

# **Toward Responsible Use of Substances Today (TRUST) Coalition Minutes**

February 27, 2007

- Present: Dan Baddorf, Pam Barelmann, Lin Brummels, Curt Frye, Kathy Mohlfeld, Troy Reynolds, Brian Wiese, Brandon Ziska

## **Committee/Workgroup Updates: Education and Information Report:**

- **Alcohol Poisoning Prevention Presentations**
  - to PED 103-06 and -04 this week by Kathy Mohlfeld
  - Peer Education Network gave presentations to GST 110
  - Residence Life staff is organizing alcohol presentations for the halls
  - **Patty Spady**—mother of Sam Spady. Sam was a Colorado State University student from Beatrice, NE who died of alcohol poisoning. Sponsored by the Criminal Justice Association; March 28, 2007 at 4:00 PM in Gardner Hall
  
- **Webinars:** (audio teleconferences with power point slides)

**2:00-3:15 p.m. in the Elkhorn Room** of the Student Center on each of the dates below

**Music Drug Awareness: Rescheduled to Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>.** Music is a powerful way that today's youth are getting messages on how to act and behave in our society, including how to act vis-à-vis alcohol. This session will provide information on current alcohol and drug-related trends in music and discuss how many youth may respond to music messages. Understanding some of these issues will give professionals tools for improving how they communicate with youth.

**Working with Retailers: Self Policing Strategies and Collaborative Initiatives, March 15:** Underage drinking is a complex issue that requires commitment from all stakeholders. In many communities, public health and law enforcement work well together, but retailers are sometimes seen as a reluctant participant, if a participant at all! This presentation will, from the retail perspective, highlight the barriers to gaining participation from the retail community and provide insights into proven ways to increase retail stakeholder involvement and increase self-policing efforts to reduce underage drinking. Participants will also learn strategies for addressing retailers who do not "get on board."

**Alcohol and Crime Among Youth, April 19:** Alcohol use by youths has been linked to delinquent behaviors, such as stealing, engaging in violent behavior and illicit drug use. Research also indicates that early drinkers are more likely than nondrinkers to engage in delinquent behaviors. How strong is this relationship between youth alcohol use and criminal behaviors? Presenters for this call will discuss the relationship between alcohol and crime among youth and provide strategies for preventing alcohol-related criminal activity among youth.

- **Nebraska Collegiate Consortium (NCC) to Reduce High Risk Drinking-**
  - **Web Survey**-went from a very poor response rate (2-3%), to an adequate response rate (WSC had approximately 143 responses, nearly an 18% return rate).
  - only 2 schools (UNK and SECC) got acceptable return rates in the first go around; New schedule:

- **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** students receive letter from Curt Frye describing the survey and encouraging them to complete it
- **February 5-11<sup>th</sup>** students see promotions across campus encouraging them to complete the survey
- **February 5<sup>th</sup>** students receive e-mail with link to survey
- **February 13<sup>th</sup>**-survey set to close (actually closed on 2/19/07)
- **March 6<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Seminar in Lincoln to work with the statistics and strategic plan; Kathy Mohlfeld, Jeff Carstens and Officer Jessica Bolles will be attending.
- The group discussed the problems with email surveys and several ways to address the problem for future surveys.

#### **Neighborhood Relations:**

- No report

#### **Policy and Enforcement:**

- **Wildcat Wheels** – Brian Wiese, Lead Dispatcher
  - 2/1 63 calls/168 passengers
  - 2/8 51/117 bad weather, only 2 cabs ran
  - 2/15 73/172
  - 2/22 57/147
  - Sara Ehlers was hired to be the Lead Dispatcher when Brian graduates
  - Whitnea Cline was hired as a dispatcher.
  - 2 dispatchers still need to be filled, gave out one application
    - Kayla Worner picked up an application
  - Wildcat Wheels mouse pad advertisement now a part of the WSC archives
  - Discussed ways to celebrate the 10,000 rider (at 8,999 now)
  - St. Patrick's Day-two cabs will run

**Social Environment:** Those wanting to participate in this committee, please contact Lin Brummels for more information at 375-7557, or stop by SC 103.

- 2007 Core Alcohol & Drug Survey in progress
- SADD sponsored Safe Spring Break posters across campus
  - Kick Butt's Day-3/28/2007 Noon-3:00 PM upper level cafeteria, giving away 200 CD-R's with WSC smoking social norm

**Upcoming meetings:** Tuesday, April 24 at 4:00 PM in the Bluestem Room

- Check the TRUST Coalition website for minutes of the meetings.  
[http://www.wsc.edu/counseling\\_center/related\\_services/trust\\_coalition/](http://www.wsc.edu/counseling_center/related_services/trust_coalition/)

- Contact the Counseling Center at 402-375-7321 or [wsctrust@hotmail.com](mailto:wsctrust@hotmail.com) if you have any suggestions or concerns for the TRUST Coalition.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.”  
Margaret Mead