

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

March 27, 2007

- Present: Pam Barelmann, Officer Jessica Bolles, Lin Brummels, Jeff Carstens, Curt Frye, Kathy Mohlfeld, Troy Reynolds, Brian Wiese, Brandon Ziska.

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

- **Alcohol Poisoning Prevention Presentations**
 - **Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Gardner Hall**
 - **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, TRUST Coalition, Wildcat Wheels, GAMMA and SADD, see handout. Thank you to Dr. Karsky and Jeremy Polacek for also setting up the 7:00 PM presentation. The WSC athletes are required to attend as part of the CHAMPS/Life skills program. (<http://www.samspadyfoundation.org/>)
- WSC Wellness Fair, 4-12-2007, 10-4 in the Student Center. TRUST Coalition will have a table of information set up.
- **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

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." The focus of this workshop was on large grocery store chains. Contact Kathy Mohlfeld at 375-7321 if you would like the handouts.

Music Drug Awareness: Rescheduled to Tuesday March 27th. 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.

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-
March 6th**, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Seminar in Lincoln to work with the statistics and strategic plan; Kathy Mohlfeld & Jeff Carstens attended this workshop. Contact Kathy Mohlfeld at kamohlf1@wsc.edu to see a **draft** of goals and objectives.

Neighborhood Relations:

- No report

Policy and Enforcement:

- **Surgeon General: Call to Action on Underage Drinking**
<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/topics/underagedrinking/>
- **The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Other Drug Issues-**
Kathy Mohlfeld attend a 3 day workshop in Tulsa over the weekend as the Nebraska representative in the Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri region.
 - 57% of Nebraska colleges/universities are members
 - 1,588 total IHE's
 - See handouts
 - U.S. Department of Education's National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Higher Education-**October 18-21, 2007 in Omaha, NE.**
 - A call for proposals has gone out; contact Kathy Mohlfeld at 402-375-7321 if you would like more information.
<http://higheredcenter.org/natl/2007/>
- **Sober Truth on Preventing (STOP) Underage Drinking Act**-signed by President Bush, but no money appropriated yet
<http://olpa.od.nih.gov/legislation/109/pendinglegislation/stopact.asp>
- **Project Extra Mile**
 - Legislative Bill tracking form
 - 3/8/2007 agenda
 - Liquor Control Commission
 - <http://www.projectextramile.org/index.html>
- **Wildcat Wheels** – Brian Wiese, Lead Dispatcher
 - Whitnea Cline, Kayla Warner and Tyler Weber were hired as dispatchers.
 - 9,592 passengers served since Febr. 2005. Prizes for 10,000th rider discussed.
 - St. Patrick's Night-two cabs, one sponsored by Wayne Fraternal Order of Police, see Stater ad and article
 - Increased student fees proposed by Student Senate (approximately 10 cents/credit hour allotted for Wildcat Wheels)

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

- Outside the Classroom will be offering a social network (like My Space) in the fall of 2007 for non-drinkers. <http://www.outsidetheclassroom.com/>
- 2007 Core Alcohol & Drug Survey in progress-Seniors and Freshman still needed;
http://www.siu.edu/~coreinst/files/survey_forms/Core%20Alcohol%20and%20Drug%20Survey%20Short%20Form%20236019-1.pdf
- SADD is sponsoring:
 - Kick Butt's Day-3/28/2007 Noon-3:00 PM upper level cafeteria, <http://kickbuttsday.org/>; giving away 200 CD-R's with WSC smoking social norm; Chantix Rx information from Student Health

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