BLAIR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIPS
Empowering Healthy Lifestyles

Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships Advisory Meeting
Location: Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnership Conference Room G
August 27th, 2026

1. **Welcome and Introductions: Notes on pages** (Clark)
2. **Review of June 25th, 2026 Minutes: Pages** (Clark)
3. **Additions to the Agenda:** (Clark)
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** (Clark)
5. **Presentation: Community Scan (Katanna)**
6. **Partnership Action Items/Discussion: See Notes** (Clark)
   No Action Items
7. **Coalition Planning/Committee Reports: See Notes** (Briana/subcommittee members)
8. **BDAP Grants and Programs updates: See Notes** (Judy)
9. **Partner Updates:** Opportunity for Partners to update (Judy)
10. **Other: Next meeting: Thursday, September 24th, 2026**

Thank you to all our partners for your support of the coalition!

Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnership Advisory Meeting-Agenda NOTES
August 27th, 2026

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Education- meeting with Judy and Amanda about future of Education
Rise for Recovery- open mic night in July was attended well, next open mic September 11th, Recover Advocacy Day is September 15th bus trip to Harrisburg, Recovery Gala on October 24th at the Altoona Grand Hotel, working on the funding for a recovery center in Blair County.

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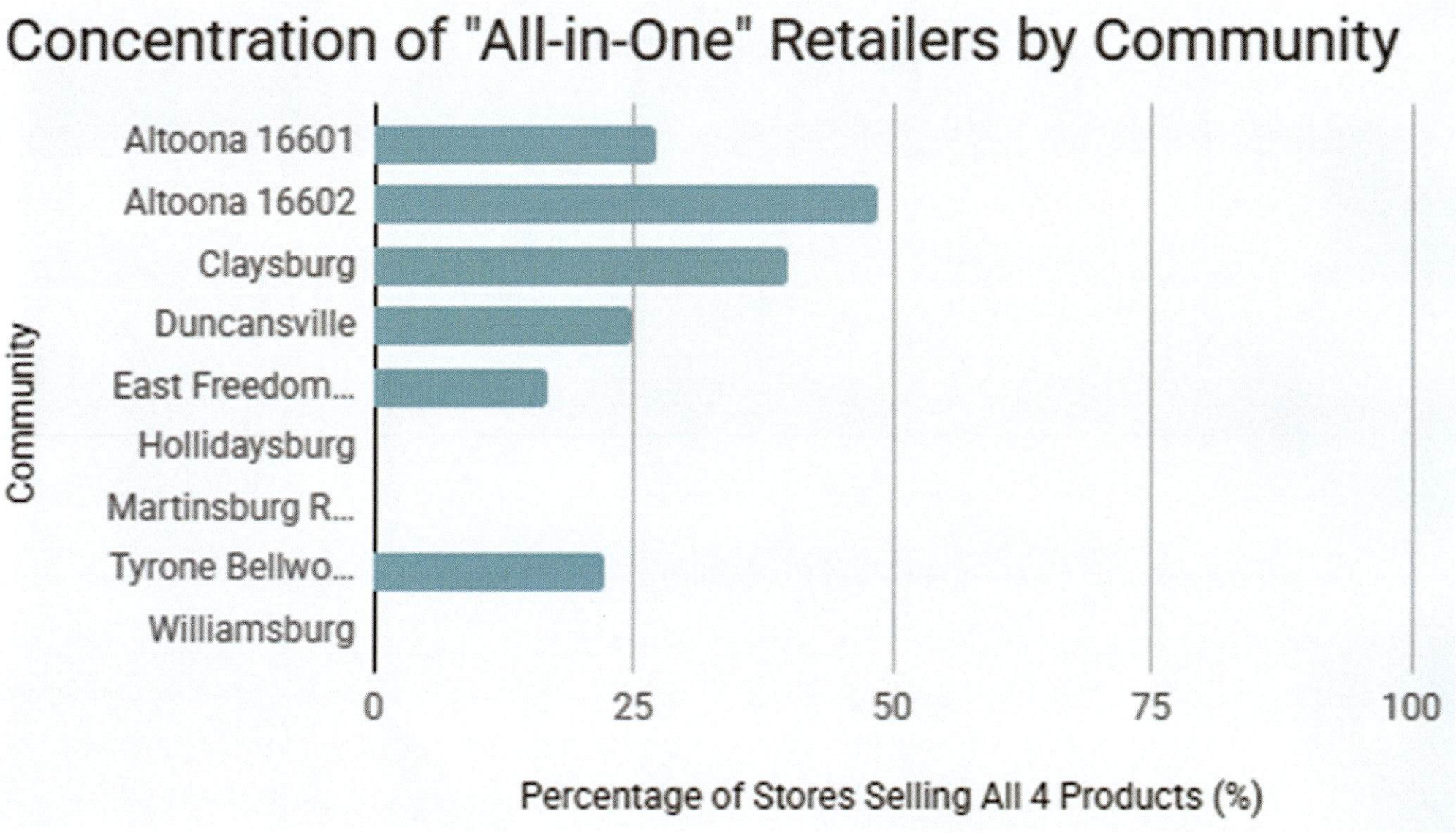
Concentration of "All-in-One" Retailers by Community
Community
Altoona 16601
Altoona 16602
Claysburg
Duncansville
East Freedom...
Hollidaysburg
Martinsburg R...
Tyrone Bellwo...
Williamsburg
0
25
50
75
100
Percentage of Stores Selling All 4 Products (%)

Vapes

- Highly addictive.
- Putting them out in the open.
- Selling “Zero” Nicotine but they still have the same health risks??

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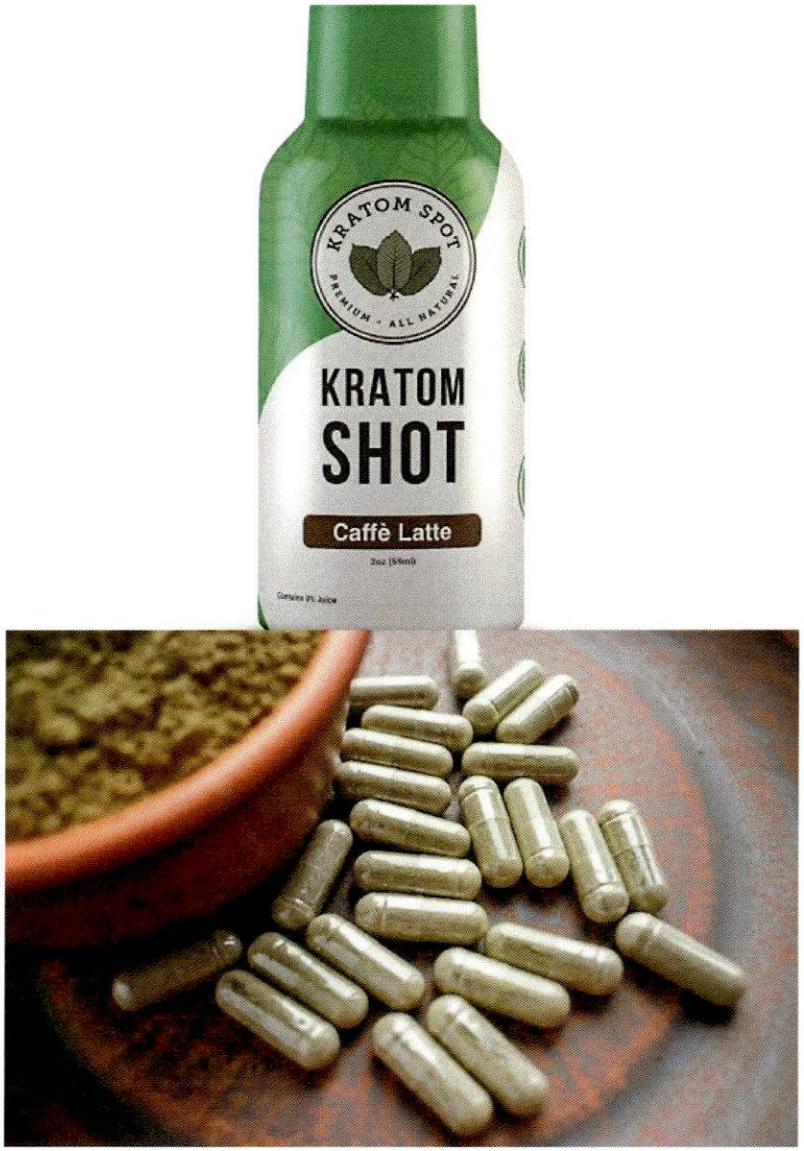

Kratom
"Gas station Heroin"

- Energy booster, mood lifter, pain reliever, and remedy for quitting opioids.
- Highly addictive, withdrawal symptoms are similar to opioid withdrawals.
- Long term use casues serious mental health hazards.

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7-OH

- Alkaloid derived from the Kratom plant.
- 13 times stronger than morphine.
- Withdrawal lasts months
- Use can result in dangerously slowed breathing.

