

## 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; Jessica Trimboli, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office; Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Janice George, NWF Health Network; Shawn Nickel, NWF Health Network; Dana Hodges, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast; Claire Jones, A Bed4Me; Greg Cain, Okaloosa County Emergency Medical Services; Aaron Murray, Northwest Florida State College.

### Welcome & Introductions – Amanda Colwell

- Amanda Colwell opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- She reviewed the meeting's purpose and agenda. Danie shared Community Engagement Survey results from the previous meeting. Attendees felt their ideas were valued and expressed a desire for additional online attendance.
- Minutes from June 18, 2024, were reviewed and approved.

### Action Plan Updates – Danielle Wilson and Sgt. Jessica Trimboli

#### Post-Overdose Support Team Update

- Emily reported the Post Overdose Support Team pilot reached twenty people via outreach and six entered treatment.

#### International Overdose Awareness Day Update

- Attendees discussed marketing for the International Overdose Awareness Day Event.
- Suggestions for sharing media included the Healthy Okaloosa newsletter, principals, Emerald Coast Magazine and groups at Northwest Florida State College.
- Claire Jones will reach out to youth pastors and youth groups. She will contact Brett Hinley who sits on the Okaloosa County School Board.
- Emily reminded attendees DOH-Okaloosa cannot ask for raffles and partners will have to undertake this task. Members suggested raffle prizes such as TV, gas and/or grocery gift cards, massages, movie tickets, Big Kahunas passes, and prizes for kids.
  - Amanda confirmed donations can be dropped off at DOH-Okaloosa.

#### Food Insecurity Project

- Jessica opened discussion for a food insecurity project in alignment with the group's goal. She explained the Moose Lodge is looking to support this type of project.
  - She suggested addressing the meal debt of the Okaloosa County School District, noting it exceeds \$100,000.
  - She shared the Moose Lodge has begun paying off debts of different schools each quarter.
- Shawn proposed seeking sponsorships and initiating fundraising competitions among charitable groups (i.e., Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, 100 Men Who Care, Impact 100, etc.).
- Emily proposed exploring collaboration with Children in Crisis, as they mentioned applying for a food insecurity grant at a recent meeting.
  - Shawn has a contact in the agency and will reach out.

- Claire suggested including additional resources in the Food for Thought bags distributed throughout the year to children.
- Danielle suggested improving Federal Impact Aid Card completion to prevent future debt issues, potentially from parents not knowing how to complete the form accurately.
  - Jessica shared some schools encourage parents to complete the form during school events prior to the start of the new school year.
  - Emily proposed the School Health Educators at DOH-Okaloosa attend these events and assist parents to complete the forms.
  - Amanda suggested bringing tablets to make the process easier.
- Emily suggested using a QR code and/or sign in sheet at the DEC table at IOAD for participants interested in the food insecurity project to join forces.

**Action Items- Danielle Wilson and Sgt. Jessica Trimboli**

- Emily will send information via email for help sharing IOAD with students.
- Group members will leverage contacts for raffle donations.
- All members will share information about IOAD.
- Jessica will learn the school debt and coordinate with the Moose Lodge.
- Shawn will reach out to his contact at Children in Crisis.

**Open Discussion – All**

- Jessica encouraged members to contact her mom to submit proposals for community projects they are looking to fund. Her email is psprejean@aol.com.
- Amanda shared she has created a new flow for Handle with Care notifications via Microsoft Forms. Dana Hodges asked about onboarding the early learning centers with Lockdown and Lockout, as well as Handle with Care in the future.
- Jessica shared she plans to meet with the school district again soon and proposed expanding notifications beyond law enforcement to include agencies like the Children's Advocacy Center, Early Learning Coalition, and others.
  - She would like to have a Handle with Care meeting in September.

**Closing – Danie Crowley**

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

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Children's Advocacy Center*

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Owners</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
Share IOAD marketing materials	All	8/29/2024	In Progress
Solicit raffle items for IOAD	All	8/29/2024	Not started
Connect with Children in Crisis to collaborate on a food insecurity project	Shawn Nickel	8/15/2024	Not started
Partner with Moose Lodge for food insecurity project efforts	Jessica Trimboli	Ongoing	In Progress