



**Drug Free Community Coalition
Meeting Minutes
September 15th, 2009 8-9:30
Buffalo Mtn. Room, County Commons**

Members Present: Susan Westhof, Jannine Walldan, Derek Woodman, Joe Wray, Kathy Davis, Mark Hanschmidt, Bretta Kennedy, Jordan Bailey, Holly Busnardo, Jody Wilson, Susan Welles, Matt Korn, Zulma Fuller, Kris Johnson, Joanna Rybak, Tamara Drangstveit, Jude Mitchell, Don Parsons, Kari Read

The meeting began with welcome and introductions. Kari shared the Dialogue over Dinner flyer with everyone.

Kari then shared that we did not receive the grant from the federal government. Kari will continue to work with the coalition funded part time through another state grant. Kari will continue to look for grants to apply for and asks the coalition and each workgroup to continue their work and make appropriate changes to their plans with this lack of funding.

Workgroups met to discuss their current status and making changes to their next steps and strategies as there is no funding for them right now.

Group 2: Kris Johnson talked about Tips training options including an online training (\$25-\$30), a 2 hr. free training, 4 hr concessions certification training (\$20). The 4hr training is the only one recognized by the courts. It's important to note that the person who is overseeing the event (license holder, town, etc.) can be held liable if a mishap occurs as well as the person who served them their last drink.

Conclusions: Should we vote on what to recommend for policies? Should we send out a survey to see what volunteers think? Should we send a survey to the sponsors of major events, like a push poll, to let them know their liability—like an educational survey? Develop educational materials to inform event sponsors of liability issues and policy issues (these would go to the person who applies for an event license/liquor license)

Next steps: Put recommendations list together for event planners and perhaps policy makers. Group 2 will draft this and the coalition will discuss at next meeting.

Group 3: What's happening at the high school?

- Pre collegiate counselor hired—Molly G. (this is a bilingual program that you have to be First Generation College bound. Students need to have a 2.0 GPA. The program is for middle and high school students and includes a number of camps and weekend workshops for the students)
- Reconnecting Youth has two sections this fall!
- 9th grade transitions class started this fall as well
- Starting a “Why Try” program to follow students from Reconnecting Youth
- Partnership with Monster.com to bring in speakers and workshops for kids to engage in school.
- Now have a mental health counselor on staff
- Octagon group will offer an activity fair to connect kids with something at school
- Community Connections program-trying to expand to the high school. They will take 3 families at a time without our financial help.
- Budweiser motivational speaker program to continue at the high school for homecoming, prom, etc.
- Developing the privilege pass program for kids who are in good standing.

Group 4: This group has put the video project on hold. They have pushed back their timeline to the next semester due to lack of funding and to provide time to seek donations and promote the project.

Marijuana group: This group has decided the emphasis needs to be on education and accurate information distribution. They would like to arrange a meeting with all the providers of medical marijuana to talk about community impact and distributing accurate information to the community.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33.