

**Florida Higher Education Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention  
Minutes for February 21, 2007 Conference Call**

**Members in Attendance**

Bob Ruday – University of Tampa

Christine Franzetti – Florida State University

Holly Rayko – University of South Florida

Maureen Miller – University of Florida

Melinda Lawless-Coker – Florida Atlantic University

Mica Harrell – University of West Florida

Mike Smith – Florida State University

Gina Firth – University of Tampa

Jessica Carter – Association Coordinator

**I. February BACCHUS Area 9 and 8 Conference – Bob Ruday**

- 160 people attended the conference.
- Higher Education Tract with Dr. Mark Goldman of USF, with Mr. Bill Janes, Director of the Office of Drug Control, and Mr. Steve Houghland, Director of ABT and with Dr. Alex Waeganar of UF were excellent.
- Dr. Waeganar participated in all the Higher Education sessions throughout the day in addition to his own presentation.
- FHE-ASAP would have liked to see more member schools in attendance. Funding considerations for possibly hosting next years Higher Ed Tract are being considered so that more schools may attend.
- Steve Houghland stated he greatly enjoyed the question and answer session and the dialogue generated from the group and looks forward to working with FHE-ASAP in the future.
- Director Bill Janes also stated that he enjoyed the session and the comments from the participants.

## **II. Community college membership assistance – Bob Ruday and Jessica Carter**

- As part of the ODC grant FHE-ASAP received we need to increase our community college membership in FHE-ASAP.
- We ask that everyone who has a contact in a community college ask them to join FHE-ASAP.
- Tavis Glassman has helped to recruit some community colleges as well as Bob Ruday who is hoping to recruit all 3 campuses of Pasco/Hernando Community Colleges.

## **III. Update on Senate Bill 7056 – Mike Smith**

- Mike attended the Senate Meeting and gave testimony to help the bill pass committee.
- The bill has passed committee and will be sent through another committee for further approval and/or revisions if necessary.
- Senators Haridopolos and Steven Geller removed the drink special language that was previously present in the bill.
- Mike Smith feels that the committee needs to hear from colleges, universities and community colleges on the issues within the bill to provide input as to what information needs to be collected and the most efficient way to allocate resources to do so.
- The bill contains an unfunded mandate that will require public colleges, universities and community colleges to collect data relating to alcohol and other substance abuse for a report due in July. This will be similar to the Bi – Annual Review that is required. \* Many members feel this will cause a substantial decrease in already diminished resources with in Prevention for Higher Education Institutions.
- Please check the link below for updates on committee meetings and proposed bills.

<http://www.flsenate.gov/Welcome/index.cfm?CFID=31491576&CFTOKEN=93379308>

- The following were not in attendance for the committee meeting on the bill:
  - 1) FADAA
  - 2) Governor's Staff

#### IV. Update from Jessica Carter

- Scholarships for the BACCHUS conference will be sent out within the coming week to all those eligible.
- A post conference evaluation will be distributed within the coming month to determine the benefits/strengths/weakness' of the conference as well as any new initiatives that were implemented as a result of the conference.
- Any assistance with recruiting community colleges to join FHE-ASAP would be welcomed and appreciated.

\*\*\*\*\*

The next conference call will be **March 21, 2007 at 10am.**

\*\* Note the time of the conference call has changed to 10 am.

\*\* Call in numbers are now:

Local /Tallahassee 1-850-645-9020

Long Distance/Toll Free 1-800-210-4771