

Minutes - January 9th and 10th, 2005
National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Sunday, AM, January 9, 2005: New Coordinators Meeting

Thank you to Comprehensive Health Education Foundation, the Channing-Bete Company, Discovery Learning, and the Mendez Foundation for their financial support for the January 2005 National Network meeting.

The Network provided a continental breakfast for new coordinators and those participating in the morning meeting.

8:30am – Noon, Meeting: Training was conducted by Jeff Barber, Chair of the Network’s Professional Development Committee, Cynthia Timmons and Kathy Robertson of Region VII Comprehensive Assistance Center, Mona Johnson, Program Supervisor, Office of Supt. of Public Instruction, Olympia, WA, and David Quinlan, USDOE Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

Noon – 1:00pm: Lunch was provided by the National Network. Luncheon keynote speaker was General Arthur Dean, Community Anti-Drugs Coalitions of America (CADCA), Chairman and CEO.

General Dean shared CADCA’s mission and pointed out that CADCA has over 5,000 coalitions nationwide. General Dean reminded attendees of CADCA’s National Leadership Forum that CADCA was expecting around 2300 attendees and will have over 80 workshops. General Dean also pointed out the goals of the National CADCA Institute along with the establishment of the National Coalition Academy in collaboration with the National Guard. General Dean concluded his remarks by addressing the recent positive results of the “Monitoring the Future Survey” data and by sharing the many success stories of coalitions around the country.

The National Network Executive committee presented General Dean with an award for CADCA’s continued support of the SDFSCA coordinators. The award was funded by CHEF.

Sunday, PM, January 9, 2005: National Network Business Meeting

Present per sign-in sheets: Sixty-seven individuals signed in as follows:
Executive Committee members (4), Governor’s Office (16), SEA’s (25), LEA’s (9), Partners (11) and CAPT. (1).

The meeting was convened at 1pm by Susie Roberts (WA GOV), Chair of the National Network.

Susie asked each individual to introduce themselves and share their state, GOV/SEA/LEA role in the Network.

Sue Thau, SDFSCA Legislative Update:

The following are key points noted by Sue as part of her briefing to the Network:

1. SDFSCA is the backbone of drug prevention programs in the nation.
2. School systems should continue to collect data on their programs and share that information with their congressmen.
3. States should send CADCA copies of their data so CADCA can share it with others on the hill.
4. SEA's and LEA's should educate their local officials on their programs and show them how it meets the accountability as required by the SDFSCA.
5. There is a perception on the hill that there is no unified collection effort for the SDFSCA program.
6. USDOE/OSDFS has not implemented the suggestions noted in HR1.
7. SDFSCA funding is in serious trouble.
8. SEA's and LEA's must contact their congressmen and share their programs and outcomes to show that these programs are working.
9. Need to get individuals in your community to e-mail CADCA, so CADCA can forward their e-mail onto their senators and congressmen on the hill.
10. Show in your programs how it helps to improve academic achievement.

Executive Committee Reports:

Denise Fitch, Vice Chair, echoed Sue Thau's statement that we must show how SDFSCA funding is making a difference as it helps to improve academic achievement. Susie and Denise also thanked Sue for all the hard work she does for CADCA and all those supported by the SDFSCA funding.

Minutes Approved:

Clarence Jones asked the members to review the minutes from the June 13-15, 2005, National Network meeting. After the review the minutes were approved with the addition of Mona Johnson and David Quinlan being added to the section for New Coordinators as trainers.

Treasurer's Report:

Lawrence Piper reviewed the financial status of the network. The balance as of December 31, 2004, was \$12,980.63.

501c3 Status:

Janelle Krueger briefed the network on the operational guidelines and the status of the 501c3 application (with handouts). She pointed out the addition of the second Vice Chair as a new position on the Executive Committee. (See attachment C).

Susie talked about the process of obtaining a 501c3 and all the logistics that went into making it happen. The network applied for its 501c3 status in the fall of 2004. The application is still pending. The network voted on and approved the new guidelines and process.

