

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); Petra Maddens, DOH-Okaloosa; Emily Pickens, DOH-Okaloosa; Danie Crowley, DOH-Okaloosa; Jeron Verrett, DOH-Okaloosa; Allison Dozier, DOH-Okaloosa; Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Dana Hodges, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast; Claire Jones, A Bed4Me; Leslie Fuller, The Pearl Project; Greg Cain, Okaloosa County Emergency Management Services; Roberta Welch, Bridgeway Center, Inc.

Welcome & Introductions – Amanda Colwell

- Amanda Colwell opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- Minutes from September 17, 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 valued, and surveys showed strong participation, though more online input is needed.

Action Plan Updates – Danielle Wilson and Sgt. Jessica Trimboli

Handle with Care

- Danielle shared protocol is in place for Handle with Care with all municipal police departments. Amanda stated notifications have been slow utilizing the online form.
- Danielle added Rocky Bayou and Saint Paul Christian schools are being added to the notification list, and efforts are ongoing to contact private schools.
- Dana met with Superintendent Hughes from Walton County, who is supportive and requested Okaloosa County's point of contact to align efforts.
- Dana shared they have a provider training session scheduled for November 21st and would like training covering Lockdown and Secure procedures, Handle with Care, and Drug Endangered Children (DEC). DOH-Okaloosa will help coordinate.

Food Insecurity Project

- Claire noted Crosspoint Church will be contributing \$2,500.00 toward the lunch debt. A check will be provided to the ECCAC. More details will be shared when available.

Run4Health

- Attendees reviewed and selected a t-shirt design with the following changes: "Running through the Decades" in red, disco ball outline in red for visibility, and fonts updates.
- The group also selected a medal design and approved a flyer with the following changes: individual and group registration, best-dressed award, largest group prize, food trucks, health fair vendors, Crestview Community Center as the location and a website in addition to the QR code.
- Amanda mentioned that vendor registration form must include bringing a raffle prize.
- Petra will contact Annabelle's doughnuts, Frutas Locas, and Jeremiah's for food trucks.

- The group discussed decade stations, with Emily suggesting a standard for each station. Each decade will require a speaker, possibly brought from home.
- Amanda stated group members will plan to place advertisements on cars in January and February at local community league sporting events and other races.
- Dana will oversee the kid's activity area and is looking for volunteers. Claire suggested recruiting Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, local sports teams, and youth leadership clubs.
- Attendees discussed someone to lead the warmup. Amanda will contact Refuel.
- Danie confirmed the Crestview Community Center is reserved and route map finalized.
- Greg Cain will provide EMS support. Petra and Danie will complete paperwork requesting support from the Crestview Police Department for the event.
- Emily suggested creating a competition between the participating OCHIP groups.
- Purchasing items will begin soon, including medals, trophies, water cups, and securing a timer. Petra stated the timer needs to update their W-9 to proceed.

Drug Endangered Children Training

- Dana suggested offering DEC training for Parent Teacher Organizations.

Action Items - Danielle Wilson and Sgt. Jessica Trimboli

- Claire will confirm food debt donations from Crosspoint and report back.
- DOH-Okaloosa PIO will update the flyer and t-shirt designs for the 5K race.
- Group members will review the Incident Action Plan (IAP) for 5K assignments.
- DOH-Okaloosa will assist with the ELC provider training to share DEC information.

Open Discussion- All

- Leslie shared The Pearl Project will hold a provider fair and compassion fatigue training at Crosspoint on Friday, October 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Dana shared Storybook Village is on Saturday October 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Roberta shared Bridgeway is investigating a youth coalition for drug prevention.

Closing – Emily Pickens

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center in Niceville and via Microsoft Teams.

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
Procure support from Crosspoint Churches for the food insecurity project	Claire Jones	Ongoing	In Progress
Develop mockup t-shirt designs for the Run4Health 5K race with edits from meeting	Allison Dozier	November 19 th	In Progress
Review IAP and complete assigned tasks	ALL	-	Ongoing
Assist with ELC provider training on Nov 21 st	DOH-Okaloosa	November 21 st	Not Started