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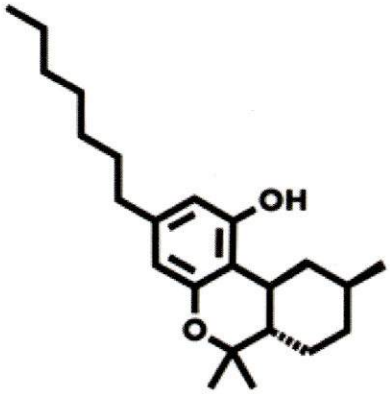

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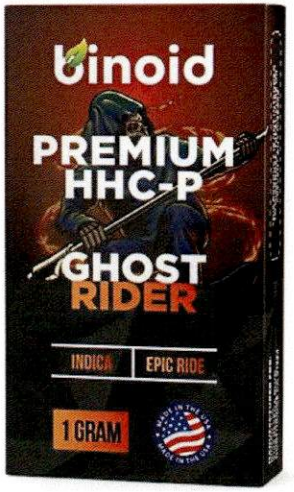

HHC-P
Hexahydrocannabiphrol

- Synthetic Cannabinoid
- 10-30 times more potent than Delta-9 THC
- Strongest Cannabinoid available

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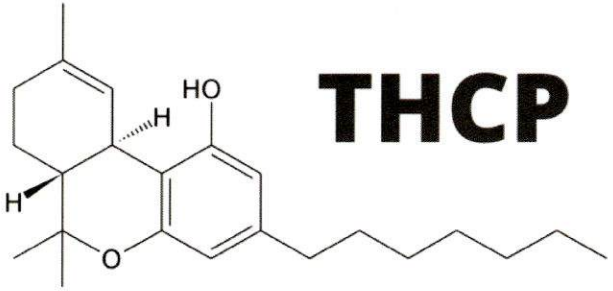

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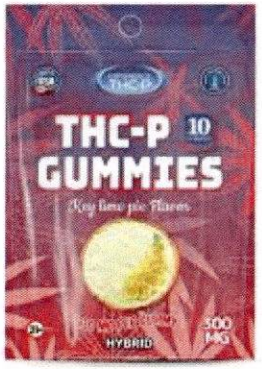

THC-P
Tetrahydrocannabiphoro

- Naturally Occuring Cannabinoid
- Potent, shares similar structure to Delta-9
- Longer lasting highs
- When combines it becomes more dangerous

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Community Hotspots

- **The Primary Hotspot**: Altoona 16602 stands out as the primary hotspot for every product category, with 84.8% of open businesses selling Vapes, 63.6% selling THC Products, 51.5% selling Kratom, and 48.5% selling 7-OH.

- **High-Density Pockets**: Claysburg also shows relatively high density, with 80.0% of businesses selling Vapes and 40.0% selling THC Products, Kratom, and 7-OH.

- **Low-Availability Areas**: In contrast, several smaller communities show zero availability for certain products. For instance, Hollidaysburg, Williamsburg, and Martinsburg Roaring Spring all report 0% availability for 7-OH, and both Williamsburg and Martinsburg Roaring Spring also report 0% availability for THC Products.

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Skills Machines

- Out of 129 places visited 38 places had skills machines.

- 3-9 skills machines per store
  - One store had a total of 30 machines and hands out free beer/wine when playing on their machines.

