilson and Sgt. Jessica Trimboli

- Run4Health 5K
 - Amanda will measure the 5k route before the next planning meeting.
- Lambi Learns About Addiction Book Distribution
 - Dana will email Emily with event details to distribute books in the spring.
 - Emily will reach out to United Way about Reading Pals.
 - Danie will deliver books to the agencies mentioned in the meeting.
- DEC Training
 - Danie will contact Beulah Baptist Church to confirm a date. Partners will share the flyer and graphic on social media and via email blasts.

Open Discussion – All

- A Bed 4 Me is hosting their annual fundraiser in May. More information to come.
- Crosspoint will be holding their annual Sock hop, a digital flyer will be sent out soon.
- Jessica shared that the Explorers Fun Run will take place on 3/9/2024 at Spanish Trail.
- Emily shared that the OCHIP Award Ceremony will take place on 2/22/2024.
 - Awards were sent to Eric and Stacey at National DEC who will attend online.

Closing – Amanda Colwell

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 16th at 9:00 a.m. at the Children's Advocacy Center

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
Promote DEC Training in FWB in March on social media and via email blasts	ALL	3/26/2024	In Progress
Promote DEC trainings and link agencies to certified trainers	ALL	Ongoing	In Progress
Distribute Lambi Learns About Addiction books to identified partners	Danielle Crowley	Ongoing	In Progress
Measure 5K route	Amanda Colwell	3/20/2024	Not Started
Promote Run4Health 5K event to partners and the public via social media and email blasts	ALL	4/20/2024	In Progress