

Florida Higher Education-Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention
Minutes of the October 27, 2004 Conference Call

Members in Attendance

Bob Ruday – UT
Tom Hall – UCF
Maureen Miller – UF
Mike Smith – FSU
Laura Riddle – UCF
Jackie Griffin-Doherty – Operation PAR
Hope Johnson – USF
Dawn Pollock – Tallahassee Hospitality Resource Panel
Judi Gibbons – Florida Gulf Coast
Rebecca Magerkorth – UWF
Rina Tovar – Rollins College

Previous Conference Call's Guest Speaker – Bob Ruday

On September's conference call, the guest speaker was Raquel Simon, from the Florida Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking. Do we want to take any action? Chris Franzetti e-mailed Don Ziegler, who coordinates all of the AMOD schools, and he encouraged FHE-ASAP to become involved with them because of their cause. They are employed by the wine industry, and their single focus is to prevent underage drinking, which includes preventing internet alcohol sales from happening in Florida and in other states. Bob will re-send the information for everyone to review, and then have a mail vote.

Welcoming of New Members – Bob Ruday

Bob welcomed Rina Tovar from Rollins College and Rebecca Magerkorth from UWF to the call. They will both be at the November 19th, meeting.

FADAA State Prevention Committee – Laura Riddle

There will be a FADAA meeting the Thursday of the Prevention Conference.

CORE Update – Hope Johnson

Most of the schools are getting close to their goals. FIU is the only school that is having problems, with only 51 responses. UCF will be paying for additional surveys. As of now, UT has 238 responses, and UF has 412 responses for the long survey and 448 responses for the campus survey. Reminders will be sent out by the CORE, and the survey will end on Saturday night. This data will help out each school, as well as having aggregate data for the state.

Update on ODC Meeting SUS Presidents – Mike Smith

The Governor provided time for Director James McDonough to meet with the SUS (state university systems) presidents on October 11th. He outlined his concerns with the 10 public university presidents, as well as sharing copies of the CAN white paper. He asked for their leadership and assistance in changing underage drinking. The presidents agreed it is a problem, and will push harder to do something more on their campuses. Director

McDonough provided the contact information for follow-up, and as of yesterday, there were no specific requests from any of the presidents. The presidents did not take the recommendation of having all of the presidents convene and sign a pledge to tackle this problem head-on, which was done in North Carolina. Director McDonough felt very positive about the meeting. The Governor's office will send a letter to the presidents, and Mike's recommendation is that it is sent to all presidents to make them aware as to what is happening around the state. Mike's concern is that without any follow-up, it may mean that the president's do not have that much time for this issue. Bob Ruday asked if any FHE-ASAP members who are at part of the SUS, received any feedback from our presidents or vice-presidents. The schools represented, UF, FSU, and UWF, had not heard anything back from any of their top administrators.

Update About New Mini-Grants – Mike Smith

The contract just got signed last week for the third year. The first step is to help coalitions that have been funded in the previous years for participation in the Florida Prevention Conference. There is a November 1st, deadline for those who want to attend. There is a cap of \$10,000 to support conference participation. Depending on how much is used, that amount will be deducted of what we could go after for the remainder of the year.

Prevention First Conference Update: Friday, November 19th – Bob Ruday

As of now, there are 18 people planning to attend. It is important we get as many member schools and people as possible to attend.

Grant Report – Bob Ruday for Betty Straub

Betty has sent in a concept paper to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and it has made it through the third stage. We will hear by November 12th if they'll accept a full proposal from us.

FHE-ASAP Funding List for Skip Forsyth – Chris Franzetti

Chris was not on the call, but she has been working on a paper for us to present to Skip Forsyth about funding.

Membership Update – Maureen Miller

The updated FHE-ASAP membership directory is ready to be posted by Kathy. Kathy has also posted a link to the Florida Prevention Conference on the FHE-ASAP webpage. A flyer is being created highlighting the speakers for the Higher Ed. Track, with can be sent electronically to all the FHE-ASAP membership, as well as be distributed at the Prevention Conference. A letter to community colleges is being drafted, to recruit more members. This letter will inform people about what FHE-ASAP has accomplished, as well as describe the services we have provided through the grants, and highlight future projects and future grants. As a follow-up to the letter, the community colleges can call FHE-ASAP members in their region for more information and to answer any of their questions.

Other Business

Bob will be sending out links to those schools that haven't completed their Biennial Review. Bob would also like to remind people that they can post their Biennial Review on the FHE-ASAP webpage.

From Jackie Griffin-Doherty: Florida has received a \$2.35 million grant for each year, for 5 years. This is for the entire prevention community, and there is money specifically set aside for FHE-ASAP.