

ATTENDANCE

Partners & Proxies: Sue Hage, Tracy Johnson (Proxy for Michelle Foster), Mike Lacy (representing self and proxy for James Lee), Mike O’Neil, Dave Potters, Gig Robinson, Angie Saunders, Brenda Thompson, Andy Whisman (Proxy for Don Chapman), Gary Winter

WVPRC Staff: Kristi Adkins, Jamie Albert, Michele Burnside

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

Notes were reviewed and approved with one correction.

Latrishia Whitelatch’s letter of resignation was read and accepted.

Mike Lacy sent a letter to Governor Tomblin June 27th regarding the status of the WV Partnership. There has been no response. Brenda Thompson read the letter to those present. Lacy met earlier in 2011 with Tomblin regarding the WV Partnership and the *Plan to Address Substance Abuse in WV* (www.prevnet.org/wvpartnership/plan.aspx). Lacy was told Tomblin’s staff would follow up with him.

At the WV Legislature’s Joint Health Committee Meeting July 12, Dave Potters (on behalf of Mike O’Neil) was present to provide an update on the Controlled Substance Advisory Board Workgroup. He received questions, however, about the WV Partnership. Potters provided a WV Partnership overview, mentioned the recent letter to the Governor, noted the WV Prevention Resource Center (WVPRC) has been vital as staff, and emphasized building on what’s already been done.

Potters noted that despite lack of funding and staff after September 30th, 2011, the WV Partnership will remain in existence via Executive Order and active workgroups (Controlled Substances & Underage Drinking Prevention). A meeting of the Communication, Procedures, and Government Affairs (CPGA) workgroup was set for August 31 @ 1 pm @ the WVPRC.

Mike Lacy noted that since the last Partnership meeting, the CPGA workgroup did follow up with the Bureau for Behavioral Health & Health Facilities regarding its new Substance Abuse & Addictions Council. Lacy informed them that he, Brenda Thompson and/or Angie Saunders will participate in the meeting (s) to finalize the council when one is scheduled. Also, Lacy provided the Bureau with a letter indicating the Partnership’s intent to participate in the new council.

Dave Potters, on behalf of the current chair, facilitated the election of officers. Angie Saunders moved to re-elect the current officers (Mike Lacy, Chair; Bill Woodrum, Co-Chair). The motion carried.

Brenda Thompson noted that she can host meetings at the Capitol and provide parking if necessary

Gary Winter provided an Underage Drinking workgroup update:

- The WVPRC was awarded one of the statewide, federally funded Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) grants, which funds the RU21 public service announcement portion of the statewide underage drinking prevention project. This award (\$43,500), which is less than last year and less than requested,

is contingent upon budget revisions to the amount requested on the application. 10/1/11 is the anticipated grant award date.

- Four new PSAs for the upcoming year have been completed.
- The Bureau for Behavior Health and Health Facilities selected Stephanie Southall as part of the WV team that attended the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Underage Drinking Prevention Strategy meeting in Washington DC. Key strategies recommended at the meeting were: stronger regulation of alcohol industry; "Synar" inspections for alcohol; parent/responsible adult education; peer to peer education. The Bureau just released a grant opportunity for "Peer to Peer Education" programs.
- 25 students and adults attended the National Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Conference in Chicago. Stephanie Southall attended the SADD National State Coordinator's Meeting prior to the conference as Co-State SADD Coordinator. Michael Brown from Martinsburg became the 5th WV SADD Student selected to the National SADD Student Leadership Council in the last eight years.
- The State Underage and High Risk Drinking College Conference held at Davis and Elkins College May 17-19, 2011 highlighted these problems on College Campuses throughout the State. Nationally recognized speakers addressed the Conference on a wide variety of topics. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety conducted a workshop detailing a successful project in Huntington WV. They have taken this presentation all over the country as an example of a successful project. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety evaluated the project in Huntington and published its findings. As a result, WV has created a model program that is in the literature.
- Stephanie Southall is presenting at the National EUDL Conference in August. She is part of a team from WV highlighting what we are doing in WV to address underage drinking. She along with Charlotte Blankenship and Gig Robinson of the Alcohol Beverage Control Administration and Larry Kendall who is the other Co-State SADD Coordinator will make the presentation.
- A planning meeting held at Stonewall Jackson State Park to plan the State SADD Conference occurred on July 8-9, 2011.
- The WV Alcohol Beverage Administration, WV State Police, and the Governor's Highway Safety Program met July 14, 2011, in Charleston to plan the upcoming DUI Enforcement Campaign.

Dr. Mike O'Neil provided a Controlled Substance Advisory workgroup update.

- WV is leading the country in shutting down the bath salts issue.
- Legislation was passed this last session.
- Working on a field guide for first responders, health care professionals, poison center regarding bath salts.
- Information about the Take Care Campaign (www.takecarewv.org) is being shared with the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators. We can expect inquiries.
- An RX Take Back Event Toolkit has been added to the Take Care website.