

Florida Higher Education Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

Minutes of the September 24, 2003 Conference Call

Members in Attendance

Maureen Miller UF
Tavis Glassman - UF
Kat Lindsey - UF
Jackie Griffin-Doherty - Operation PAR
Mark Vargo - Operation PAR
Tom Hall - Florida Southern
Linda Chamberlin - USF
Hope Johnson - USF
Malikah Pitts - USF
Holly Rayko - USF
Yanna Kapacho - USF
Mike Smith - FSU
Chris Franzetti - FSU
Laura Riddle - UCF
Betty Straub - Center Associate
Michael Zajac - UWF
Ginny Beth Joiner - UWF
Ellen Snelling - Tampa Task Force
Bob Ruday - UT

Guests:

Skip Forsyth

Bob Ruday convened the meeting at 9:03am

Guest Speaker, Skip Forsyth – Betty Straub

Betty Straub introduced Skip Forsyth and he discussed a proposal that was submitted to the Center for Substance Abuse and Prevention to focus on the 18 to 25 year old age group. The colleges will need to team up with a local coalition and assess the 18-25 year old age group. This information can then be used by the coalition to acquire any other funding source. He should find out in October or November whether the proposal was funded. The project will be a 9 month assessment. If FHE-ASAP members wanted to look at other coalitions that are in the State of Florida, they can go to a directory at www.fadaa.org. There are many coalitions at various stages of organization. Some may even need to change or expand in order to qualify for this age group. Skip also mentioned that the Department of Children and Families gives \$5 million for prevention in adults.

They will most likely use surveys to assess this age group. If anyone has any suggestions or other tools please send them to Mike Smith.

Tobacco Certification Program – Jackie Griffin Doherty

PAR is still in the process of negotiating a contract with Mr. Collins. PAR can hold this training without losing money if they get at least 20 participants. Betty Straub mentioned that American Cancer Society has cancer-based grants that they award and she will look into seeing if this event will qualify. PAR is going to disseminate the information to over 1000 people. The tentative date for the conference is the week of March 8, 2003.

College Crime Watch - Bob Ruday

Bob has not heard anything from FHE-ASAP members. IF anyone is interested in participating or more information email Bob Ruday. They will also be at the Prevention First Conference.

Tallahassee Press Conference – Dawn Pollock & Mike Smith

We had a great press conference here last Thursday. Student journalists and a panel of experts including law enforcement (Sheriff, City, and ABT), a convenience store owner, a bar owner, a university researcher, and an association director. One TV station showed up, 14 high school students and we had a good exchange of information.

Andy Hindman – Bob Ruday

Drink specials are important to MADD but there is a concern this issue will not receive the support that is needed for legislation to occur. FHE-ASAP needs to sell people on it and get any kind of media campaign samples or research to help support the passing of the legislation. Andy will be at the Prevention First Conference and will lead us through an environmental strategy plan to help support the drink special issue. Also, Andy commented that “drink specials” and underage drinking was of major interest to MADD.

Drink Specials – Ellen Snelling

Ellen attended a task force meeting and there was a negative opinion on the drink specials legislation. People were concerned with where the funding was going to come from to enforce the law. Florida is 1 of 11 states that does not have a drink special law. A local ordinance in Florida have been struck down so or has had its major components removed, Ellen feels the State is the way to go. Also, there will need to be a sampling of the opinions of community people.

Prevention First Conference – Mike Smith

A proposal was submitted to fund travel for participants and this may be a good way to gain members. This proposal includes the funding of one or two people from each FHE institution. There will be roughly \$10,000 of \$25,000 allocated for travel. November 20th which is the last day of the Prevention First Conference will be FHE-ASAP's portion.

In July, there was a “straw vote” about which FHE members will be attending the Prevention First Conference, there were 7 institutions. (FSU, UWF, Florida Southern, UCF, UF, USF and UT had committed to attend. We need to have one or two representatives from each member institution.)

CSAP Tampa Bay Grant Update– Bob Ruday

The council has just met, so no decisions have been made yet.

Environmental Assessment Survey– Bob Ruday

Tom Hall is going to e-mail Tavis Glassman a website that has specific questions on alcohol and perceptions. There is a possibility that some of the questions could be modified to address drink specials, so we can begin to collect some data.

FHE ASAP Poster Session Preview – Tom Hall

The poster at the National Meeting in Texas will have a map of Florida, with a legend of the sites within the state and our other partners. Tom Hall needs a description from each college as to what they want to highlight pertaining specifically to their school. A directory will be passed out at the National Meeting.

It was also suggested that the FHE ASAP Poster presented at the National Meeting should be included at the Prevention First Conference. Both Mike and Chris were supportive in helping to ensure a table for FHE ASAP at the Prevention First Conference.

Additional Information – Jackie Griffin-Doherty

Jackie provided more information regarding the \$5,000 Operation Par mini-grants. The application is due on November 17, 2003, and the time frame to use the grant is one year. The mini-grant could be used for alcohol awareness week activities, as well as other alcohol and drug related prevention activities. Applicants must have 501 C3 status.

Bob Ruday adjourned the meeting at 10:30a.m.

Submitted respectfully by:

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