

# Education Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021 – 1:00pm  
Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships, Altoona, PA

## Agenda

1. Welcome (Please sign in): **Rebecca Lidwell (BDAP), Donny Hoffman (BDAP), Baylee Delbaggio (BDAP), Taylor Brown (BDAP), Ryan Beiswenger (BDAP) Drew Yingling (AASD), Chris Farrell (PHCC), Marjorie Yon (Lamar)**
2. Review of Minutes from September 16, 2021: **Approved**
3. Additions to the agenda
  - a. Change meeting time?
    - i. **Meeting time changed to 1:30pm moving forward.**
4. Marketing/Media
  - a. Newsletter: Winter draft attached:
    - i. Suggestions: **Add a fun winter activities section (things to do), highlight school concerts and events, spell out MADD for individuals who may not know what it stands for.**
  - b. Continue ATOD campaign discussion:
    - i. **Discussion tabled due to having to use a state developed campaign.**
  - c. Annual dinner November 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Blair County Convention Center 6pm:
    - i. **Reminder the annual dinner is coming up. If you have not RSVP'D, please do so as soon as possible. Congratulations to Drew on being an award winner this year!**
5. DFC (Drug Free Communities)
  - a. Town Hall
    - i. SAM speaker November 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm Penn State Altoona Devorris Downtown Center: **Donny will be promoting heavily this month. Becky will assure schools get a copy of the flyer to send out to parents.**
    - ii. Future town hall ideas: **Ideas discussed: new/current drug trends, dangers of social media, underage drinking (socially acceptable/social hosting)**
6. Partnership Presentations for the Partnership meetings
  - a. Suggestions/Approval:
    - i. **Recent Presentations: Emergency Department Recovery Support Services, Methamphetamine, Sublocade, BDAP Annual Report, Scope Grant, FASD, Drug Recognition Expert, Recovery Support Services, and Strengthening Families**
      1. October: **FASD/ Down Syndrome**
      2. November: No meeting
      3. December: **AIDS/HIV Awareness with Jerry Rice-Becky to reach out**
      4. January: Topic Ideas: **New drug trends, distracted driving/ driving impaired, homelessness in Blair county.**

7. Update on recent BDAP presentations
  - a. Prevention Presentations and Groups:
    - i. ***20 Red Ribbon week presentations scheduled. Multiple presentations and groups in Hollidaysburg, Williamsburg, BG, Spring Cove and now Tyrone. Altoona is working on getting these up and running.***
  - b. School Meetings: Comments about TikTok trends.
    - i. ***Altoona High School has been dealing with the destruction of bathrooms due to TikTok trends. Soap dispensers have been ripped off the walls, and paper towel dispensers destroyed. A new monthly list has come out. Discussion had and decided that Becky will send this list to the schools so they can be on the lookout.***
8. School District Updates/ Open Forum
  - i. ***Altoona ASD received a grant to install vaping sensors in the bathrooms. That system went on line at the beginning of this week. These should help with the destruction. Altoona also has a new counselor section on their website (it's awesome). Drew has been working with others very hard to get that up and running, please check it out!***

Next meeting – Thursday, November 18th, 2021 at 1:30pm at Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships, Altoona, PA, 16602 as well as a Zoom option available