

# Education Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021 – 1:30pm  
Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships, Altoona, PA

## Agenda

1. Welcome (Please sign in): **In Person: Donny Hoffman (BDAP), Stephanie McConnell (BDAP), Taylor Brown (BDAP), Jamie Strohmeyer (Pyramid), Donna Gority (Community), Drew Yingling (AASD) Zoom: Marjorie Yon (Lamar) Chris Farrell (PHCC)**
2. Review of Minutes from October 21st, 2021: **Approved**
3. Additions to the agenda – **No Additions to agenda**
4. Marketing/Media
  - a. Newsletter: Winter final draft attached
    - i. Suggestions: **Holiday is spelled wrong for lights on the lake only one L, February is go red for women campaign to promote women’s heart health, December 1 or 1<sup>st</sup> for Aids day.**
  - b. Annual dinner tonight at the Blair County convention center 6pm
    - i. **Reminded everyone tonight is the annual dinner.**
5. DFC (Drug Free Communities)
  - a. Town Hall
    - i. SAM speaker comments:  
**Town hall had a very good turnout about 70 people in attendance. Donna, Jamie and Donny attended the town hall. The speaker did a very good job speaking on the dangers of marijuana legalization.**
    - ii. Future town hall ideas (current trends, social media dangers, underage drinking):  
**Drew suggested Ryan Klingensmith from Shape the Sky for the dangers of social media. Chris suggested a town hall on Solomons Syndrome. Jamie suggested Dr. Stainbrook from TruCare.**
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. December: AIDS/HIV Awareness
      2. January: Topic Ideas (new drug trends/distracted driving/homelessness):  
**Homelessness- April Hileman from Community Action “Point in Time” count for Homeless persons.**
      3. February: Topic Ideas:  
**Idea from January that we don’t use.**
7. Update on recent BDAP presentations
  - a. Prevention Presentations and Groups:

- i. Hollidaysburg PTND
- ii. Williamsburg PTND, TGFD, Lifeskills
- iii. BG Vape Violators
- iv. Central PTND, Lifeskills
- v. Tyrone Lifeskills
- vi. Current Trends – WB, BLWD:

**Drew shared that Altoona now has groups in school. Vape violators and life skills in the middle school. Hoping to start groups in the high school soon.**

b. School Meetings:

- i. SAP networking day report out

**SAP networking day went very well, speaker after lunch was very dynamic and high energy.**

**Topics were resilience and self-care. The networking was terrific. Having it at the convention center worked out very well. Lots of room for vendors to be set up and room to move around.**

8. School District Updates/ Open Forum:

**AASD alternative school is up and running at the Stevens Building on Lloyd St, referrals are up at Altoona, trying to find creative ways to counsel students, Rachel's closet provides clothing for students.**

**Next meeting – Thursday, December 16th, 2021 at 1:30pm at Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships, Altoona, PA, 16602 as well as a Zoom option available**