



**Clark County
Prevention
Partnership**

10/14 Clark County Prevention Partnership Meeting Minutes

Time: 5:00

Location: Neillsville Courthouse Auditorium (Room 101)

Attendees: Shawn Ganther, Chris Hollar, Susan Fiest, Briana Miller, Amanda Smagacz, Bill Neville, Chris Reetz, Judy Murrow

5:02 Meeting called to order by Shawn Ganther

5:03 Introductions

5:06: Chris Hoeller asked to present on a possible opportunity in Clark County. **Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)** is designed to enable education professionals to identify chemically impaired individuals and types of drugs for the purpose of helping to provide a safe learning environment. Participants will learn to recognize substances of abuse and impaired individuals, how to make referrals to appropriate resources.

5:18: Amanda Smagacz presents exciting new workshop coming to Neillsville. **Guiding Good Choices** is an interactive program for parents, family members and professionals who work with youth in grades 4-8. In a lively and open atmosphere, participants will learn specific strategies to help children avoid drug use and other adolescent problem behaviors, and develop into healthy adults. CEUs are being offered and there are potential for two additional trainings in Osseo-Fairchild and Loyal.

5:33 Shawn Ganther presented opportunities for roles in other area coalitions – DEC etc....

5:35 Shawn spoke about his proposed **art mentoring program**. Art gives the creator a method of expression that may be difficult to express verbally. We utilize drawing and creative writing techniques to allow the channeling of emotional distress into a visual medium. By developing these communication methods, we are providing students with a safe and effective coping mechanism. Shawn is currently working with Owen-Withee and Neillsville to implement this program.

5:40 Shawn presented the **BLAST** update. Prevention teams will soon be running in all eight schools in Clark.

5:42 Amanda discussed collaboration with **public health** on a data retreat for **YRBS** data. Clark will soon have county-wide data on potential teen health concerns. Data retreat roughly set for the week of November 17th

5:51 Amanda lead a discussion concerning **coalition growth** and future expectations.

6:00 Discussion of financial report and assignment of officer positions. AmeriCorps funded through the **Listeman** for the coming year. A thank you card is needed for this assistance.

6:00 No additional business. **Next two meetings scheduled - November 6th and December 9th both at 5:00pm in the Clark County Courthouse Auditorium (Room 101).**

6:01 Chris Hollar makes a **motion to adjourn**. Brianna Miller seconds the motion.

6:01 Meeting adjourned

End Minutes