



**April 12, 2022  
Meeting Minutes**

1. Welcome & Meeting Overview

Kristin French, Talia Seavey, Audrey Lacroix, Brittany Smeltekop, Mike Caira, Liz Colvin, Dave DiGirolamo, Kelly Roy, Kathryn Silva, Dave Muri

2. 2022 DAET Parent & Caregiver Survey

Kristin presented the 2022 DAET Parent & Caregiver Survey presentation

Summary of Questions/Comments-

Discussion of how a Zero Tolerance policy can take away the gray area and to try to not create environments where students would be left out because of strong consequences; and if Zero Tolerance is the same as a No Use Policy. How they are enforced is important.

Link to PPT:

<https://eadn-wc01-3361090.nxedge.io/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-DAET-Parent-Caregiver-Survey-Summary.pdf>

3. DAET Annual Retreat planning

The annual retreat has been used to kick off each school year and as a learning opportunity for coalition members. The last retreat took place in 2019. We stopped for a couple years due to COVID and now we feel it is a good time to circle back. We would like to bring stakeholders together for an in-person retreat this fall. As we are coming up

on the final year of our DFC funding, thinking about sustainability and getting people in a room to plan for continuing prevention work will be really important.

Positive feedback on previous retreats included the appreciation of bringing different perspectives to the table in order to have valuable conversations and having the opportunity for smaller conversations.

Based on group feedback we will look at a Friday in late September - mid-October from 8:30/9AM to 11 AM at the Ashland Public Library.

Intended topics include: Sustainability. We will be in Year 10 of the DFC grant. Our work has shifted a lot in the past few years, especially with an expanding focus on mental health. There will be a lot of opportunities to see how we want the work to proceed. DAET will be talking with Amanda Decker to facilitate a sustainability discussion/interactive activity.

Other ideas: Data. We will have new Ashland Adolescent Health Survey data and Positive Community Norms Survey data 1) See what the impact of the last 3 years has been. 2) What are some areas we are not considering that we need to focus on? 3) Are there other things we could be doing to move forward given the past 2 years? 4) Putting these different data together to see how they line up to each other - how they can work together and how can we use that information in meaningful ways?

Format ideas: Small group discussions; World Cafe model; ways to get different perspectives; large group reporting out.

#### 4. Partner Updates

Talia - We are working with partners across Ashland to put together a town wide celebration of Mental Health Month in May. Our partners include town departments such as Human Services and local businesses such as UpperKuts. There will be a calendar of events and promotions that will encompass the month with many activities and resources. We will also be sharing a lot of Mental Health America's toolkit on social media. It has a lot of great information and resources. We will do a postcard mailing that will go to all houses & businesses in Ashland and we will have mental health buttons that

people will be able to get from participating partner locations. The postcard and the buttons will have a QR code to access resources and the event calendar.

Dave D- Ashland Middle School administered the positive community norms survey this week and is getting ready for our leadership training that will take place after break. We will be training 7th and 8th grades in leadership, mentorship and core values. We talk a lot about how our students can help new students coming into our school.

Audrey- AMS finished with SBIRT and AHS is finishing up this week. SBIRT is a brief 1-1 conversation using the CRAFT approach with 7th graders and 9th graders regarding substance use.

Dave D- AHS and AMS participated in iDecide training so all our counselors and VP were trained. For any students caught with substances or with a substance violation, counseling is an option for families to select instead of suspension. Ashland schools were chosen to be part of the pilot program and were one of the districts to be trained. The training was intensive. Participants walked through each step to be ready if it needs to be put in place. iDecide is a fully voluntary program. AMS does not see a lot of these violations and is more likely to see violations with tobacco or vaping.

Kathy/Brittany - Looking forward to the transition and to continue to do the good work that has been accomplished over the years.

Mike- The district is in the middle of an equity audit. DAET will be contacted to have staff participate in a focus group.

Dave M- (Was thanked for his dedication to meeting monthly with DAET). APD appreciates it and tries to give DAET the best information we have. Looking forward to partnering with DAET in the fall on the Hidden in Plain Sight Exhibit. Possibly aligned with the AMS and AHS open houses.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM

Next meeting: Fall DAET Retreat (Sep or Oct, TBD)