

## **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; Allison Dozier, DOH-Okaloosa; Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Angie Strumeyer, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast; Claire Jones, A Bed4Me; Leslie Fuller, The Pearl Project; Greg Cain, Okaloosa County EMS; Shawnette Hunter, Lutheran Services of Florida; Ashley Sallee, Taylor Haugen Foundation; Aaron Murray, Northwest Florida State College; Remeeka Wilson, Bridgeway Center, Inc.; Roberta Welch, Bridgeway Center, Inc.; Nancy Hayes, NWF Health Network.

### **Welcome & Introductions – Amanda Colwell**

- Amanda Colwell opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- Minutes from October 15, 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 the discussion felt solely focused on one topic.

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

#### **Food Insecurity Project**

- Danielle is awaiting a response from Solange about the \$2,500 from Crosspoint.
- Claire suggested researching Walton County's structure to mirror our efforts.
- Danielle and Jessica discussed reaching out to potential donors. Suggested organizations include Niceville Rotary, Kiwanis Club, Fort Walton Chamber of Commerce, United Way Emerald Coast, and Church on Bayshore.
- Ashley recommended coordinating with the breakfast sponsor at Chamber meetings to secure time for a presentation.

#### **Run4Health**

- The group voted for the first T-shirt, removing the logo and using the second font. Allison will match the medal colors to the t-shirt and change the logo to white.
- Amanda opened discussion for progress reports on action items.
  - Petra sent the route and requested police services.
  - Amanda shared a plum case, back up power and laptops are needed for registration onsite during the race. Pre-registration and pickup will take place the day before the run from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the DOH-Okaloosa Crestview office.
  - Orders need to be placed for paper cups. The timer purchase request is almost complete and should be executed soon.
  - Petra will secure a final food truck option (i.e., hot dogs, grilled cheese, pizza).
  - Amanda stated that flyers will be distributed at races in February and March.

- Amanda proposed awards for runners and walkers and bibs to distinguish the two. Attendees agreed, but worried about cheating.
  - Claire recommended announcing that walker compliance will be monitored.

**Handle with Care**

- Angie shared that the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) is working on addressing the non-school-aged children reporting gap through a training session scheduled for Thursday.
- Angie stated there is no solution for non-ELC contracted childcare providers.

**Drug Endangered Children Training**

- Angie shared the provider training session is scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- Emily shared a Substance Use Training is in development and suggested combining it with DEC to boost attendance.
- Greg introduced Project Bluebird, a program using virtual reality to simulate perspectives of drug endangered children and the providers. He sits on the pilot workgroup for National DEC.

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

- Emily and Petra will continue progress on 5K purchasing action items.
- Allison will make updates to flyer, t-shirt, and medal designs as needed.

**Open Discussion- All**

- Shawnette shared that Head Start will now be contracted through Lutheran Services of Florida and are no longer CDI.

**Closing – Emily Pickens**

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

*Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 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	Ongoing	In Progress
Purchase 5K items and secure purchase orders	Emily Pickens & Petra Maddens	Ongoing	In Progress
Update designs for 5K items	Allison Dozier	1/21/2025	In Progress