BLAIR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIPS
Empowering Healthy Lifestyles

Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships Advisory Meeting
Location: Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnership Conference Room G
March 26, 2026

1. **Welcome and Introductions: Notes on pages** (Clark)
2. **Review of February 26, 2026 Minutes: Pages** (Clark)
3. **Additions to the Agenda:** (Clark)
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** (Clark)
5. **Presentation: Gambling** (Ashley)
6. **Partnership Action Items/Discussion: See Notes (Clark)**
   Action Item: Approval of Spring Newsletter
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, April 23, 2026**

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

Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnership Advisory Meeting-Notes
March 26, 2026

Review of the Minutes: February 26, 2025

Presentation: Gambling

Partnership Action Items/Discussion:

Action Item: Approve Winter Newsletter
The Education provided input and reviewed the Spring Newsletter. They are presenting to the coalition for approval for distribution over the next month.
Action Item: Recommendation from education committee to approved the Spring Newsletter.

Budget update: BDAP as of 3/19/2026 did receive the executed contract from the state. CFO has sent the first invoice. It will take 45-60 days to receive funds from the state. Department of Drug and Alcohol Program has indicated they have been working with the state comptroller office to prioritize these invoices. The state budget is being vetted at this time. If the budget is not approved by 7/1/2026, we will not have an allocation letter and will not be able to invoice again to the state till this process is completed and we receive the allocation letter from the state. We responded to a subsequent request for funds for the 1/1/2026-6/30/2026. The request was due 2/27/2026

Prevention (Base and federal block grant funds)-$19,700.00 to purchase lock boxes/detera bags and Evidence Based curriculum universal application;
Intervention/Tx/Tx related: $425,000.00 State Opioid Response funds-

$350,000.00 treatment cost (we have seen an 8% increase in services due to 20% of individuals presenting without Medicaid. This has resulted in a 44% increase in residential cost 16% increase in emergency detoxification cost and 24% increase in medicated assisted treatment;
$55,000 case management cost: Due to individuals are presenting without Medicaid it does impact our case management unit.
$20,000 Recovery Services: Same issue as the case management.

Coalition Planning/Committee Reports: (Briana)
CPDUD- took photo for coalition billboard, discussed signage for local parks, planning social media post all of April for alcohol awareness month, and ways to grow our committee. The billboards "Fans don't let fans drive drunk" have been posted in the community. Members should be seeing them as they drive around.
Youth League- took photo for coalition billboard, fundraising plans for 2026: currently have freckled moose (butter braids), curve booklets starting in March-April, Marianas May-June, movie at library was poorly attended.
Education- discussion of the goals of education committee, discussion of renaming group, discussing ways to gain interest in the committee and bring more people to the table, planning different events for 2026. Finalized the production of the "Be a Parent" billboards. Will start to run April/May. Radio contract completed and the campaign will run April/May.

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Rise for Recovery- took photo for coalition billboard, planning a 5K in the summer in place of recovery walk, started discussion of recovery gala in October, planning a trip to see the Recovery Center in Indiana PA, working on the funding for a recovery center in Blair County. The Arts in Recovery is scheduled for Friday, May 15th 2026 at 7:00pm at Hollidaysburg Lutheran Church. Ryan will be sending out the submission form next month.

Corporation Planning:
PREP Grant: We are working to develop outreach plan in collaboration with Tyrone Hospital.
PCCD Re-entry Women's grant: Grant ended 6.30.2025. We have received approval of the grant. Signed contract has been received from the County of Blair. We are awaiting the funds at this time.
PCCD in prison medicated assisted treatment grant: Grant ended 6.30.2025. We have received approval of the grant. Signed contract has been received by the County of Blair. We are awaiting the funds at this time.
Children Youth and Families Discussion: No update this month
PA Traffic Injury Prevention Project: Ongoing: We received the car seats in January 2026.
Trauma Informed Organization-No update this month
Opioid Settlement Funds: The county has released the request for proposal for the opioid settlement funds. The RFP closed on 3/2/2026.

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Spring Newsletter 2026

April is National Alcohol Awareness Month

Here are seven facts about alcohol & Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) to increase your knowledge.

- **A standard serving is; 12 oz of regular beer= 5 fl oz of table wine = 1.5 oz of distilled spirits.**
- **It takes one hour for your body to process one standard drink.**
- **Women who drink are at greater risk of developing breast cancer than women who don't.**
- **Around 29 % of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities involve alcohol.**
- **Half of liver disease deaths in the United States are caused by alcohol.**
- **There are no known safe levels of alcohol consumption for a developing baby**
- **According to a 2017 report from SAMSHA, 10.5 percent of US children 17 and under live with a parent that has AUD. Find out more information from: www.rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Are you working on healthy habits or increasing your self-care? Heat, overall mental health, and medication can affect your overall health. So, during this mental health awareness month, here are some tips to keep in mind.

