

**Toward Responsible Use of Substance Today**  
**(TRUST) Coalition Minutes**  
May 21, 2010

**Present:** Pam Barelman, Jessica Bolles, Sarah Claussen, Megan Franklin, Jason Karsky, Kathy Mohlfeld, Jason Mrsny

**Education and Information Report:**

Save the Date: Department of Education Higher Education AODV Prevention Conference will be October 18-20 near Washington, D.C.

**Nebraska Collegiate Consortium:** “Bridging the Gap: Parents and Prevention”; Presented by Rob Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Kathy Mohlfeld and Dani Lahman attended.

Recommendations by Dr. Turrisi:

Orient parents for the college experience: Dr. Turrisi emphasized the importance of reminding parents that their job as a parent is not done; only that it has changed. Parents have more influence on their college-aged students than they recognize. Parents need to ask students about their daytime and night time activities. Dr. Turrisi’s research indicated that parents’ need to be encouraged to be unique and stand apart from the crowd and say something to intervene in their child’s substance use. They also need to be educated on the positives of communication. Parents’ benefit from communication prompts such as “Does it seem like there is more/less drinking than you expected at college? How so? How is your roommate doing with the party scene? Parents need to discuss their expectations regarding alcohol prior to them arriving on campus, and also periodically after arrival (a couple of weeks in, homecoming, Halloween, fall break, etc.). If drinking is allowed, students should be encouraged to set a drink limit of 1-2 a night.

As for the saying “There’s nothing to do here.” Dr. Turrisi said what they mean is that there is nothing to do that’s better than drinking.

In addition to [thepowerofparents.org](http://thepowerofparents.org), MADD is also working with Dr. Robert Turrisi of Pennsylvania State University to provide a handbook to parents about how to have the conversations about alcohol. The handbook will be available next month and interested parents can sign up on the website today. The handbook has shown to reduce drinking significantly among college students and Dr. Turrisi has adapted it for use among parents of high school students.

WSC currently sends letters to parents about this topic after freshmen registration and prior to the student turning 21. SADD sends postcards to students prior to their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**Wayne Server Training** was held Thursday, May 20 at The Max Again. It was a response to the failed compliance check at The White Dog earlier this year. Bill Melena of the White Dog invited other venues to attend at well. Mikey’s Place shared the handouts with us and also sent their staff. See handouts.

**Policy and Enforcement:**

**On-campus:**

**Wildcat Wheels Safe Ride Program:** Dr. Jason Karsky-survey report indicates that the majority of students surveyed were in favor of running a cab on Wednesday nights. They also reported that they would like to see shorter wait times for cabs or better communication about how long the wait will be with either a text/call to let them know. The pros and cons of various taxi service types were discussed.

**Off-Campus:**

**Wayne County Diversion Program** –no report

**Project Extra Mile (PEM):** no report

The importance of obtaining last drink data was discussed. This has been a key component in the UNL process for dealing with alcohol issues and being successful. It was noted that in Wayne County, if a student refuses to tell the judge, the person can be held in contempt and serve 1-2 days in jail.

UNL and Wesleyan and the Lincoln Police Department have an agreement in which both schools are notified on a monthly basis when students are cited. The Judicial Officer then calls students and the judicial process is started.

**Strategic Planning Process-** Megan Franklin of the NCC was here to assist in the planning process. Please see the College Alcohol Risk Assessment Guide (CARA) at <http://www.higheredcenter.org/files/product/cara.pdf>

Megan reported that UNL is working with Dr. Turrisi to develop a website and will share it with the NCC.

The group looked at WSC's process for dealing with AOD violations, as well as the policies in the student handbook and UNL's policy.

It was noted by the group that knowing more about the Diversion program and County information/statistics would be helpful in this process and have a better result for students.

Megan noted that we might want to consider having formalized leadership and subcommittees. Members thought it would be helpful to have a coalition membership list and branch out from there.

The talked about working with students so that they get the message that we are not here to ruin your fun and at the same time rules still need to be followed. We are here to help prepare students for the future. It was hoped that the incoming Student Senate Pres. and/or VP would work with the TRUST Coalition.

**WSC Alcohol/Drug overdoses reported:**

2006-07 9  
2007-08 4  
2008-09 3  
2009-10 4

Wayne PD has a DataMaster to determine BAC's. Officers are certified to use the machine. Wayne County does their testing at PMC or occasionally at WPD.

**The WSC Counseling Center alcohol evaluations:**

2008-09 26 mix of justice system referrals and referrals by residence life, athletics, personal interest etc.  
2009-10 60 justice system referrals  
\_\_\_\_\_6 referrals by residence life, athletics, personal interest etc.  
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**Alcohol related serious injury/deaths:**

June 2005 male, (sophomore) rural car crash, died, Greek, rugby player (other 2 males in car also died, not WSC students)  
December 2007 male, (senior) suicide, track athlete  
March 2008 car crash near recycling station, female (junior) student paralyzed, male (senior) driver and male, (senior) passenger  
April 2010 rural car crash, 3 freshmen (2 female, 1 male), male was seriously injured  
  
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**Alcohol advertising in student newspaper:**

Fall 2003	\$895
2004	\$4,378.50
2005	\$4,920.00
2006	\$4,722.45
2007	\$3,636.00
2008	\$ 564.00
2009	\$ 794.00
Jan.-March 2010	\$ 234.00

Attendance at Student Activities programs doubled between 2007 to 2008. The numbers continued to increase for 2009. See updated form.

**Where do we draw the line for off-campus (other county, states, countries-study abroad) alcohol violations? How do other campuses handle it?** Kathy asked the question to the NCC listserv and is awaiting responses.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bluestem room.**

\*\*Thank you for all of your work in addressing alcohol and drug issues in our community.

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