

Education Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 20, 2022 – 1:30pm
Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships, Altoona, PA

Minutes

1. Welcome (Please sign in): **In person: Donny Hoffman (BDAP), Stephanie McConnell (BDAP), Taylor Brown (BDAP), Ryan Beiswenger (BDAP), Chris Farrell (PHCC), Jamie Strohmeyer (Pyramid)**
Zoom: None
2. Review of Minutes from December 16, 2021: **Approved.**
3. Additions to the agenda:
 - a. **None.**
4. Marketing/Media
 - a. Spring newsletter updates- **Donny and Ryan are working on this; should have a rough draft for February's meeting**
Any ideas on things to add to spring newsletter – goes out in March and covers March, April and May – can email Donny or Ryan with suggestions/ideas
Jamie suggested including DEA Drug Take Back Day information and also suggested adding to our website and Facebook page so that it is available to the public
 - b. Blair events calendar updates – **Donna not present**
5. DFC (Drug Free Communities)
 - a. Town Hall
 - i. Future town hall ideas (current trends, social media dangers, underage drinking)
 1. Ryan Klingensmith-Shape the Sky
 2. Dr. Stainbrook- TruCare; updates on scheduling her for February for the Partnership Meeting and March for the Town Hall - two presentations, providing more opportunity for higher attendance
 - a. Update from Becky on contact **Becky not at the meeting; Donny stated Becky did reach out to Dr. Stainbrook but does not know status**
 - b. Updates on offering testing at town hall
 - i. Make Blair Senior Services and Blair Senior Center aware of town hall
 3. Solomon Syndrome- Update from Donny - expert on Solomon Syndrome? **Donny found that any psychologist can speak on it; aren't really any "experts," that he has found**
 4. PAYS Data – **Drew; not at meeting**
 - a. Combine PAYS data and Solomon Syndrome
 - ii. Where and when to have town hall – **Drew not at meeting**
 1. Ryan Klingensmith-Shape the Sky - Would be great for back to school time
 2. AASD Auditorium- Update on Drew's AASD Contact and availability of auditorium **Drew not at meeting**

6. Partnership Presentations for the Partnership meetings
 - a. Suggestions/Approval:
 - i. *Recent Presentations: Methamphetamine, Sublocade, BDAP Annual Report, Scope Grant, Drug Recognition Expert, Recovery Support Services, Strengthening Families, FASD/Down syndrome*
 1. **January: Autumn Wagner- Housing authority**
 2. **February: Topic Ideas**
 - a. **Possibly have Dr. Stainbrook join via Zoom to give pre presentation**
 3. **March and April will be Jill presenting on CARES (our program at BDAP - helps high risk individuals connect with services)**
 4. **April will also be CYF presenting on a new program called Family First**
7. Update on recent BDAP presentations
 - a. Prevention Presentations and Groups:
 - i. Tyrone Middle School- **wrapping up with Lifeskills**
 - ii. **Tyrone Elementary School (k-4 grade) doing Too Good for Drugs – halfway through, school went on lockdown**
 - iii. **Bellwood – Too Good for Drugs and Positive Action starting in February (Ryan and Michaela splitting)**
8. School District Updates/ Open Forum
 - a. Becky suggested Vape Take Back Boxes in schools – **no one from school district present to give update**
 - i. Any updates from Drew on AASD Administration interest – **Drew not present at meeting**
 - b. **Jamie – REST (Resources to Empower Support and Transform kinship families - grandparents who are raising their grandkids due to opioid crisis; Based in Clearfield**
 - c. **Chris Farrell (PHCC) – asked if there is anything specific that he can do to help out Donny - Nothing specific that he could think of but will check with Becky at next meeting**
 - d. **Jamie asked about extra credit for students who attend events; to increase the number of people in attendance**
 - i. **Chris stated that it's up to each teacher whether they offer it but that he will suggest it and put the word out**

Next meeting – Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 1:30pm at Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships, Altoona, PA, 16602 as well as a Zoom option available