

Meeting Minutes
Cowley College
Drug and Alcohol Task Force
February 24, 2010
9:00 a.m.

Attending: Roy Reynolds, Janice Neagle, Sally Palmer, Mark Phillips, Charles McKown, Sue Saia, Kristi Shaw, Jeff Fluty, Matt Stone

Minutes: The minutes of the December 2, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Task Force Membership: No additions to current task force membership were suggested. Sue indicates that she will want the new prevention specialist to be part of the team when this position begins next academic year. See notes for "VP of Student Affairs update" below.

Annual notification: Charles reports that the annual notification continues to be distributed once per week to all students and/or employees of Cowley College who have not received the notification this academic year.

Biennial Review: The need to complete the biennial review by the end of 2010 was discussed. The team agreed that (1) the biennial review will be completed at the next task force meeting, and (2) the review will be conducted using the same procedure as the 2009 review (using the Department of Education checklist).

2009-2010 screening days: National Alcohol Screening Day is scheduled for April 8, 2010, and the National Eating Disorders Screening Program is scheduled for February 25, 2010.

BASICS: To date, 53 Cowley students have been referred for the BASICS program due to violations of institutional alcohol policies. One student has had three referrals, and another has had two. 31 of these students have attended the first of two sessions, and 17 of the students referred have completed the program.

VP of Student Affairs update: Sue reports that the open Kirke Dale dormitory manager position is being redefined to include responsibilities as a prevention specialist. Sue also reports that she has received feedback from Tara Gregory Ph.D. at Wichita State University regarding her review of Cowley's prevention efforts. Sue indicated that she will review the report with the team at a future task force meeting.

Director of Student Life update: Kristi has been working on the development of the Cowley Activity Awareness Team. CAAT will be a group of 20 students who will receive tuition and books scholarships in exchange for activity and prevention work.

Task Force documentation: Roy reported to the team that, in addition to being accessible by way of the Student Life Counselor web page, task force documentation can now be accessed by way of the intranet under “Other Resources.”

Student of Concern program: Roy reports that, although the project has been approved, no further work has been completed on the project since last meeting. The goal is to have the program in place by the start of the Fall, 2010 semester.

At-Risk Training: Roy attended a webinar recently in which At-Risk, a product of the Kognito company, was presented. At-Risk is a web-based training program for instructors and other college employees that focuses on identifying and making referrals of students who are struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues. Cowley College has been granted a limited free trial of the program for 15 employees. Roy, Sue, Slade Griffiths, and two coaches will complete the trial program, in addition to 10 instructors and department chairs. After completion of this trial, information will be gathered on the experience, and a decision will be made regarding the pursuit of funding for a more expanded training of Cowley College employees.

Drug testing: Sue reports that she has approached instructors regarding their interest in drug testing for activity scholarship students (non-athletes). Only one instructor has responded to date. Sue indicates that she will continue to work toward getting instructors on-board with the idea by e.g. presenting the idea at departmental meetings.

Next meeting: The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hall of Fame Room.

Respectfully submitted
Roy Reynolds
Chair - Drug and Alcohol Task Force