

FHE ASAP Minutes  
Conference Call  
April 16, 2003

Participants: Betty Straub, Center Associate; Holly Rayko, USF; Mike Smith, Chris Franzetti, FSU; Tavis Glassman, UF; Ellen Snelling, Sue Carrigan, Tampa Coalition; Laura Riddle, Tanya Cepero, Brook Williams, UCF; Michael Zajac, UWF; Oscar Loynaz, FIU; Kevin Modglin, UNF; Judy Gibbons, FGCU; Laurie Davison, HEC; Bob Ruday, UT, Mark Stier, Saint Leo University.

Barry Gregory provided an update and overview of the projects outlined in the State of Florida Substance Abuse Mini Grant. Bob and Barry have agreed to work together to administer and handle the budget in the grant. A review of the procedures for the state wide assessment using the online student alcohol use survey were discussed. The HEC Assessment and the upcoming trainings were also discussed.

Bob Ruday discussed the June 18 – 19 training program to be held at The University of Tampa. Each participant is to make his/her own hotel reservations and to notify Bob about the number of participants attending.

Bob also gave a membership update, we now have 22 member institutions.

Betty Straub submitted the USED grant application March 31. Awardees will be notified end of May, if the review process goes as smoothly as the Department hopes. She used the FHE-ASAP strategic plan when preparing the application and thanked everyone for the hard work they had already put into the document.

Betty addressed Barry's question about the Rapid Response Team process, commenting on the intensive community assessment that will take place in Tampa during the scheduled September 14-17 training. She's also working on a back-up idea since funding for RRT is expected from the USED grant. A Florida DOT staff member is seeking help with providing RRT for the state, so she is contacting him about funding the training and additional sites, if FHE-ASAP finds the process to be helpful to their community-campus coalitions.

Betty updated us on the community college recruitment, advising us that an invitation was sent out Monday, April 14, and by Monday afternoon, one new member was added to the alliance. She wasn't sure how many other CC's were among the additional six new members.

Members have decided that FHE-ASAP should have a stand alone website. UF has agreed to pay for and update this site until June 30, 2004. Hopefully FHE-ASAP will secure new funding to continue to update the website. If no future funds can be secured UF will add the FHE-ASAP website to the UF Student Health Care Website.

Laurie Davidson has agreed to facilitate a strategic plan revision for FHE-ASAP. A steering committee will be assigned to assess the which components of the plan have been implemented and what needs to be revised. FHE-ASAP is currently recruiting members to volunteer to be on this committee. Please contact Tavis Glassman directly if your interested in serving on this committee. We are tentatively planning on meeting sometime in mid July at a location to be determined.

#### Tampa Alcohol Prevention Task Force-

Jeff Yonce from the DABT went up to Panama City Beach during Spring Break. Agents made a large number of arrests for underage drinking- probably more than the year before. They staked out a Super Walmart, and arrested kids as they came out with beer. Almost all had fake or borrowed IDs.

Bill Giesecking (Pepin Beer distributor) has been working on several projects: letters sent warning convenience store clerks in the vicinity of high school proms to be extra cautious when checking IDs and he distributed alcohol education pamphlets to a formal wear company (Sacinis) to hand out when Tuxes were rented. Bill distributed signs warning underage individuals not to drink in Ybor clubs. He also is working on a "designated driver" program for Ybor clubs. Drivers will be given a bracelet and certificate, and they will receive water/ coke.

We will be making appointments to see the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney soon about the under 21 bar ban. State legislation will be pursued as well, on the under 21 ban and stopping happy hour/ free drink promotions.

We are planning to put up a billboard on Fowler- regarding drinking and driving (funded by grant money), near the USF area.

The colleges (UT, USF) have had successful alcohol-free late-night activities- one event at USF attracted over 2,000 students.

Our Anti Drug Alliance received a grant to have a community assessment (Communities That Care) in Hillsborough of substance use and other risk factors in our middle and high school students. Once the assessment is done, prevention programs will be planned. In the future, CTC will assess the 18 to 25 age group. Jim McDonough made a presentation to our Anti-Drug Alliance along with Michele Ridge, spokes person for Communities That Care.

Laura Riddle discussed the May 29 Drug Summit that will be held in Tallahassee.