

**CPDUD: Committee to Prevent DUI and Underage Drinking**  
January 5, 2022

**Minutes**

- **Welcome and Introductions: In Person:** *Becky Lidwell (BDAP), Donny Hoffman (BDAP), Briana Cunningham (BDAP), Chris Kohn (Community), Ken Dean (DSS), Sarah Neely (BDAP), Brittney Brennan (Adult Probation),*  
**Zoom:** *Machel Dranak (Liquor Board), Donna Gority (Community), Heather Kennedy,*  
**Phone:** *Monica Jones*
- **Review of the Minutes from December 1, 2021:** *Approved*
- **Additions to the Agenda:** *None.*
- **Prevention Updates:**
  - **Winter Newsletter:** *Approved and sent out;*
  - *Starting on Spring Newsletter – covers March, April and May*
- **CPDUD “Strategic Plan” / DFC – Discussion on future events and goals –**
  - **Social Hosting**
    - **What did Sarah find out?** *Talked to magistrate and officers regarding underage kids with DUIs that are being dropped;  
Under 18 goes straight to juvenile probation-doesn't even go through courts at all;  
usually do a consent decree-from what is being said, juvenile probation is very lenient with kids*
      - *Stephan would be the one to ask*
    - *Over 18, DUIs can be lowered but typically are not; officers are saying if BAC is extremely low, they may drop charges but that is not usually the case-Officer's discretion*
    - *Sarah attended first underage drinking class-one kid (17 years old) had DUI with BAC of 0.168; one kid (16 years old) was in hospital, almost died from BAC of 0.2+  
Four kids-all had fake IDs, one was 14 and one was 16 went through checkpoint, driver was sober but they had alcohol in their possession; did end up with underage drinking-do not lose license for underage drinking anymore but do for fake ID for at least 90 days*
    - *Donna asked Sarah to send out an invite to juvenile probation because they have not been attending monthly meeting*
      - *Ken stated that Stephen is in union and they are in the middle of a difficult bargaining situation*
    - *Becky-Campaign through DFC (social hosting)-stickers, billboard, radio ad  
Do we want to keep it similar or change it this year? Also, are there any new locations as far as distributors?*

- Donna-new breweries/distilleries in area
  - Becky-we can create a letter and stop in to remind them to ask for ID and ask if they want a brochure about social hosting, to add to bags
- Ken-do we need to come up with list of distilleries/breweries?
  - Machel will get a list of active licenses for breweries, wineries, distilleries as well as distributors and send to Donny by next meeting
- Becky-mentioned that information will need to start going out by March
- DFC-are going to start running the "Talk, they hear you" campaign-there are quite a few (billboard, radio, tv commercials)
  - Presented different options to group for suggestions on which one(s) to use:
    - Stay away from "she" and use "they"
    - Should use one that is specific to vaping
    - Using Comcast for commercials because they can reach a broader area
    - Should use same message for commercial, radio, etc.,
    - Should use one from kid's perspective and one from parent's perspective

- **Blair County DUI Task Force/DUI Details:**

- Sarah reported no new details around Christmas or New Year bc usually do not get very good stats in Blair County with those; Sarah will work with rich and ben on other holidays coming up
- 2021 DUI data still incomplete-do not have all of the numbers from Altoona Police Department, Logan Twp, a few others, and four departments who have not sent anything all year; at about 270 DUIs for the year (increase)  
March and April had the most DUIs in 2021

- **DUI Dept. Updates:**

- Court Reporting Network Interview Statistics
  - 2020: 317
  - 2021:386
  - Average Age: 39
  - 30% of those who had DUI was a crash
  - Average BAC: 0.17
  - Average day of arrest: Saturday between midnight and 4am
  - Marijuana use: 27% in 2020 to 32% in 2021 (only includes the people who admit use in court reporting interview)
  - 2020 DUIs: 23% alcohol and controlled substances
  - 2021 DUIs: 33.5% alcohol and controlled substances  
(only includes the people who admit use in court reporting interview)
- Sarah stated she did invite the District Attorney's office, magistrates, all of the judges, adult probation and parole, public defender's office, DUI Association, some youth and church individuals to this meeting and only one came – Brittney Brennan (Adult Probation)  
Brittney stated that she is in charge of the ARD program for the Adult Probation Office and their stats show that between 2019-2021, they had 243 active ARD cases – of those, 154 were DUIs and 89 are retail thefts, vandalism, etc.

- **Open Forum:**

- *Need new chairperson; needs to be discussed at February Meeting*
- *Donna-“ArtsAltoona” has tons of events coming up*
  - *Vast majority are alcohol free but some do involve alcohol*
  - *The Blair Events Calendar shows all events*
    - *Blair Events Calendar needs to be linked on BDAP website*
  - *If the event says “All ages,” that means alcohol free*
- *Ken-Newsletter is full of events and information; Newsletter comes out every Thursday morning*
- *Sarah, Donny, Becky and Brianna will all be away on February 2; February meeting moved to February 9*

**Next meeting: February 9, 2022 at 8:30AM at Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships.**