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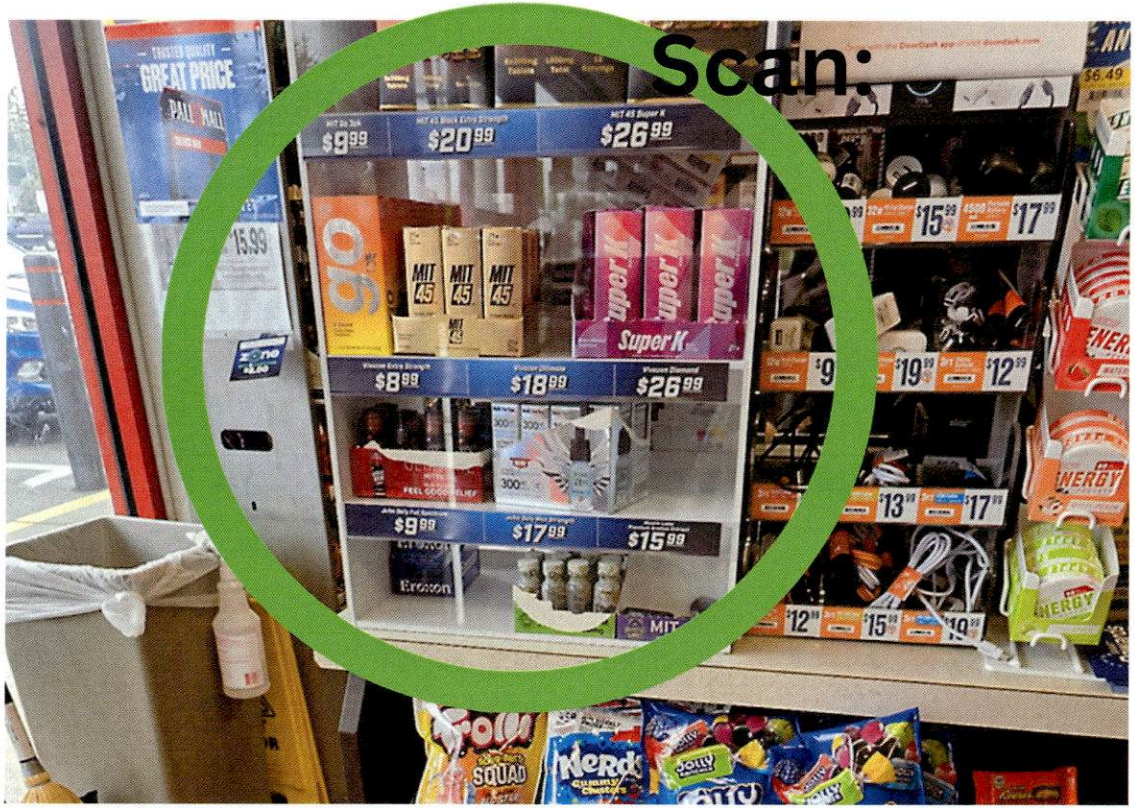

Important Notes:

1. Places are not educated on what they are selling, they are selling these items because “they make them money.”

2. Kids are **NOT** getting ID’d when visiting these stores.

3. Stores are within walking distance to Schools (Elementary, Middle, and High School).

4. Stores are putting in “back rooms” for skills games so they are not as visible. They are also locking doors as customers leave the store.

