

Meeting Minutes
Cowley College
Drug and Alcohol Task Force
December 2, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Attending: Roy Reynolds, Kristi Shaw, Janice Neagle, Sally Palmer, Jeff Fluty, Tom Saia, Landon West, Charles McKown, Mark Phillips, Sue Saia

Tom: Thanks again for hosting this meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

Task Force Membership: No additions to current task force membership were suggested.

Annual notification: Charles reports that the annual notification goes out once per week to all students and/or employees of Cowley College who have not received the notification this academic year.

Biennial Review: No action is required at this time. The next biennial review will take place during the Fall, 2010 semester. Planning for the 2010 biennial review will take place during the Spring, 2010 semester.

2009-2010 screening days: National Depression Screening Day took place on October 8, 2009, with 134 screens being completed. National Alcohol Screening Day is scheduled for April 8, 2010, and the National Eating Disorders Screening Program is scheduled for February 25, 2010.

BASICS: To date, 21 Cowley students have been referred for the BASICS program due to violations of institutional alcohol policies. 15 of these students have attended the first of two sessions, and 11 of the 21 referrals have completed the program.

VP of Student Affairs update: Sue reports that ensuring that students follow through with the referrals for BASICS is challenging. Sue also reported on the BACCHUS prevention conference in Orlando, Florida in November. She noted that the harm reduction approach is the prevailing model in the prevention field. Discussion of the harm reduction model ensued. The team expressed general support for the harm reduction approach. Sue reports that she is working on having a health education specialist intern at Cowley College next academic year. This individual will work part time, and will focus on harm reduction in regard to alcohol and drugs, and in other areas.

Sue also reports that planning is underway to incorporate prevention in the TNT program and in orientation. In addition, Sue has recently submitted a pregnancy prevention grant, and is in the process of providing peer education training to members of the student life team.

Director of Student Life update: Kristi reports that karaoke night was successful, and will be repeated in the Spring, 2010 semester.

ACPD and Cowley security: Eric was unable to attend due to a conflict in his schedule. He sent a report that he will be the K9 handler for ACPD, and that the program is to begin at the first of next year. Eric will be attending a 10 week academy for certification, and will return at the beginning of the summer. He indicates that this will make it a lot easier to schedule the dorm checks.

Task Force documentation: Roy reported to the team that task force documentation is currently available by way of the Student Life Counselor web page. Roy will work with the Director of Web Services to add a link to this documentation by way of the intranet.

Drug testing: There was discussion of drug testing for scholarship students other than athletes. It was suggested that athletes might be surveyed to determine if testing is a deterrent. Sue agreed to take the issue forward to departments to determine if there would be support for such a project.

Student of Concern program: There was discussion of the University of Tampa's Student of Concern program that was presented at the Orlando conference. The University of Tampa has a page on their website where concerned individuals can make reports regarding students' suicidal threats, bizarre behaviors, alcohol and drug use, and so on. The team was in agreement that this would be a good program for Cowley College to have. Roy agreed to take responsibility for moving forward with this project.

Next meeting: The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hall of Fame Room.

Respectfully submitted
Roy Reynolds
Chair - Drug and Alcohol Task Force