

FHE-ASAP Minutes

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Introduction Submitted by Ellen Snelling, Tampa community coalition representative

Tampa City Ordinance Update- the City ordinance to ban 18 to 20 year old patrons from bars is on hold until after March City Council and Mayor elections. Our current City Attorney advised against the ordinance, even though the mayor and city council supported it, because of potential lawsuits by establishments. Three cities in Florida- Miami Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Ft. Myers, currently have such ordinances, and we have copies of all three. Ft. Lauderdale is the only city that has been sued. I believe one lawsuit was dismissed and another is pending. We have opinions by the Attorney General's office and a local law firm regarding creating an ordinance to ban 18 to 20 year olds, if anyone needs these references. Our Task Force has a new coalition member who is planning to initiate a grassroots petition for support of an ordinance. A drunken 19-year-old, who drank at a bar in Ybor, killed a young member of his church recently. There are 5000 members of the church that he expects will sign the petition.

We are also pursuing statewide legislation for banning the under 21-age group from bars.

Sue Carrigan and I recently attended a Tampa NOW meeting regarding exploitation of young women by bars. Promotions for Ladies Night- "Ladies no cover, free drinks" "Ladies 18 and up, men 21 and up", and promotional flyers showing scantily clad, seductive women were discussed.

Also, Our Crisis Center gave us statistics regarding sexual assaults of underage women related to alcohol use in Ybor. NOW is interested in helping work on these problems. Tavis wants contact information from Tampa NOW for the NOW group in Gainesville.

Tampa's Hospitality Resource Panel will meet on March 5 at the University of Tampa. There was a change in HRP directors, and not much progress has happened in the last few months. Tom Hall from Florida Southern asked about the process of starting an HRP. Bob Ruday will give him more information.

Our Department of Alcohol and Tobacco is encouraging Ybor bars/clubs to collect and turn in Fake IDs. They will keep a tally of those collected and give positive feedback to those clubs who do a good job.

Tampa's Alcohol Prevention Task Force recently received a coalition grant for 14,600 dollars from the State of Florida. The grant focuses on enforcement of underage drinking laws. University of Tampa and USF will receive 1500 dollars each for their Safe Spring

and Summer Break campaigns. \$5000 will go to the Mendez Foundation to develop an underage drinking prevention program for high school students and their parents. The remainder is for Spring Break media PSAs, classroom speakers/ materials, signs in clubs/ bars, and enforcement-related billboards.

Tampa/Hillsborough County is applying for another grant that would involve a Community That Cares assessment and prevention program for 12- 18-year-olds, then later, 18- 25 year olds. The target group is the 18 to 25 age group because the Florida Office of Drug Control has found that this age group has the highest rate of substance abuse. An assessment tool for the 18 to 25 age group will be developed.

The AMOD will have a press release soon regarding Spring Break Tour promoters. They have some Spring Break media materials left from 2002.

It was suggested that Christine Franzetti could help with FHE ASAP media relations and press releases, working with AMOD.

Bob talked about the March 4 training at UCF. He is working with Laura Riddle in regard to the food and has asked each of the schools to send him numbers and names of those attending. There are 12 schools schedule to attend the training and we have submitted a request for funding through the mini-grant.

Currently there are 15 school members and 3 community members of FHE ASAP. Community members are from Gainesville, Tampa and Pinellas County. We had two community members join us in today's conference call.

Barry Gregory from FAU discussed the following:

Update On Grant...Barry Gregory briefly provided an update on the substance abuse prevention coalition mini-grant. After attending the grant writing workshop and working with Tavis, Bob and Maureen a grant was submitted to provide resources for 3 grant related projects. The training project would fund travel expenses to attend the two coalition training events being provided by the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention In Orlando at UCF and Tampa at University of Tampa.

The Survey project would provide funds to schools that administer the online alcohol use survey during the spring 2003 semester. Barry has agreed to provide an orientation worksheet outlining a suggested timeline of activities to conduct a random IRB survey at each school. The third project provides funds to develop and maintain an FHE ASAP website. At this point the grant has been approved.

Also discussed was the idea and need for FHE ASAP to increase efforts statewide in drunk driving prevention via increased awareness, programs and partnerships.