

Education Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 19th, 2023 – 1:30pm
Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships, Altoona, PA

Agenda

1. Welcome (*Please Sign-In*): Lindsay Nebgen, Kelsey Hoover, Rebekah Grainer, Drew Yingling, Donna Gority, Jamie Strohmeyer
2. Review of Minutes from August 2023 (*Attached*): *Approved*
3. Additions to the agenda:
 - *Town Hall Topic Suggestions-*Need 4 before Sept. 2024*
 - *Xylazine*
 - *Understanding Addictions*
 - *Relapse as Part of Recovery*
 - *Vaping*
 - *Narcan/Fentanyl/MAT Stigma*
 - *Recovery Resources*
 - *Annual Dinner- November 16th @ 6pm, US Hotel (401 Juniata St, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648)
4. Marketing/Media:
 - a. SAMHSA Talk, They Hear You-*PSAs are circulating*
5. Recruitment and Promotion of Events Discussion:
 - a. Spread the word about blessing bags
 - i. Personal hygiene products and underwear needed
 - b. Donations for the Clothing Closet are always welcomed
 - i. *Toasty Toddlers can take referrals*
6. School District Updates:
 - a. Vape presentation at parent/teacher conferences
 - b. *Simulation at AAHS November 9th, Hollidaysburg is November 6th*
 - i. *Central event went well*
7. Events
 - a. Grandparents 360 Rx Presentations-*Prescription Safety*
 - i. East Freedom Senior Center- Oct. 20th
 - b. FASD Presentations
 - i. Family Services on October 3, FICS Parenting group on Oct. 25th & Jan. 12th
 - ii. Potential @ Precious Life, Blair Senior Services, or other community agencies
 1. *Reach out to Family Resource Group*
 - c. Current Drug Trends
 - i. Family Services (Date pending), Hollidaysburg Jr. HS-Oct. 25 for Red Ribbon Week
 - d. Gambling Presentation
 - i. Blair Senior on Sept. 21—Senior Companions
8. Partnership Presentations for the Partnership meetings
 - a. Suggestions/Approval:
 1. September - FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Recovery)
-Aimee Burns, NAMI Blair County (Confirmed)
 2. October-Depression/OCD Awareness
-UPMC-Tracy Luke (Confirmed)
 3. November-Annual Dinner, Venue: US Hotel
 4. December-HIV Awareness

- Michelle Wysong, Altoona Intervention Project (Confirmed)
- 5. January 2024 – Co-Dependency awareness/Poverty Awareness
 - Peg Campbell- Family Services INC Family/Teen Shelter (Confirmed)
- 6. February 2024-Prevention Services Presentation
 - Evolution Counseling Services, Tessa McKay Presentation (Confirmed)
- 7. March 2024-Women’s History Month
 - Blair Family Services (Prospective)
 - Wise Women of Blair County—Donna Gority*
 - Gambling addiction*
- 8. April 2024
 - Child abuse awareness -CYF*
- 9. May 2024
 - Substance use or abuse and connection to strokes*
 - Xylazine and wound care*
- 10. June 2024
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- 11. July 2024
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- 12. August 2024
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b. Update on recent BDAP presentations

1. Prevention Presentations and Groups: Schools have been contacting Prevention from many different types of presentations
 - Started in Bellwood, Williamsburg School Districts
 - Elementary schools interested in Red Ribbon Week presentations

9. Open Forum

a. Events to add to the newsletter

- Altoona Symphony Orchestra performing at AAHS December 2 at 7:30 pm*
- Altoona holiday parade is December 2 at 1pm; tree lighting on December 1*

Next meeting – Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 1:30pm at Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships, Altoona, PA, 16602 as well as a Zoom option available