

Minutes
Cowley College
Drug and Alcohol Task Force
May 7, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Attending: Roy Reynolds, Landon West, Kristi Shaw, Shane Larson, Jeff Fluty, Sally Palmer, Gina McKown, Matt Stone, Tabitha Farley, Jim Holloway (ACPD), Ben Schears

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the March 6, 2014 task force meeting were approved as submitted.

Updates on prevention plan opportunities for improvement:

National College Health Assessment – This objective for the 2013 – 2014 prevention cycle was completed during the Spring, 2013 semester. The task force has agreed that, at the next biennial review, the National College Health Assessment will be included as a standing component of the institution prevention plan (to be completed once during each two-year cycle).

ANGEL Alcohol Risk Reduction Course – Roy reports that work is complete on the ANGEL course, and that (with the exception of one or two technical wrinkles that need to be ironed out). Roy is awaiting training in Blackboard, and plans to move the course to the new platform in time for the Fall, 2014 semester.

Employee Involvement – No updates regarding this opportunity for improvement. Members were encouraged to consider objectives relating to this item for the new prevention plan (2015-2016 calendar years) which will be developed during the Fall, 2014 semester.

ACPD – Jim reports that the Respect Group, a local team that is focusing on sexual assault issues, has requested a representative from the college. Tabitha agreed to attend the next meeting on 05/21/2014. Landon provided an update on alcohol, drug, and related issues in housing: 03/07/2014 suicidal student identified (ACPD called in CCMHCC); 03/07/2014 possession of THC off campus x 3; 03/10/2014 MIC x 3; 03/11/2014 internal alcohol ticket x 1; 03/31/2014 MIC of campus x 1; 04/01/2014 internal alcohol ticket x 2; 04/14/2014 K9 sweep of Kirke-Dale, Storbeck, and The Lodge (negative); 04/23/2014 fighting, 4 MICs, 1 charge of providing alcohol to minors; 04/29/2014 suicidal student (ACPD called in CCMHCC); 05/02/2014 1 internal alcohol fine.

CAAT Social Norms Campaign – Following discussion, it was agreed to consider this item for carryover to the next prevention plan.

Athletics – Shane Larson, our new Athletics Director, was welcomed to the team. There was general discussion of how alcohol and drug violations this year compare with previous years. Differing points of view were expressed by the team. The team may wish to consider developing an objective regarding data collection for the next prevention plan. Jeff reports that the athletics department has returned to using oral swabs for drug testing. He also reports that the plan continues to be that incoming freshmen athletes will complete the new alcohol course in Blackboard. Finally, there was discussion of an objective in the athletics department to return to the team meetings that were held in the past; these meetings will reportedly include prevention information.

Drug Testing for Scholarship Students – Ben indicates that his plan is to hand over this question to the new Vice President of Student Affairs when the position is filled.

Other Updates and Agenda Items:

Roy reminded the team that we are in the second year of the two-year prevention cycle, and that it will be necessary to complete the biennial review during the Fall, 2014 semester, with a new prevention plan in place by January 1, 2015.

Roy provided an update on the BASICS program. As of May 6, 2014, 38 students have had Part One BASICS sessions, 32 students have completed BASICS, 4 students have Part Two pending, and 2 students withdrew following their Part One session. With 142 counseling files having been opened to this point in the academic year, 27% of the counselor's caseload is first time alcohol violation referrals. Roy estimates that about one-third of his total caseload is mandatory referrals from Cowley College Administration due to violations of institutional policies.

Roy informed the team that his retirement is approaching, and that it is advisable that the team consider moving to a new chairperson in advance of his departure. No action was taken on this issue.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Roy Reynolds
Chair – Cowley College Drug and Alcohol Task Force