

## Minutes

Cowley College

Drug and Alcohol Task Force

March 16, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the December 12, 2016 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. Still waiting to see how FYE will be structured next year to determine how it will fit and how we will educate instructors in order to get more students to complete it.

### Area Updates:

Gage spoke about the Wellness Center and a student athlete that recently got caught with marijuana that he was able to hire as a work study; he was happy to report the student is doing well.

Lea reported that students are using drugs/alcohol for stress relief because it is cheaper for them than getting prescription medication as there is a gap in health insurance coverage for college students. She reported that she still has the one student that she drug tests weekly per parent's request. She also reported we may see some changes as the senate passed medicinal marijuana recently.

Landon reported that there have been several incidents of drugs/alcohol in the dorms; most reports have been after the incidents have occurred and have been reported by students.

Citations are as follows:

Student cited with BASIC sanctions for alcohol relation violation. No monetary fines.

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Alcohol Related violations – on-campus.

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Drug Violation – On-campus

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There was also a short discussion regarding allowing students that get permanently removed from the dorms for drugs to continue to eat in the cafeteria on campus. It was decided that an additional meeting with Jason, Ashley, Landon, Lea, Matt and Jim.

Shane reported that there have not been any recent positive drug screens with any athletes. He also stated that he is sometimes unaware that student athletes get fines or tickets for drugs or alcohol and requested that he be better notified.

Jason reported that the college doesn't do a whole lot of drug testing; 10-15% of athletes are randomly selected the first semester and any that test positive are then tested again. Cowley has a 3 strikes rule and Jason reported that some other colleges have a zero tolerance policy regarding positive drug tests. Jason reported that colleges are leaning towards non punitive policies and doing more education with students regarding drugs/alcohol. Jason also reported that drug testing is expensive that is most likely why we see the number of students being tested is low.

Jim reported that the ACPD has been involved with several drug/alcohol violations and those have gone smoothly. There was also talk about possibly bringing the K-9 unit on campus occasionally but due to the budget the ACPD is doing away with the K-9 unit. Jim reported that cocaine is becoming popular again, there continues to be methamphetamine brought in from outside Cowley county, the PD is starting to see K-2, and that heroine really hasn't been seen recently. The PD is now just writing tickets for 1<sup>st</sup> offence possession of marijuana and paraphernalia and that most marijuana is coming from Colorado.

Matt also reported that most reports of drug/alcohol violations have come from other students. He stated that students are also using the LiveSafe app to report anonymously and he believes that is helpful. He reported that there have been 5 specific incidents of drug/alcohol use coming in from the app and that there have also been some others that have been reported under other incidents.

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 are having to sometimes track them down to get them completed. There have also been a couple of students that have been referred on for additional services due to their reported drinking habits.

**Biennial Review:** The biennial review has been approved by the task force and posted online for others to view.

**Next Meeting: October 12, 2017 in the Student Life Conference Room**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Demaree

Chair – Cowley County Drug and Alcohol Task Force