



Decisions at Every Turn Coalition  
June 6, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held at the Ashland High School library

Attendees: Community Outreach Coordinator Kristin French, AHS student Neha Shabeer, DAET Secretary Denise Montoya, STAND campaign coordinator Betsy Emberley, DFC Director Amy Turncliff, Coalition Chair Liz Byrnes, AHS principal Kelley St. Coeur, Director of Student Services Kathy Silva, AMS principal Dave DiGirolamo, DFC Project Coordinator Saumya Sankhavaram, AHS Guidance Brian Garrigan

Meeting called to order at 5:38pm

Introductions

Minutes of the May meeting were accepted unanimously, no changes.

New DFC Project Coordinator is Saumya Sankhavaram. She introduced herself and described her background.

Community Programming is now The POWER Series.

- Community Programming is officially now called The POWER Series: Prevention Outreach While Encouraging Resilience...knowledge is POWER.
- 2017-18 programs will include community book reads, medication safety, healthy relationships, discussing trauma, and other relevant topics.

Coalition Retreat:

- It will be in September and will include youth participation. The Community Assessment will be discussed at that time and an activity could be to work collecting additional data. We may not use an outside facilitator. It will likely be at the same location, Warren Conference Center, however it is costly.

Community Assessment data:

- Data from the survey indicates we need to focus on underage drinking. We will spend some time on this at the retreat. The culture of parents with alcohol is a concern. Not sure on how to address that.
- Kelley said more kids are getting into trouble for vaping. They don't think it's harmful.

BTB: Had a very successful first year. The group just completed Board elections and had a plan for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm