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## **Agenda - February 10, 2025**

### **1. Public Engagement**

Presenter: Jennifer Lombard (5 mins)

Objective: Report on recent public engagement efforts and outcomes.

### **2. Youth Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention Group**

Presenter: Kacy Hopper (5 mins)

Objective: Update on initiatives and progress within the prevention group.

### **3. Youth Empowerment**

Presenter: Chris Hess (5 mins)

Objective: Discuss strategies and activities for empowering youth in the community.

### **4. Action Plan Team**

Presenters: Kara (5 mins)

Objective: Review and discuss the current action plan and upcoming goals.

### **5. CADCA Report Out**

Presenter: Nikki (5 mins)

Objective: Share insights and learnings from the latest CADCA conference.

### **6. Health Department Discussion on DAP Trailer**

Presenter: Kacy/Health Department (10 mins)

Objective: Discuss the details and logistics of the DAP trailer.

### **7. Member Share**

Duration: 20 minutes

Objective: Provide a platform for members to share updates, ideas, and feedback.

### **8. Explore DAP Trailer Outside**

Duration: 20 minutes

Objective: Opportunity for hands-on exploration and familiarization with the DAP trailer.

Sign up for Action Teams/Workgroups available.



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## Meeting Notes - February 10, 2025

### Report Outs

Public Engagement Action Team

### Past Trainings

- October 2024: Building Resilience in Youth

### Upcoming Trainings

- February 27th: Social Media training at Ivy Tech from 12pm-1pm (tentative will get flyer)
- March 13th: Understanding Cultural Competency and Implicit Bias from 11:30am-1pm at Revolution Church. Open to the community with lunch provided. Please RSVP.

### Future Potential Trainings (April-September)

- Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing Workshops (Purdue Extension)
- Board Development Program: Building Stronger Boards (Purdue Extension)
- MHA's Youth and Family QPR with role-playing opportunities
- MHA's 988 Training: Understanding use and expectations

### Meeting Schedule

- Meetings occur every other month on the 3rd Wednesday from 9:30am-10:30am, in-person at Black Dog Coffee or via Zoom (hybrid format).
- The first official meeting of Year 5 was in mid-January.
- The group will discuss Year 5 competing applications and the Year 6 Action Plan.
- Coalition merchandise discussions are ongoing, with suggestions to offer t-shirts and patches.

### Youth Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention Workgroup

- Distribution of window clings in English, Spanish, and Creole is ongoing.
- Assisted the City with Safety Plan/Best Practices for downtown DORA.
- PTECH shared their findings on tobacco/vaping through surveys and created informative posters.
- Posters will be distributed to schools and other interested organizations.
- Action Plan goals will be displayed on trifolds for clarity and focus.

## **Youth Empowerment**

- Action Plan Goals for the group are being highlighted.
- We will be working with BC2M Group which has a focus on mental health and substance abuse prevention.
- Meetings every other month on Wednesdays at 9:30am, hybrid format.
- Family-focused events replace teen drop-ins. Possibility of VIVE 18 returning to Cass County.- 4C may fund
- Drawings at events and sponsorships for food are encouraged.  
If you or someone you know may want to support please reach out.
- MHA Youth and Family QPR: Collaboration with school clubs/groups for training.
- More Purdue Extension Collaboration. Increased youth and family presentations/activities.

## **Academy and PTECH Ideas**

- Developing new youth/family activities based on suggestions from the Academy and PTECH kids.

## **Action Plan Team**

- Prioritization of goals is underway.
- Meeting plans are hybrid, with adjustments in February due to scheduling conflicts.
- Discussion of coalition t-shirts and merchandise is ongoing.

## **CADCA Report Out**

- Scholarship received to attend the CADCA conference, allowing a youth participant to join.
- Conference highlights included engaging youth, community meeting participation, and sustainability strategies.
- Key takeaways emphasized youth empowerment, coalition visibility, and finding diverse funding sources. Becoming a line item in city/county budget. Sustainability of your coalition.
- Zak's detailed feedback from CADCA is available here: Year 5 Notes - Google Drive

## **Additional Topics**

- A walkthrough of the Health Department's Drug Abuse Prevention trailer was conducted.
- New members introduced: Stacey Marcelo (ASPIN), Cardiel and Sarai (DFC Grant Assistants),  
Laura Vietti (Logansport School Corporation Nurse), Krystal Mattes (Home 2 Home Suites), Penny Titus (Congressman Baird's Office).
- The DAP trailer is available for events upon request through the Health Department.