

## 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; Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Dana Hodges, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast; Claire Jones, A Bed4Me; Christeia Hawkins, CDAC Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.; Jessica Trimboli, Okaloosa County Sherriff's Office; Leslie Fuller, The Pearl Project; Remeeka Wilson, Bridgeway Center, Inc.; Teresa Schroeder, Okaloosa County School District.

### Welcome & Introductions – Amanda Colwell

- Amanda Colwell opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- Minutes from July 22, 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 we are making great progress.

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

#### Post Overdose Support Team

- Emily shared the Post Overdose Support Team (POST) completed 27 outreach attempts. Nearly half were successful and six people enrolled in a treatment program.
- Emily shared POST will have their first community event in Fort Walton Beach on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at Champion Life Church from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### International Overdose Awareness Day Updates

- Emily shared OCHIP will host an International Overdose Awareness Day community event on August 29<sup>th</sup> at Crosspoint Church in Niceville.
- Emily noted partners have promoted the event with flyers and posters. Remaining materials will be distributed by DOH-Okaloosa staff.
- Jessica reported an expected donation from the Moose Lodge for gift cards/raffle baskets. Gift card amounts will be set after funds are secured.
- Emily proposed Jessica address the raffle details in her presentation to maintain focus.
- Amanda suggested including handwritten notes in the raffle baskets.
- Emily proposed tabling IOAD event with DEC/Handle with Care, including DEC backpacks, Lambi books, and brochures to spread messaging.

#### Food Insecurity Project

- Danielle emphasized the need to prevent future debt buildup by having parents complete the Federal Impact Aid Card (FIC). The current debt is \$300,000.
- Terry noted many English Language Learner families are hesitant to complete the FIC due to fears of being reported for illegal residency.

- Emily stressed the importance of having a native speaker visit schools to build trust and encourage families to complete the FIC. This approach aims to ensure that qualifying families are registered, thereby helping to reduce future debt. Terry explained OCSD has this protocol in place, but more assistance would be needed at events to help parents complete forms at back to school events or meetings.
- Danielle noted the CAC can accept donations for this project, but donations must be clearly labeled for proper accounting.

**Action Items – Jessica Trimboli and Danielle Wilson**

- Jessica and Danielle will finalize the gift card amounts and organize the raffle baskets.
- Partners will share IOAD event information on social media and other platforms.

**Open Discussion- All**

- Leslie shared The Pearl Project will hold a provider fair at Crosspoint on 10/25/2024.
- Claire shared A Bed4Me will celebrate their 3000<sup>th</sup> delivery on 8/21/2024 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at 3<sup>rd</sup> Planet Brewery in Niceville.
- Emily announced the next Handle with Care meeting will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the CAC, following the September 17<sup>th</sup> OCHP Healthy Children meeting.

**Closing – Danie Crowley**

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

*Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center in Niceville and via Microsoft Teams*

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Owners</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
DEC trainers to plan and complete trainings	Certified trainers	Ongoing	In Progress
Share information about IOAD event with partners and the public	ALL	August 29 <sup>th</sup>	In Progress
Finalize gift card amounts and organize raffle baskets	Jessica Trimboli & Danielle Wilson	August 27 <sup>th</sup>	In Progress