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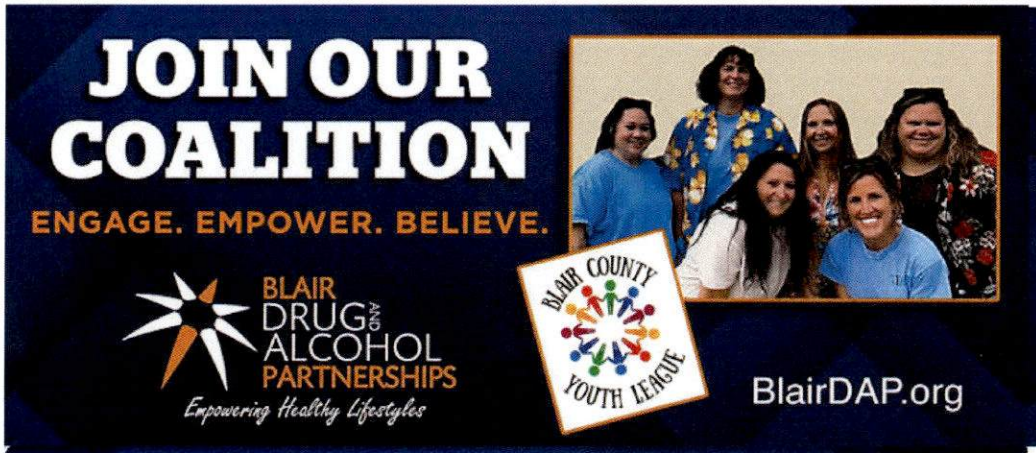
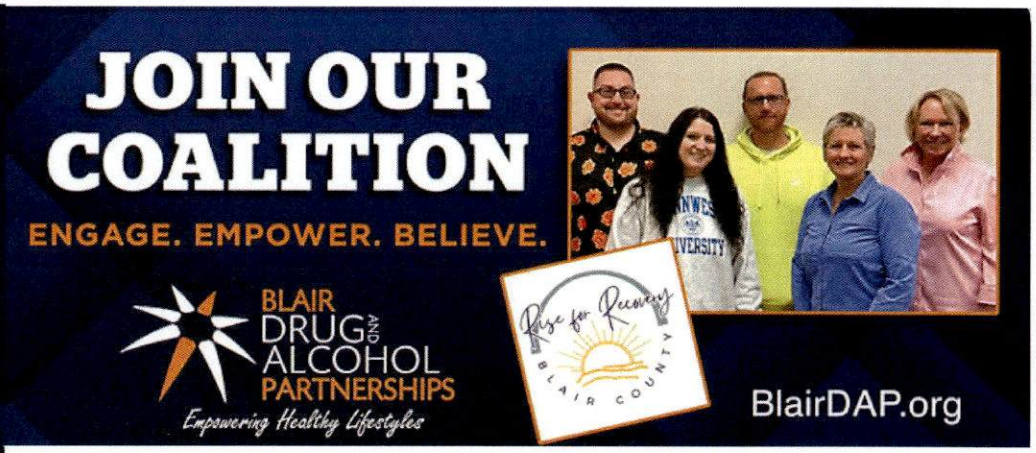
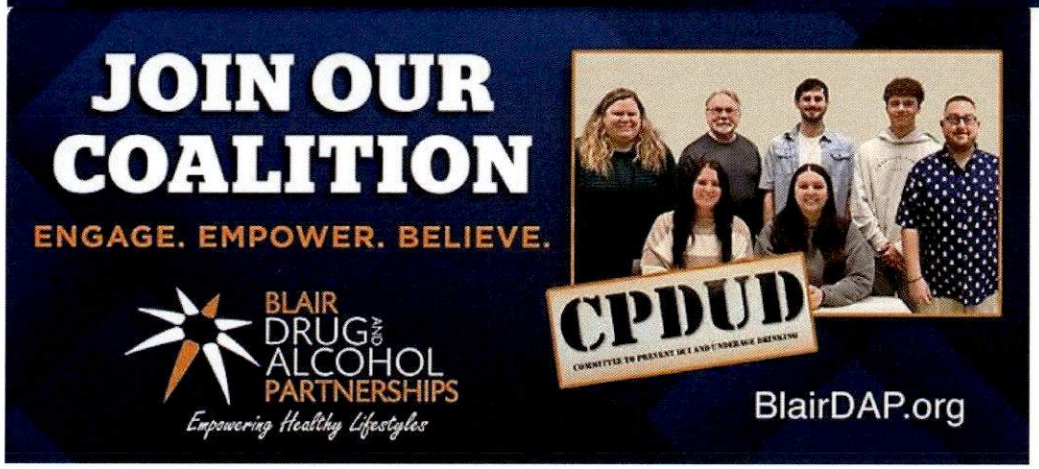
Join Our Coalitions!







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June 25th, 2026

Welcome/Introductions:
Voting Members in Person: *Holly O'Connor, Clark Sheehe*
Voting Members on Zoom: *Brendan Moran, Kylee Wisor*
Voting Members Absent with notice: *Trisha Johnson*
Voting Members Absent without notice: *Joshua Hayes, Lawrence Fisher*
Non-Voting Members in person: *Brianna Cunningham, Judy Rosser, Marcee Petrarca,*
Non-Voting Members on Zoom: *N/A*

Review of the Minutes: May 28th, 2026
Action Item: Minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented
Action Item: Brendan Moran made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented. Holly O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present.

Presentation: Prevention (Brianna)

Partnership Action Items/Discussion:
Action Item: Approval of "Talk They Hear You" billboard
Brendan Moran made a motion to approve the "Talk They Hear You" billboard. Holly O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present.
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Action Item: Approval of "No Alcohol" sign for parks
Brendan Moran made a motion to approve the "No Alcohol" signs pending change to include local municipality codes for legal purposes. Holly O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present.
Action Item: Approval of "Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk" sticker shock
Brendan Moran made a motion to approve the "Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk" sticker shock Holly O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present.
Action Item: Approval of Summer Newsletter: *Brendan Moran made a motion to approve the recommendation from the education committee to approve the Spring Newsletter pending changes to meetings listed. Holly O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present.*

Resignation of Kylee Wisor: Kylee has taken a position in Pittsburgh. We wish her the best in the next step of her career and journey *(Next month will be her last meeting)*
Open Sectors for Voting Members: Education; Family member/PIR/Older Adult/Community at Large/Young Adult (18-25 years of age)

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Youth League- plan for summer, BDAP purchased zoo tickets, curve game in July, and Delgrosso trip in August.

Education- made recommendation for summer newsletter, one person attend this meeting, figuring out what to do with education at this point.
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-All members present agreed to cancel July's meeting. Next meeting will be in August.