

## 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 impacts of substance use and drug activity.

**Attendees:** Danielle Wilson, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center; Lauren Hobbs, Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa); Caitlyn Golding, DOH-Okaloosa; Nancy Robert, Northwest Florida Health Network; Emily Pickens, DOH-Okaloosa; Madison Harris, Northwest Florida Health Network; Anna Tedder, SEDNET; Roberta Welch, Bridgeway Center, Inc.; Stephanie Gagliano, Bridgeway Center, Inc.; Demeika McClendon, Community Member; Alicia Day, DOH-Okaloosa; Reagen Mills, DOH-Okaloosa; Amber Wookey, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast; Jaclyn Coatney, Children's Advocacy Center of Walton County; ChanDrieka Robinson, Okaloosa County Head Start; DeeDranae Cole, DOH-Okaloosa; Remeeka Wilson, Bridgeway Center, Inc.; Petra Maddens, DOH-Okaloosa.

### Opening – Emily Pickens

- Emily Pickens opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She reviewed the meeting's purpose and agenda.
- Minutes from the April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Caitlyn Golding shared feedback from the Community Engagement Survey from the previous meeting.

### Action Plan Updates – Danielle Wilson

#### Handle with Care

- Emily Pickens reviewed the following updates from Sgt. Jessica Trimboli:
  - Jessica shared Handle with Care will be in all Okaloosa County municipalities before the new school year begins. She wants to train everyone before school resumes to ensure all participating organizations are on the same page.
    - The group discussed who this may include, such as School Resource Officers (SROs), school mental health staff, local police departments, and other school district personnel.

#### Field Day Planning

- Head Start wants to partner to do a hand painting day with their children. Jessica will reach out for volunteers once a date is set.
  - She would like to begin planning an event for older youth in the near future. The plan is to partner with Emerald Coast Social Sports again for field day activities. She also hopes to partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters for the event.
  - Jessica also wants to begin doing fingerprint activities for children and their parents. Danielle shared this is something DEC had done in the past.
    - Attendees discussed upcoming events that members could attend to do the fingerprinting activities. This will be discussed more at the July meeting.

**Lockdown and Lockout**

- Jessica will meet with Danny Dean on June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss including early childhood education centers in the notification alert system.

**DEC Trainings**

- Danielle Wilson provided an overview of the Drug Endangered Children training in May.
  - There are now 14 new certified DEC Trainers. 35 people received the DEC Awareness and DEC Approach training.
  - Danielle shared being a trainer is a rewarding, enjoyable experience. She and Jessica are both glad to have the capacity to hold DEC trainings more often in the community with the addition of new trainers.
- The group discussed future DEC trainings. Emily informed attendees that they should contact her, Jessica, or Danielle with any training requests.
  - Emily shared she can add a slide including information about the Handle with Care policy to the DEC Training PowerPoint.
  - The group also discussed adding Okaloosa County data to accompany the national statistics in the existing PowerPoint.
    - Danielle offered to contact DCF to obtain the most updated data.
  - Emily shared there was discussion in May about hosting a DEC Awareness training for the public, rather than a specific organization.
    - Danielle suggested it be held after work hours. The group agreed.
- Emily shared Emergency Medical Services and Public Safety will receive DEC Awareness training every Tuesday in July. Greg Cain will be requesting help from trainers soon.

**Action Items – Danielle Wilson**

**Family Field Day Planning**

- Attendees agreed to share a list of community events to add fingerprinting to.

**DEC Training**

- Emily and Danielle encouraged DEC trainers to begin planning trainings.

**Open Discussion – All**

- Stephanie shared information about Bridgeway's new Detox Unit. It is for any adults with substance use issues. The facility is now open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.
- Anna with SEDNET shared she can provide numerous trainings to different organizations involving children and child behavior.

**Closing – Emily Pickens**

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

*Next Meeting – Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Children's Advocacy Center*

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Owners</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
Continue discussing/sharing community events to the group	ALL	Ongoing	In progress
Meet with Danny to discuss lockdown and lockout procedures	Sgt. Jessica Trimboli	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	In progress
Update DEC PPT to include Handle with Care information and local statistics	Emily Pickens	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Not started
DEC trainers to begin planning trainings	Certified Trainers	Ongoing	In progress