

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; Danie Crowley, DOH-Okaloosa; Taela Cintron, DOH-Okaloosa; JD Dillon, DOH-Okaloosa; Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Nancy Robert, Northwest Florida Health Network (NWFHN); Shawn Nickel, NWFHN; Talia Villavicencio, NWFHN; Dana Hodges, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast; Daniel Vega, Healthy Start Okaloosa Walton; Claire Jones, A Bed4Me.

Welcome & Introductions – Amanda Colwell

- Danielle Wilson opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- Minutes from April 16, 2024, were reviewed and approved.
- Danie Crowley reviewed the meeting's purpose and agenda. Danie shared the results from the Community Engagement Survey from the previous meeting. Attendees felt that their ideas were valued. The survey's concluded that partners would like to see more in person attendance.

Action Plan Updates – Danielle Wilson

Run4Health 5K Race Debrief

- Danie shared the Run for Health 5K will take place on 4/05/2025 at the Crestview Community Center. It has already been reserved with the city.
 - Pros for this year's race: organization, participation, family fun and recognition.
 - Cons for this year's race: registration issues with iPad, delays in award distribution, and insufficient number of vendors.
- Suggestions for next year included:
 - Better advertisement.
 - Invite youth from the track team from different schools.
 - Invite more vendors (i.e., Run with It) and recruit support from the fire and police departments. Ask them to bring trucks and big equipment for kids.
 - OCHIP Substance Use Activities

Post Overdose Support Team

- Emily shared information about the new Post Overdose Support Team (POST) initiative recently announced at the Revive Awareness Day Press Conference.
 - POST will respond to individuals who have overdosed within 24-72 hours.
 - The team includes a police officer, EMS paramedic, and a clinician.
 - Recipients will be offered resources and treatment services on the spot.
 - A program pilot will begin in Fort Walton Beach the week of June 17th.

- **International Overdose Awareness Day**
 - Emily shared OCHIP will host an International Overdose Awareness Day community event on 8/29/2024 at Crosspoint Church.
 - There will be free food beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a program from 6-8 p.m. with testimonials, resources, a community panel discussion, and more.
 - DOH-Okaloosa will provide pinwheels and yard signs for partners to display at their workplace.
 - **Food Insecurity Project**
 - Emily shared DOH-Okaloosa will conduct a PACE-EH project to address food insecurity.
 - Danie shared statistics on Okaloosa County's food insecurity issues:
 - In 2019 Okaloosa ranked 41 out of 67 for food insecurity (Overall: 12.3%, Children:15.8%). These numbers are higher than the national average.
 - These statistics have decreased since 2014 and in 2022 dropped to 10.2%.
 - Typical causes of food insecurity include low wages, high cost of living, food deserts, underserved areas, and inadequate social services and support programs.
 - JD Dillon emphasized using the existing resources available, rather than a new program.
 - Amanda suggested using local resources and suggested deferring further discussion and decision-making until we have clarity from partners.

Action Items- Danielle Wilson

Run for Health

- Emily will share photos on Facebook of the race.

Closing – Danie Crowley

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

Next Meeting – Monday, July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center in Niceville and via Microsoft Teams.

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
DEC trainers to plan and complete trainings Trainers	Certified	Ongoing	In progress
Share Run4Health 5K photos on Facebook	All	Ongoing	In progress