

Minutes

Cowley College

Drug and Alcohol Task Force

March 15, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Attending: Ashley Demaree, Jason O'Toole, Shane Larson, Matt Stone, Gage Musson, Jenette Hanna, Lynlea Bartlett, Lea Newman, Jim Holloway, Jim Brown, Landon West

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

Update on Alcohol EDU/BASICS: Explained Alcohol EDU for College and Sanctions as well as the BASICS program to everyone present. Jason reported that Alcohol EDU will be a requirement for the FYE classes starting back up this fall. Jason will recommend that all FYE teachers complete the training themselves and introduce it to the students the first week of school to ensure that the second portion can be completed by the end of the class. This year Alcohol EDU for College was promoted at orientation over the summer and at the beginning of the school year. Students were given all the information and encouraged to complete the online course.

Area Updates:

Jenette did not have anything to report.

Landon reported that Alcohol EDU was promoted to 534 incoming students on campus during orientation. Out of those 240 registered, of the registered students, 54 have not started the program, 23 started the program but have not completed, 163 have completed part 1, 116 are ready to complete part 2, and 47 have completed the entire online training. This number is down from last year due to FYE not being in place this semester. Landon also reported that FYE is making a comeback and there will be a pilot program this spring with hopes that next fall it will be back as a requirement for all incoming students. Landon reminded everyone of the various drug and alcohol free events offered on campus through Student Life; for example, intramurals, free movie night, school dances, etc.

Gage reported he has not seen any issues with drugs or alcohol in the Wellness Center. He does watch for steroids and had a couple of instances that he suspected use.

Lea reported that the student she was drug testing at the request of the parents is no longer coming in. Lea said she has not had any students seeking help for drugs and alcohol.

Jim Brown did not have anything to report.

Lynlea reported the following citations for the school year this far are as follows:

Drug and Alcohol Related Violations – Cowley College Housing-so far this school year

AUGUST-

D-3

A-1
SEPTEMBER-
D-4
A-12
OCTOBER-
D-0
A-11
NOVEMBER-
D-0
A-0
DECEMBER-
D-1
A-0
JANUARY
D-0
A-8
FEBRUARY-
D-2
A-6
MARCH-
D-5
A-1

Shane reported that they athletics department conducted random drug testing about 2 weeks ago and tested 20 students. Shane said their method of testing is by mouth swab and then swabs are sent in to a lab. He stated that if a coach or other staff/faculty on campus suspect a student athlete of using drugs then they will make sure that student is in the pool of random drug tests. Also, if a student athlete tested positive in the past they will be tested again.

There was discussion among the group about how long drugs can stay in the system and the different variables that can affect the amount of time (amount used, frequency of use, metabolism, etc).

Jason reported that there has been talk of random drug testing students that are on scholarship, but that it is not common practice across college campuses and is expensive.

Jim Holloway reported that the ACPD has been involved with several drug/alcohol violations and those have gone smoothly. There was also talk about ACPD no longer having the K-9 unit in the near future. Jim also reported the PD is now just writing misdemeanor tickets for 1st offense possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

Matt reported that campus security has been working well with ACPD when there are drug and alcohol violations on campus. Matt said the LiveSafe app is helpful for anonymous tips, he reported that so far this year there have been 8 tips and 5 of them have led to drug and/or alcohol violations.

Ashley reported that the students that have been getting tickets and fines are required to complete BASICS and Alcohol EDU for Sanctions. Students are completing these requirements but staff and/or coaches are having to sometimes track them down to get them completed.

There was discussion among the group about fake ID's in the community and how easy it is to obtain them, as well as how often ABC runs sting operations on liquor stores.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2018 at 9 am in the Student Life Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Demaree

Chair – Cowley County Drug and Alcohol Task Force