

MINUTES

Purpose: Engage Okaloosa County community members in a health improvement process through an open, two-way dialogue to reduce the impact of harmful events such as pedestrian injuries, older adult falls, and substance use and to reduce the housing burden.

Attendees: Emily Pickens, Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa); Petra Maddens, DOH-Okaloosa; Amanda Colwell, DOH-Okaloosa; Taela Cintron, DOH-Okaloosa; Allison Dozier, DOH-Okaloosa; JB Whitten, City of Crestview; Robert Bage, Fort Walton Beach Police Department; Greg Cain, Okaloosa County EMS; Jenna McElyea, Bridgeway Center; Jason Fulghum, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Claire Jones, A Bed4Me; Devon Ravine, City of Fort Walton Beach; Trisha Dall, DOH-Okaloosa; Shawn Nickel, NWF Health Network; Kendra Henderson, Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital; Catherine Card, Okaloosa County School District; Gretchen Peoples, Florida Department of Transportation; Brian Muhlbach, OCSO.

Welcome & Introductions – Amanda Colwell

- Amanda Colwell opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- She reviewed the meeting's purpose and agenda. Community Engagement Surveys from the previous meeting were entered in addition to the Housing Meeting beforehand, so results were hard to decipher between meetings. Regardless, responses were positive and noted good communication and teamwork.
- Meeting minutes from the August 8th, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Action Plan Updates – JB Whitten & Robert Bage

Press Conference Agenda

- Chief Bage opened discussion to develop the agenda. Emily shared the previous year's agenda. Attendees agreed:
 - Beth will provide the welcome and purpose.
 - Captain Fulghum will share data and opening remarks.
 - A County Commissioner will share remarks and an updated proclamation.
 - Brian Muhlbach will review the group's initiatives and announce the guide.
 - Mayor Whitten will announce the new video.
 - Chief Bage will close the press conference.
- Nick Tomecek and Devon will work with Emily and Allison for a media announcement.
- Emily will update slide decks for the event to share with Nick.

Poster Contest Updates

- Catherine Card and Emily shared they have gotten emails and calls from teachers and SROs about the posters, so submissions are happening.
- Catherine sent an email reminder to principals recently and Emily's staff dropped off flyers and poster board at all schools.
- Captain Fulghum shared he has communicated with the SRO Captain about the process and judging is set for Tuesday, October 15th at OCSO HQ in Shalimar.

Protecting Pedestrians Video Series

- Nick Tomecek and Devon developed a media kit for successfully sharing the videos across multiple media platforms. Devon reviewed the plan.
- The new “Put it Down” video reviewing distracted walking and driving will premiere at the press conference.

Best Practices Guide

- Attendees reviewed the draft. Emily will have a printed version of the guide available at the press conference and it will go live on the Law Enforcement Liaison website afterward. Group members are encouraged to share it with key stakeholders.

Action Items – JB Whitten & Robert Bage

- Emily will update slide decks for the press conference and share with Nick.
- Emily will finish the Best Practices Guide and share at the event and via email.
- PIOs will share Protecting Pedestrians videos as agreed upon in the media guide.
- Emily and Captain Fulghum will coordinate the poster competition and judging.

Open Discussion – ALL

- Catherine Card shared the Okaloosa County School District Annual Report booklet with attendees and encouraged them to share with other partners.
- Chief Bage announced the police department will host a community event on November 8th including dodgeball and other activities. It will be held at the FWB Rec Center from 5:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Closing – Emily Pickens

- Emily thanked attendees for participating and asked them to complete the community engagement survey to provide feedback.

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 17th at 9:00 a.m. at DOH-Okaloosa

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
Finish slide deck & send to Nick	Emily Pickens	9/30/2024	Complete
Finish Best Practices Guide and share via email	Emily Pickens	10/2/2024	Complete
Share Protecting Pedestrians videos	PIOs	Ongoing	In Progress
Coordinate poster contest judging	Emily Pickens, Jason Fulghum	10/15/2024	In Progress