

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: Danie Crowley, Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa), Taela Cintron, DOH-Okaloosa; Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Nancy Robert, NWF Health Network; Shawn Nickel, NWF Health Network; Talia Villavicencio, NWF Health Network; Angie Strumeyer, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast (ELCEC); Sharron Pierce, ELCEC; Teresa Schroeder, Okaloosa County School District; Stevie Wolfe, Oxford House, Inc.; Christeia Hawkins, CDAC Behavioral Healthcare; Claire Jones, A Bed4Me.

Welcome & Introductions – Amanda Colwell

- Danielle Wilson opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- Minutes from February 20, 2024, were reviewed and approved.
- Danie shared Community Engagement Survey results from the previous meeting. Attendees felt their ideas were valued. Other responses stated the discussion of ongoing projects may not have met expectations of some attendees.

Action Plan Updates – Danielle Wilson

Community DEC Trainings

- Danie shared the community DEC training held on March 26th in Fort Walton Beach was held afterhours and was poorly attended. Members will discuss better marketing, location, and other strategies for the future.
- There are upcoming DEC trainings with Captain Cain at Ocean City Wright and Fort Walton Beach Fire Departments during April 29th through May 3rd.

Run4Health 5K Race

- Danielle reminded attendees the Run4Health 5K will take place this weekend on Saturday, April 20th at Spanish Trail Park in Crestview.
 - DOH-Okaloosa staff and set up crew will arrive at 6:30 a.m. and vendors at 7:00.
 - A 5K meeting will take place directly after this meeting.
 - There will be a hotwash on Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. to debrief the event.
- Danie stated Emily Pickens will share a timeline and assignments via email soon.
 - Amanda will pick up the breakfast supplies on Friday.
 - Lisa will bring tents, tables, chairs, etc. in the DOH-Okaloosa trailer.
 - Packets and t-shirts for the runners are being picked up and dropped off today.

Lambi Learns About Addiction Book Distribution

- Danielle explained the books to new attendees.
- Danie shared she has distributed books on Eglin Air Force Base to the JAG, Family Advocacy Center, Mental Health Department, and Family Advocacy Center.

- The books were also dropped off at the Early Learning Coalition, and a local chiropractor's office. Attendees discussed plans to deliver books to Hurlburt Field and child psychologists in the area. DOH-Okaloosa will also take them to events.
- Shawn from Northwest Florida Health Network requested Lambi books.
- Danielle asked for additional locations to drop off books. Attendees suggested children in Crisis, ABA Place, Kids Korner, Valorie's House, Shelter House and local pediatricians.

Action Items- Danielle Wilson

Community DEC Trainings

- Members will contact Emily Pickens or Captain Cain for more details on trainings.

Run4Health 5K Race

- Amanda will pick up breakfast and Lisa will bring her agreed upon items.
- Members will meet at 6:30 a.m. for set up on Saturday.
- Everyone will attend the hotwash meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd.

Lambi Learns About Addiction Book Distribution

- Danie will continue delivering books to identified locations.

Open Discussion – All

- Claire shared the following upcoming events for A Bed4Me:
 - April 26, 2024, Health & Wellness Expo from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the Crestview Community Center.
 - May 11, 2024, 2nd Annual Health & Wellness Expo from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the Horsepower Pavilion in Freeport. Free admission.
 - June 6, 2024, Greens & Dreams starting at 12:00 p.m. at Rocky Bayou Country Club in Niceville.
- Stevie Wolfe shared information about services offered at Oxford House:
 - Alcohol and drug free life skills, 24-hour support from peers in recovery, shared responsibilities to maintain the house, house-based voting system, and social interaction and activities.

Closing – Danie Crowley

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 18th at 9:00 AM at the Children's Advocacy Center

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
DEC Trainers to plan and complete trainings	Certified Trainers	Ongoing	In Progress
Share Handle with Care you tube video to attendees	Danielle Wilson	May 11 th	Not Started
Distribute Lambi Books	Danie Crowley	Ongoing	In Progress