

Minutes
Cowley College
Drug and Alcohol Task Force
September 2, 2015
9:00 a.m.

Attending: Roy Reynolds, Lea Newman, Jason O'Toole, Landon West, Jim Holloway (ACPD), Shane Larson, Jeff Fluty, Linda Kreutzer, Kristi Shaw, Gage Musson

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the 07/29/2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Area Updates:

Landon reports one alcohol violation in the dorms so far in the Fall, 2015 semester. The student involved has been referred for BASICS.

Lea and Roy have met to discuss the data from National Alcohol Screening Day that might be used in developing a social norms campaign.

Kristi reports that the keynote presentation for orientation, "The Hookup," was well received. Jason provided the following student ratings of the presentation: excellent, 58%; good, 28%; fair, 11%; and poor, 2%. The presentation included prevention components relating to sexual harassment, sexual assault, and alcohol and other drugs, as well as a bystander intervention piece.

Shane reports that random drug testing continues in athletics. The effect of the new conference Letter of Intent rule on athletics department policies and procedures is still unclear.

Updates opportunities for improvement from the current prevention plan:

1. External Review - Hold

2. Review of Annual Notification - Completed

3. Marketing of electronic programs

The team was in agreement that increasing participation in AlcoholEdu is a priority, and that support from administration will be pivotal in making this goal a reality.

4. Increase Participation in NCHA - Hold

5. Social Norms Marketing

In absence of data from the National College Health Assessment (NCHA), which has been placed on hold, data available from National Alcohol Screening Day and

AlcoholEdu will provide a starting point for building a social norms marketing program. The NCHA data can be included when they become available.

6. Random Drug Testing for Scholarship Students – Removed from list

As a result of discussions at the administrative level of the college, this item has been removed from the list of opportunities for improvement.

7. First Year Experience

See “Marketing of electronic programs” above.

New Opportunities for Improvement

Most of this meeting was invested in discussion of developing a supplemental list of opportunities for improvement for the current prevention cycle (calendar years 2015 and 2016). Based upon this discussion, the team is adding at this time:

8. Team meeting with President

The team is wishing to have input from the President regarding his vision for the future of alcohol and other drug prevention at Cowley College.

9. Prepare for cultural changes regarding cannabis

Jason brought up a recent listserv question regarding institutional sanctions for cannabis in light of recent changes, such as legalization in Colorado. Jason reports that some Kansas institutions are moving toward an alcohol stance, while others continue to hold to a “once and out” position. Jim offered that the changing climate has affected hiring practices at ACPD, with required years of abstinence from cannabis being reduced from five years to two. The team was in agreement that further discussion of this issue (and perhaps a relevant objective for the next prevention cycle) is needed.

Next Meeting: TBD – Jason will discuss with Dr. Rittle the team’s request for a meeting to discuss the President’s vision regarding alcohol and other drug prevention. The next meeting will be scheduled based on feedback from the President.

Respectfully submitted

Roy Reynolds

Chair – Cowley College Drug and Alcohol Task Force