



Decisions at Every Turn Coalition

Meeting Minutes

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1. Acceptance of October 10 meeting minutes
 - a. Meeting minutes from October 10th were accepted.
2. DFC Application and Sustainability
 - a. Capacity building and leadership planning activity
 - i. The coalition completed an activity assessing our own current capacity and how to build it. Kristin and Saumya led an activity where coalition members answered guiding questions about capacity building and sustainability. Questions and answers are included at the end of the minutes.
 - b. Fiscal Agent for Years 6-10
 - i. We have been exploring the process to register DAET as a 501c3 and different fiscal agent option for years 6-10. Fiscal agent possibilities include the school district, the Town of Ashland, Wayside, MetroWest YMCA, or a similar agency. Detailed discussions have not taken place yet, but we will approach the various groups in the next few months and hope to propose an option to coalition members at the January or February meeting.
3. Half Marathon sponsorship update
 - i. Kristin proposed the Half Marathon fundraising program, which would give student athletes an opportunity to earn money for their teams, to the high school track coach. The coach will speak with the other track coaches, as well as the other spring coaches. The group decided that DAET could offer all of the funds raised to the teams. Kristin will follow up with Steve Greenberg to see if that is a possibility and will reconnect with the track coach on the updated plan.
4. Partnering with FAL for *Resistance* screening
 - i. Betsy asked if DAET was interested in partnering with The Friends of the Ashland Public Library (FAL) on the film "Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope". Natick recently showed the film. We requested to preview a trailer and film reviews before making a decision. Betsy asked if DAET could consider covering the cost of the film.
5. Diversion Working Group Meeting Report out
 - a. Recap & Plans for diversion moving forward
 - i. The working group met recently to discuss putting the Diversion Education and Intervention program into action. There are some candidates currently for the Diversion Program who will be funneled into the program to see how the process works and if anything needs to be updated it will be. Jennifer Wuelfing will serve as

the Diversion Coordinator and will work closely with Dave Muri and Cara Tirrell on the program.

Successes:

- The Ashland Middle School celebrated Red Ribbon week with a full week of activities based on a different theme day.
- The parent survey is ready to be administered. The survey is in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian.

Capacity Building and Leadership Planning Activity

1. How does each partner assist in sustaining our efforts?
 - a. Multigenerational – partners from all generations, age groups in Ashland
 - b. Program support/communication
 - c. Promoting awareness
 - d. Distribution of materials
 - e. Integrating training and knowledge
 - f. Institutionalization of prevention
 - g. Town financial support
 - h. Education
2. Are there additional partners we should consider?
 - a. Religious and faith communities
 - b. Clinicians
 - c. Businesses
 - d. Parents, grandparents, and other guardians
 - e. Wellness teachers
 - f. Coaches, both town and school sports
 - g. K-5 Community (students, parents, teachers, etc.)
 - h. Recreation department
 - i. Scouts
3. Have we articulated how each partner will benefit?
 - a. Financial support – for trainings, etc.
 - b. Use of DAET materials
 - c. Brand identity as community supporters
 - d. Creating a healthy community
 - e. School-family benefits
 - f. Youth influence – Trainings, CADCA, community service hours, having voices heard, being involved in youth prevention
 - g. Ongoing youth surveying
4. Do we know which decisions makers should be involved?
 - a. Faith community
 - i. Janet Wilkinson at St. Cecelia's - Haley will contact
 - ii. Fries at Connect Church
 - ii. Brett Walker at Federated
 - b. Rec Department – Kelly Rund
 - c. Scouts – Dorian Botsis
 - d. SEMH/Screenings – Jennifer Wuelfing, Jay Byrnes

- e. Sports
 - i. Mike Grimes – AHS
 - ii. Joe Herter – Pop Warner
- 5. Have we identified which audiences we need to reach to sustain our efforts and how to reach them?
 - a. Parents
 - i. School administration
 - ii. Policy makers
 - 1. Town government
 - 2. State government
 - a. DPH
 - b. BSAS
 - c. DA's office
 - iii. Police
 - iv. Community Partners
 - v. Youth
 - vi. Media
 - 1. WACA-TV
 - 2. Local and regional print media
- 6. What do we need to work on to create sustainable efforts?
 - a. Increasing cultural competence
 - i. Better representation of our community
 - ii. Social services
 - iii. Language capacity
 - 1. Kathy Silva – ASL
 - 2. Carol Walden (AHS) – ELL for adults
 - b. Increasing parent engagement
 - i. Getting parents more involved to teach skills and create opportunities for advocacy