1. Keep hydrated. Some medications increase your risk of dehydration if you are not drinking enough water. Pack an extra water bottle or know where you stop for a water break.
2. Keep cool. If possible, avoid being in direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time. Some medications can have a harmful effect if you are exposed to direct sunlight or even make it hard to manage your body temperature during hot months.
3. Get enough sleep. Increased temperatures are associated with insomnia, due to high levels of humidity and trapped heat inside.
4. Be aware. Know what your medications, medical conditions and weather conditions are like so that you can make plan ahead.
5. Know your resources. Some communities have cooling centers or increased hours in public buildings with AC to help those at risk of over-heating. Inform others that you would benefit from these places.

For more info: www.psychiatrictimes.com or www.npr.org/series/756048128/urban-heat

MONTHLY COALITION MEETINGS

PARTNERSHIP MEETING: 4TH THURSDAY 12:30PM
COMMITTEE TO PREVENT DUI AND UNDERAGE DRINKING (CPDUD): 1ST WEDNESDAY 8:30AM
RISE FOR RECOVERY: 2ND WEDNESDAY 2:00PM
YOUTH LEAGUE: 1ST TUESDAY 1:30PM
EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 2ND THURSDAY 1:00PM

WEEKLY GROUP MEETINGS

SMART RECOVERY: MONDAYS 6:30-8:00PM
ALL RECOVERY: WEDNESDAY- 1:00 PM @ HOPE DROP-IN
CRAFT: TUESDAYS 5:30-7:00PM
HOPE GROUP: WEDNESDAYS 5:30-7:30PM
HEALING HEARTS: 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS 6:00-8:00PM
REFUGE RECOVERY: THURSDAYS 5:30-6:30PM

it's prom season

FOR PARENTS: WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKING?

- LEARN THE FACTS
- USE YOUR INFLUENCE
- TALK EARLY AND OFTEN
- STAY INVOLVED
- SECURE YOUR ALCOHOL

FOR STUDENTS: WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAKE PROM NIGHT MEMORABLE?

- PLAN THE NIGHT OUT
- REFUSE DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS
- OPT OUT OF ALCOHOL & DRUG USE
- MAKE MEMORIES FOR LIFE

BLAIR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIPS' PREVENTION DEPARTMENT WILL BE GOING TO BLAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS TO KICK OFF PROM SEASON WITH PROM PROMISES.

Spring Events

APRIL- NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS
4/9/26- RECOVERY CENTER VISIT @ INDIANA
4/12/26- PENN STATE ALTOONA CAMPUS WALK
OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK @ 1:00PM
4/21/26- RX TAKE BACK DAY
PROM PROMISE TABLES AT:
BELLWOOD
WILLIAMSBURG
BISHOP GUILFOYLE

MAY- MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
5/7/26- RAMP TRAINING
5/15/26- ARTS IN RECOVERY- ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH- 7:00PM
5/26/26-EXPRESSIONS AGAINST DEPRESSION
PROM PROMISE TABLES AT:
CLAYSBURG
ALTOONA
TYRONE
CENTRAL
HOLLIDAYSBURG

JUNE- PRIDE MONTH
6/4&5/26- SAP TRAINING-BLAIR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIPS
6/10,11,12/26- COMMONWEALTH PREVENTION ALLIANCE CONFERENCE-STATE COLLEGE, PA

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Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnership Advisory Meeting-Minutes
February 26, 2026

Welcome/Introductions:
Voting Members in Person: *Clark Sheehe, Holly O'Conner*
Voting Members on Zoom: *Kylie Wisor, Tricia Johonson, Brendan Moran*
Voting Members Absent with Notice: *Joshua Hayes, Ryan Custead*
Voting Members Absent without Notice:
Non-voting members in person*: Pamela Lause, Marcee Petrarca, Donna Carter, Judy Rosser, Briana Cunningham, Amanda Yingling*
Non-voting members on Zoom: *Karen Soce, Ben Eberhart, Drew Neil, Eric Fritz*

Review of the minutes: Minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented.
Action Item: Brendon Moran made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented. Holly O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present.

Presentation: Judy Rosser presented the Board Report July 1, 2025-December 31, 2025: Handout attached.

Partnership Action Items/Discussion:
We have three members who terms expire on March 31, 2026: Holly O'Connor, Clark Sheehe and Ryan Custead. Holly and Clark are eligible to be re-appointed for another 3 year term. This will be Clark's last eligible term. The have been consistent members and committed to the work of the Partnership. It is with great sadness though I need to report Ryan has come to the end of eligibility for re-appointment as a voting member. Ryan has served the Partnership for 10+ years as well as a very active member on our Rise for Recovery committee. He takes the lead on the annual Arts in Recovery event hosted by the Hollidaysburg Lutheran Church. He also through the Lutheran church does a wonderful job out reaching to youth in the Hollidaysburg community. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ryan for his commitment to the work we are doing through the Partnership at BDAP. We encourage him to continue to attend our meetings and provide his passion and expertise to support this work in the community! Thank you, Ryan!
Action Item: Brendon Moran made a motion to recommend to the Governing Board the re-appointment of Clark Sheehe as a voting member of the Partnership Advisory Board effective April 1, 2026-March 31, 2029. Tricia Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present. Clark Sheehe abstained.

Action Item: Brendon Moran made a motion to recommend to the Governing Board the re-appointment of Holly O'Connor as a voting member of the Partnership Advisory Board effective April 1, 2026-March 31, 2029. Clark Sheehe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present. Holly O-Conner abstained.

The DFC grant provides $9,000.00 in billboard purchases with 100% match for the Be Our Parent campaign. This campaign is schedule to run in April/May/June time frame. We are targeting the prom and graduation season. The billboards are being recommended by the Education Committee. We are using students from the SADD group we work with in Hollidaysburg School District for one of the billboards. Art work attached to Notes
Action Item: Holly O'Conner made a motioned to approve the recommendation from the Education Committee for approval of the Lamar billboards for Be Our Parent campaign.

Brendan Moran seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present.

We have funding of $2,000.00 for the Be Our Parent Campaign radio. The Education Committee approved the script for the SADD students and they recorded a new PSA. The recording will be available and reviewed at the meeting. The script is attached to notes.
Action Item: Brendan Moran made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Education Committee for approval of the 7 Mountain PSA for the Be Our Parent campaign. Clark Sheehe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present.

We have funding of $5,000 to be used for the "Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk" billboard campaign. Funding for the campaign is from a donation from Benzel's Pretzels and DUI funds. The campaign will run in conjunction with the PA Department of Transportation campaign during the month of March (March Madness). The billboard is being recommended by the CPDUD Committee. The art work for the billboard is attached in the notes
Action Item: Holly O'Conner made a motion to approve the recommendation from the CPDUD Committee for approval of the Lamar billboard for "Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk" campaign. Clark Sheehe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present with no abstentions.

The DFC grant provides $9,000.00 in billboard purchases with 100% match for the "Join Our Coalition" campaign. The billboards are being recommended by the Education Committee. We are using pictures of our committee members from CPDUD, Rise for Recovery, and Youth League for the "Join Our Coalition" billboards. The pictures will be taken during the March meetings. We wanted to move in a more local feel for this campaign. Sample of the billboard included in the notes. The pictures will be replaced as indicated in the discussion.
Action Item: Brendan Moran made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Education Committee for approval of the Lamar billboards for Join Our Coalition campaign using local members in the billboards. Trisha Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present with no abstentions.

Budget update: The new contract with the state starts on January 1, 2026.
We have received all of the funding from the July 1, 2025-December 31, 2025 timeframe. As per the requirements of the state, we have to do a close out for the contract that ends with them 12/31/2025. Donna is completing the submission of the end of contract period reports which is due this week.

The contract with the PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs has not been executed as of 2/23/2026. SCAs had a meeting with the state on 2/2/2026. They report the contracts are still going through the process. I am working on the subcontracts approved at last month's meeting but will not be able to execute them till we receive the executed contract from the state. This situation again results in the inability to invoice the state for the funds allocated in the contract until we receive the executed contract. The state has also put out a request for additional funding SCAs may need for the January 1, 2026-June 30, 2026. The process is very delayed unfortunately due to the contracting process being delayed. We will be requesting additional

funds to help support the increase in medicated assisted treatment and higher acuity of the individuals being assessed and needing higher levels of care. We have also seen additional individuals not being eligible for Medicaid. Our team have been discussing how to improve getting individuals approved for Medicaid through Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD). We again are unable to pay providers for service provided to the community since January 1, 2026. Even if we receive the executed contract, we will have to invoice the state for the funds in the contract and it takes anywhere from 60-90 days to receive the money to pay providers. We are still authorizing housing funding but again this does not get reimbursed till the DDAP contract is executed. Cash flow may become an issue if this does not get resolved in the next 2 weeks.

