

Meeting Minutes
Cowley College
Drug and Alcohol Task Force
April 28, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Attending: Tom Saia, Tommy DeSalme, Roy Reynolds, Janice Neagle, Sue Saia, Sally Palmer, Kristi Shaw, Charlee Wilson, Charles McKown, Gina McKown, Matt Stone, Landon West, Brian McGee (ACPD)

Minutes: The minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted. They will be added to the official Task Force documents on the Cowley web site.

Task Force Membership: It was announced that Sue Saia will be absorbing the responsibilities of the prevention specialist. Charlee Wilson joins the Task Force as the new advisor for the Cowley Activity Awareness Team. Chief Wallace of the Arkansas City Police Department was unable to attend due to a conflict in his schedule. Detective Brian McGee attended in place of Chief Wallace.

Annual notification: Charles McKown reports that the second mass distribution of the annual notification was sent out at the start of the Spring, 2011 semester, and that the annual notification continues to be distributed on a weekly basis to all Cowley email accounts that have been added during the week.

Priorities for Improvement:

1. **Cowley Activities Awareness Team:** March was alcohol awareness month for CAAT. CAAT activities centered on speakers, including an individual who was paralyzed as a result of drunk driving, as well as a CAAT student who spoke of losing her father to a drunk driver. There were also information tables and display cases. In April, there is a combination of a "green" theme with that of sexual assault awareness. In May, the theme will be safety, and the theme will be incorporated in the end of the year bash. CAAT also worked recently with local eighth grade students on the theme of respecting individual differences. Finally, CAAT recently attended the Bacchus conference, and came back with ideas for prevention activities, especially regarding alcohol and drugs.
2. **Student of Concern:** The Student of Concern page on the Cowley web site is active. Sue reports a total of 11 reports to date, including 8 students who were provided assistance, 2 who were not serious about school, and one who was sent home.
3. **Electronic Prevention:** Sue Saia and Roy Reynolds have reviewed an electronic prevention product of Outside the Classroom called "College Alc." They are in agreement that content is of fair quality, and the price is favorable compared to other products, such as AlcoholEdu. Sue has determined that alcohol fine funds may be used

to pay for this service. Sue and Roy will move forward with implementation of College Alc for the 2011-2012 academic year, primarily with orientation students and students who have been sanctioned for violation for institutional alcohol policies. Electronic prevention was recommended by Dr. Tara Gregory of Wichita State University in a review of the Cowley College prevention program, the report of which was dated 2/10/2010.

4. Employee Involvement in Prevention: Drug recognition training has been made available to employees. Employees are being notified of screening days. Employees were also invited to participate in the Quality of Life Inventory being administered by the Student Life Counselor.

5. ACPD Involvement on Campus: Brian McGee presented the following information sent by Chief Wallace:

- “1. We had 12 rapes last year and 6 of them occurred at underage drinking parties.
2. We responded to 88 underage drinking parties last year, 5 underage parties occurred at the dorms last year, and we have all ready been to two parties in the dorms this year.
3. We would like to send out email notices or text messages to students directly providing a pre-notice of enforcement operations before things like spring break, long weekends etc. Also, messages such as "15 underage drinking citations last week, for a total of \$4000.00 in fines".
4. Can we have posters like the ones on the flyers made up and distributed on campus?
5. Lastly, we hope the message of "Zero Tolerance" is being reinforced. I know the counselor approach sometimes is "responsible drinking" but you cannot drink responsibly when it is illegal. What is next responsible vandilism? We cannot afford to have one kid die from alcohol poisoning, get sexually assaulted, etc. Enabling that would be irresponsible.”

The team looks forward to further discussion of these points with Chief Wallace at a future meeting. Sue Saia pointed out that the “rapes” mentioned in point 1 are allegations; she does not recall a case of a Cowley College student being convicted of rape. Regarding item number 5 on the Chief’s list, Roy Reynolds wishes to remind Chief Wallace that Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS) is a well-respected approach to harm reduction that is validated in research and is recommended by the U.S. Department of Education as a Tier 1 prevention strategy. The task force has previously approved the use of BASICS by the Student Life Counselor with the students of Cowley College. It should also be noted that College Alc, the new online prevention program, also uses a harm reduction rather than an abstinence-based approach. There was brief discussion of the recent arrest of a Cowley College student; Detective McGee recommended that the Tom Saia speak with the Chief of Police as soon as possible regarding this issue.

2010-2011 Screening Days: In late January, 2011, the Quality of Life Inventory was offered to students of Cowley College; 30 students completed the inventory, and 20 returned for the feedback session. Eating Disorders Screening Day took place on February 24, 2011; 102 screens were completed, of which 8 were positive screens. National Alcohol Screening Day took place on April 7, 2011; 103 screens were completed, of which 25 were positive screens.

Other updates and agenda items: Much of the meeting was invested in discussion of marijuana use by Cowley College students. Representatives of the athletics department maintain that this is an issue in need of greater attention by the Task Force. There was considerable disagreement regarding the issue of differences in sanctions between alcohol and marijuana violations. After extended discussion, it was agreed that all task force members with ideas for addressing this issue shall bring proposals to the next task force meeting.

Next meeting: The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the President's Dining Room. (This meeting was later rescheduled to Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the President's Dining Room.)

Respectfully submitted
Roy Reynolds
Chair - Drug and Alcohol Task Force