

Florida Higher Education-Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Minutes of the February 15, 2006 Conference Call

Members in Attendance

Bob Ruday – UT
Tavis Glassman – UF
Maureen Miller – UF
Tom Hall – UCF
Chris Franzetti – FSU
Tom Shapter – Florida Southern College
Todd Justesen – St. Leo University
Phyllis Days – Florida Memorial University
Sareet Taylor – Rollins College

Update on BASICS Training – Bob Ruday

- There are twenty three institutions that are signed up to attend BASICS. Chris has been collecting the registration forms. The person hired to assist with coordinating the training has been working out well.

Involving Senior Administrators in FHE – Tom Hall and Natalie Mullett

- At the last executive committee at the Prevention Conference, members discussed the extent to which FHE-ASAP is engaging senior administration. Natalie, Tom, and Mike have begun the process of trying to market FHE-ASAP to senior administrators. At this time, Tom and Natalie are trying to strategize the best approach. Tavis asked if we ever sent out the letter to the senior administrators explaining FHE-ASAP's role in high-risk drinking prevention. Tom agreed that it may be nice to either mail a letter or hand-deliver a letter to the senior administrators. Bob said that if something is prepared, he is happy to send it out under his name. Tom offered to begin to draft the letter which would include the need for senior support to reach our goals.

Prevention Conference Update from FHE Conference Chair – Tom Hall

- Tom has received some requests for presenters for the Prevention Conference. These include Cheryl Presley, Kevin Sabet from STAND, Alex Wagenaar, and Chad Werch. Tom suggested that Kevin Sabet's presentation should be open to all conference attendees. Todd Justesen volunteered to contact Kevin.
- Chris asked if anyone has a speaker they can recommend who uses humor when presenting to students about alcohol and other drugs. Chris also asked if FHE-ASAP would be interested in bringing a presenter to the prevention conference to discuss ways of talking to students about alcohol and drug issues using humor as a strategy. Tom Shapter from Florida Southern suggested to use caution when applying humor to ATOD education because in his experiences students don't always come away with the real points from the presentation. Tom Hall suggested that we invite Pat Fabiano to conduct a presentation on the difference between peer education and peer advocacy. Tavis was also in favor of inviting Pat Fabiano to present. Chris offered to call Pat to determine her level of interest.

FADAA Prevention Committee Update – Tom Hall

- Currently there is no report available. Tom will continue to keep FHE updated.

Mini-Grant Update – Rebecca Magerkorth & Bob Ruday

- There are three parts to the mini-grant. The website which Kat is responsible for; BASICS training coordinated by Chris and Nora Bugg, and the Core Survey coordinated by Rebecca. Currently, Rebecca is assisting as the financial person so George Parks will be paid and the participants will be

reimbursed for the BASICS training. Money from the mini-grant will be used to provide travel funds for BASICS participants. Tom shared that he talked with Rick Howell about the funding. There are administrative procedures Bob will have to complete and he should contact Rick for more of the details.

DOE Grant Submitted by Betty Straub & Karen Brazell for FHE-ASAP – Bob Ruday

- The grant announcement was sent out on December 23, 2005. It is for \$150,000 each year, for two years. In January, Betty and Karen submitted a grant in FHE-ASAP's name. Bob provided information in previously sent out e-mail which included an executive summary attached. FHE-ASAP will learn in May if they were awarded.

Full Time FHE Position Funded by ODC – Bob Ruday

- Bob has received two resumes and is hoping that more applicants will apply. Bob post the position on the Higher Education Center list serve. If anyone has any suggestions about the job description, please let Bob and Chris know. There is a slight problem of the funding going through the Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance which means FHE-ASAP would not receive the money in a timely manner. Bob has e-mailed Robin Peters at the Office of Drug Control to see what can be done so the person we hire does not have to wait until September 30th to be paid. Among other projects, this person would work to secure on going grant money to ensure that the funding for the position is continued.

Needs Assessment – Bob Ruday for Vince Diller

- Bob shared that he will direct Vince to contact Maureen regarding the needs assessment.

Other Updates

- Tom shared that UCF is hosting a drive-in conference on Friday, February 17th. The Dean of Students from Syracuse University will present as well as Rick Howell and others.
- Bob will not be able to attend due to coordinating the Bacchus Conference.

The next FHE-ASAP conference call will be on March 22, 2006, at 9:00 am.