Coalition Planning/Committee Reports: (Briana)
CPDUD- made the recommendation for the "Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drink" billboard, discussed signage for local parks, planning social media post all of April for alcohol awareness month, and ways to grow our committee.

Youth League- fundraising plans for 2026: currently have freckled moose (butter braids), curve booklets starting in March-April, Marianas May-June, skipping Easter bunny pictures instead discussing an Easter egg hunt with the Altoona Area Library, potentially adding a new youth serving organization.

Education- discussion of the goals of education committee, discussion of renaming group, discussing ways to gain interest in the committee and bring more people to the table, planning different events for 2026.

Rise for Recovery- looking into planning a 5K in the summer in place of recovery walk, started discussion of recovery gala in October, planning a trip to see the Recovery Center in Indiana PA, working on the funding for a recovery center in Blair County.

Corporation Planning:
PREP Grant: We have started to plan for sustainability once the grant expires 9/29/2026.
PCCD Re-entry Women's grant: Grant ended 6.30.2025. We have received approval of the grant. Contract signed and will be process through the commissioners meeting.
PCCD in prison medicated assisted treatment grant: : Grant ended 6.30.2025. We have received approval of the grant. Contract is signed and will be process through the commissioners meeting.
Children Youth and Families Discussion: We have started to meet with supervisors and interacting with the caseworkers during the last 2 months. Our staff are in the office appx 18 hours a week. We are also meeting with each department and providing training and trying to build on this relationship. This has improved the collaboration with the case workers and we have seen an increase in referrals.
PA Traffic Injury Prevention Project: Ongoing: We received the car seats in January 2026.
Trauma Informed Organization-No update this month
Opioid Settlement Funds: The county has released the request for proposal for the opioid settlement funds. The proposals are due by March 2nd 2026. The application is on the County of Blair website home page. We are discussing applying for the Re-entry grant and the CBT grant

for the next 2 years. This grant was for one year. If not this cycle, then the next cycle in the spring. We also are working with the prison on a PCCD grant for them to utilize the injectable form of buprenorphine in the prison. We may apply for funds to support individuals who are released and will need this injection once they return to the community. We are also working with some of our school districts to secure having universal evidence-based curriculum opportunities in the elementary schools. We would need letter of supports in place to apply for this program. Meeting with some of the districts now.

Partner Updates:

Pamela Lause is the new program director for Evolution Counseling and they are openly looking for adolescent referrals.

Tricia Johnson reminded everyone that May in Mental Health awareness month and they will be doing "Light it Up Green" again as well as Curve Games.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 26th, 2026.

Case Management Updates

Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships receives referrals via Blair County Adult Probation & Parole; Blair County Magisterial District Courts; Blair County Children, Youth, and Families; Pennsylvania Board of Parole; or other out of county agencies; as well as individual community members who self-identified the need for services.

Total Referrals this YTD/Current Month (recommended level of care):

Level of Care	FY 24-25	YTD	Current Month	Percentage (+/-) from Last Year
Withdrawal Management	41	22	5	
Inpatient	359	195	34	
Partial	2	3	0	
Intensive Outpatient	143	78	8	
Outpatient	721	346	47	
Early Intervention	116	47	8	
Mental Health	8	10	4	
No Treatment	94	60	13	
Halfway House	2	0	0	
Total	1486	761	119	51%

Drug of Choice thru 12.31.2025	18&<	19&>
Alcohol	30	306
Amphetamine		92
Cannabis	58	82
Cocaine		17
Hallucinogen		2
Inhalant		
Nicotine Dependence		
Opioid	1	236
Other (or Unknown) Substance		
Other Psychoactive		12
Sedative, Hypnotic, or Anxiolytic		
MH		
COA		
Codependency		
none		

Total Assessments -Prison Assessments and MA Application

Fiscal Year	County	MA	Total	In Prison	MA Applications
2018-2019	1224	886	2110	187	530
2019-2020	993	652	1645	173	447
2020-2021	985	856	1831	138	319
2021-2022	938	844	1782	137	252
2022-2023	953	827	1780	211	191
2023-2024	904	648	1552	246	298
2024-2025	809	671	1480	202	298
2025-2026	468	293	761	124	155

Mobile Assessment:

	YTD	Current month
UPMC Altoona Behavioral Health 3G	31	4
UPMC Altoona's medical floor	6	1
Blair County Prison	124	23
Altoona Probation office	0	0
"Other" assessment	0	0
School assessments	49	5
Total	329	33

