



Decisions at Every Turn Coalition
May 9, 2017
Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held at the Ashland Middle School in room 5

Attendees: Community Outreach Coordinator Kristin French, AMS student Jacob Battles, AHS student Neha Shabeer, DAET Secretary Denise Montoya, STAND campaign coordinator Betsy Emberley, DFC Director Amy Turncliff, Coalition Chair Liz Byrnes, AMS Adjustment Counselor Kelly Roy, Board of Health member Judy Marguiles,

Meeting called to order at 2:35

Introductions and comment on what was recently read or watched and enjoyed

Minutes:

- Minutes of April meeting were accepted unanimously, no changes.

STAND:

- Amy, Liz and Betsy met with AHS student that wrote an article about STAND in the high school paper. He told them he thought the interactive part of the STAND campaign is most effective; not necessarily the posters. A response to questions in return for STAND promotional items or Hanto gift cards is best.
- Neha said she has heard other AHS students question if the poster statistics are accurate and comment that there are too many posters.
- Students were asked during lunch in April which promotional items they liked best; stress balls were the number one choice.

Community Programming:

- The POWER series will be the new name. Community Programming will no longer be the name of this series. It stands for Prevention Outreach While Encouraging Resilience. We can also use "knowledge is power" as a tagline.

Breaking The Barriers:

- They are working with the Hammer and Chisel organization. Neha will be going to South Africa this summer for an internship with this organization. BTB will do fundraising for all expenses. Perhaps more BTB members can go. They can also apply for grants.
- In the future, they would like to build a relationship with ASHPAC.
- BTB members will participate in the Courageous Conversations event at the end of the month.
- They volunteered at KNO last Friday. It went well. They held same type of volunteer jobs as parent volunteers.
- The DAET coalition will buy the BTB domain name.

Program Coordinator position:

- There is a good candidate currently. She has no prevention experience but has mental health background. DAET made a verbal offer but haven't heard back. Hopefully it will be yes and we'll do a written offer. If it works out, she wants to start May 22.

Community assessment:

- Samantha is currently working through the key informant list. She is determining who would do focus groups with her.
- She has a draft for the parent survey. Kristin will let her know which parents would like to take the survey to test it out and see if any changes need to be made. She wants to get it out before the end of the school year.
- It was recommended that participants should be advised on the amount of time it takes to complete the survey. It was also suggested to offer a raffled reward for completing it.

Metrowest Youth Teaming Together:

- Eight communities met for this 2 hour event. AHS students were unable to attend. We got some good ideas. The intention is to work together on chosen ideas.

Celebration of success:

- On June 14th there will be a PowerPoint presentation at the library on the intergenerational oral history project. The videotaped interviews with seniors will be shown and then given to the historical society. There will be refreshments. The Carve will be donating catering.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm