

OCHIP Champions Quarterly Meeting
Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County
221 Hospital Dr NE Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 & via Microsoft Teams
August 7, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Purpose: Engage Okaloosa County community members in a health improvement process through an open, two-way dialogue to provide feedback for each OCHIP group and ensure continuity, especially regarding substance use-related activities.

Present: Petra Maddens, Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa); Emily Pickens, DOH-Okaloosa; Stephanie Wedel, Freedom Life Compass; Robert Bage, Fort Walton Beach Police Department; JB Whitten, City of Crestview; Ardelle Bush, Healthy Start Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

Absent: Lynn Wadsworth, DOH-Okaloosa; Amanda Colwell, DOH-Okaloosa; Beth Smith, DOH-Okaloosa; Deb Willis, West Florida Area Health Education Center; Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Jessica Trimboli, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.

Welcome & Introductions – Petra Maddens

- Petra opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She reviewed the meeting's purpose and agenda.
- Attendees reviewed results from the Community Engagement Survey from the previous meeting. Responses were positive, citing strong attendance and good collaboration.

Action Plan Updates – OCHIP Champions IOAD Event

- Attendees discussed the panel structure and questions. There will be six panelists and one facilitator. Audience members will be able to submit questions via a QR code. Questions to the panelists include:
 - 1. Why does Okaloosa County have higher overdose and overdose death rates than surrounding areas/other regions of Florida?
 - 2. What are the obstacles/barriers to seeking/enrolling in treatment?
 - 3. What pathways to recovery are available?
 - 4. What can be done? (emerging best practices, how to fill gaps, etc.)
- Panelists will receive these prompts ahead of time and a meeting will be held the week
 of the event to answer their questions and explain the process.
- Emily will develop a slide deck to be shown during the panel discussion.
- Stephanie explained the details she would need prior to the event. Crosspoint IT staff will be running the monitors, sound, etc. during the program. She shared Crosspoint would be providing a spaghetti dinner for attendees.
- Emily shared event flyers and posters. Numerous agencies shared the event on social media. She encouraged attendees to continue sharing and spread the word on as many platforms as possible to reach the general public vs partners.

OD2A Updates

- Emily and Petra provided a brief overview of the Overdose Data to Action grant.
- A survey will be shared with OCHIP members via email soon to gauge topics partners may want substance use-related trainings on.



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 DOH-Okaloosa will receive Opioid Settlement funds to launch a social media campaign to address substance use. The group will discuss this in greater details at the next meeting, including topic discussion, mediums, etc.

Group Updates

- Stephanie shared Healthy Behaviors is still working on the Post Overdose Support Team.
 The Sheriff's Office recently onboarded and trainings are scheduled with other municipal law enforcement agencies.
 - o The peer component will become the group's focus following IOAD.
- Ardelle shared Healthy Moms and Babies is working on a public safety project to address car seat safety and the disparity of certified car seat fitters in our community.
- Chief Bage stated Healthy Communities is working on another year of Pedestrian Safety Month initiatives, including a poster contest and best practices guide.
- Emily reported the Healthy Children group will begin working on the Run4Health 5K race soon and will pick back up on DEC trainings after IOAD.

Action Items – OCHIP Champions

- Emily will develop talking points, power point slide decks, and coordinate a meeting for all panelists prior to IOAD.
- All OCHIP Champions will continue promoting the event.

Closing - Emily Pickens

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

Next Meeting – October 15th at Crosspoint Church at 10:30 a.m.

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
Develop materials, PPTs, talking points, and coordinate panel	Emily Pickens	August 1	Complete
Share marketing materials and promote event	ALL	August 29 th	In Progress