Intensive Case Management/ Resource Coordination: December 2025

	YTD	Current Month
Total Clients in Service	*348*	193 (58 newly opened this month)
Total Clients Pending Service	*305*	46 (17 newly received this month)

CRS Community based

	YTD	Current Month
Total Clients in Service	173	85 (12)
Total Clients Pending Service	96	16 (16)
Total Outreach Units Generated	279	19

ED Certified Recovery Specialist:

	YTD	Current Month
Total Clients Referred	175	20
Total Clients Refusing Services & TX	110	12
Total Clients Accepting Services & TX	65	8
Total Accepting Direct TX	47	5
Total Accepting Hosp. Phone Asst.	9	2
Total Accepting Office Asst.	7	1
Total Accepting MAT Induction Services	2	0
Total Accepting CRS/ICM Referral Only	0	0
Total Not Interested in TX Services (Refusals)	74	7
Total Medically Unable (Refusals)	7	0
Total Psych Admit (Refusals)	6	0
Total Support Engagement Only (Refusals)	19	5
Total Detained (Refusals)	3	0
Total Deceased (Refusals)	1	0

Narcan/Naloxone:

This life-saving medication can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose within minutes by restoring respiration. This medication is offered openly to all community members and at every assessment performed in the office.

The state is compiling an annual report and opened it up for the Regional Entities to submit a statement on their program. Cody Kensinger is our Narcan Coordinator. He submitted the following information to the state.

Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships is proud to be a partner in Pennsylvania's Overdose Prevention Program and appreciate the chance to highlight our impact.
Throughout 2025, our organization focused on expanding access to naloxone. We distributed naloxone through community outreach events and community partners to ensure these resources reached individuals and families who needed them the most. We strengthened partnerships with treatment providers, recovery organizations, and local agencies to improve referral pathways and continuity of care.
In 2025, we continued the growth of our network, which allowed us to reach more people, expand coverage, and better coordinate our services. We have seen firsthand how access to naloxone can empower individuals and save lives.
Through these efforts, we increased the number of naloxone boxes distributed by our organization in 2025 by 194% compared to 2024 (4,463 distributed in 2025 compared to 1,518 in 2024).
We value this partnership and look forward to continuing to support overdose prevention efforts across Pennsylvania.

OD Prevention	**YTD**	**December**
Prevention / Community Events	607	28
General Community	32+	60
Community Narcan Order Service	1704	0

Vivitrol Program	YTD	Current Month
# of new patients	8	0
# patients seen	101	13
# injections given	100	13

Highway Safety Classes

Individuals that have been arrested for DUI (1st or 2nd offense within 10 years) are required to attend the state mandated Alcohol Safe Driving School. This 12 ½ hour class is designed to help individuals understand the relationship between the use of alcohol and other drugs and traffic safety.

	2025 YTD	**December**
Classes Held	9	2
Participants Registered	154	47
Participants Attended	135	39

Prevention: Universal Programing

Completed universal school services (rolling total FY 25-26):

Positive Action @ SCMS 1 class over 7 weeks, 22 students 9/4-10/16
TGFD @ EFP, 3rd grade, 1 class, 12 lessons, 10 students 9/8-11/25
TGFD @ EFP, 1 class, 13 lessons, 15 students- 9/8-12/15
LifeSkills @ BAMS, 2 classes, 10 lessons ,44 students- 9/3- 12/4
Positive Action @ BAMS, 2 classes, 10 lessons , 45 students- 9/4-12/12

Williamsburg Elementary, 14 classes, 12 lessons, 226 students- 9/23-12/17
TGFD @ BAMS, 2 classes, 11 lessons, 37 students 9/5-12/12
TGFD @ Williamsburg Elementary, 14 classes, 12 lessons, 226 students- 9/23-12/17

Curriculum	School Districts	Grades taught
TGFD Too Good for Drugs	St. Matthews, Bellwood, EFP, Williamsburg	K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th
PPW	BGHS	9th
PTND Project Towards No Drugs	Hollidaysburg, Spring Cove, Williamsburg	9th and 10th
Too Much To Lose	Williamsburg	9th
LIFESKILLS	Bellwood	7th
POSITIVE ACTION	Williamsburg, Bellwood	6th, 7th, 8th, 9th

Intervention Groups offered from SAP referrals

Curriculum	School Districts	# of students	# of groups
TGFD Too Good for Drugs			
PPW			
CATCH			
PATHS			
TMTL			
LIFESKILLS			
POSITIVE ACTION			
COA	AAHS, AAJHS		2
SSET			