Election of Second Vice Chair:

Jeff Barber, from Indiana, was nominated and elected as the first ever Second Vice Chair as part of the Executive Committee.

Invoice Discussion:

Lawrence Piper discussed the payment of Jerry Kilbert's invoice. He provided the work during the 501c3 process. The membership voted to approve the payment of the invoice.

Committee Changes:

Denise discussed the changes to the National Network committees and the bylaws.

The following committees were eliminated under the new bylaws: Bylaws, 501c3, and UMIRS.

The following committees are now in place: Executive, Membership, Professional Development, Legislative, and Resource Development. These committees were voted on and approved.

Denise Fitch Steps Down as Vice Chair:

Denise's term as Vice Chair ended during this Network meeting. Members of the Executive Committee presented Denise with a beautiful award of excellence for her many years of service to the Network. The award was presented by Julie Peterson of CHEF.

Mona Johnson Elected as New Vice Chair:

Mona Johnson, Washington State SEA, was nominated and elected as the new Vice Chair of the National Network.

Liability Insurance for the Network:

Liability insurance for the Network was discussed since the network has applied for a 501c3. The Executive Committee will review insurance costs and report back to the Network at the next Network meeting.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development Committee: Jeff Barber reported that the committee selected Tracie Kalic to serve as the new chair of the committee.

Resource Development Committee: Penny Traywick (Deavers) will send out formal forms/letters to request funding from different vendors.

Legislative Committee: Denise Fitch will contact membership about how to advocate for the SDFSC program.

Additional Comments:

Mona Johnson, new Vice Chair, reported that there will be a delay in deciding on the June 2005 Network meeting. The Executive Committee is looking into holding the Summer 2005 meeting in conjunction with the OSDFS National Conference. The OSDFS conference is scheduled for August 2005. There will be more information on this in the coming weeks. Mona also asked the membership to think about the following question: How can the National Network connect with organizations such as principal associations, National PTAs/PTSAs, and other educational associations? This will be discussed at the next Network meeting.

The membership was reminded of the Reception that is being hosted by Discovery Education from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. on June 9.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:21pm.

Monday, January 10, 2005, Annual Meeting (Open to All)

Present per sign-in sheet: sixty-five individuals signed in as follows:

Executive Committee (5), Governor's Office (14), SEA's (23), LEA's (10), Partners (9), CAPT (4)

The meeting was convened at 8:25am by Susie Roberts with introductions. Susie then introduced Mr. Bill Modzeleski, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, OSDFS, Department of Education.

Mr. Modzelski made the following points:

1. SDFSC programs need to change because of what is happening in the world today.
2. How do we deal with the changes to come?
 - Plan for change
 - Look down the road
 - We are in this together
3. We must all work together for the same outcome.
4. There will be times when our interests are different.
5. It's going to be a very tough year.
6. August 14-16, 2005, National Safe and Drug-Free Schools Conference.
7. We need to develop model data sets.
8. We need to know how data is being collected and how it is being used.
9. We need to plan regional meetings to answer these questions.
10. Schools are part of the institutional protection plan.
11. Homeland Security wants to set up a process to notify schools of situations that may affect their area.
12. We need to work with OMB.
13. SDFSCA could not show the relationship between funding and the decrease in drug use.
14. We are using YRBS data to show trend.
15. Character education is part of SDFSCA.
16. Waiting for new Secretary of Education to be sworn in.
17. National grants:
 - \$2 million for drug testing
 - \$2 million for evaluation
 - OMB wants to know if drug testing works

Debbie Rudy talked about the following issues:

1. Contact Debbie for information on data grants.
2. Safe School, Healthy Student Grant will continue.
3. Schools that participate in drug testing, test for marijuana and cocaine; steroids are not part of the test.
4. Performance measures are important and must be documented.
5. Uniform data collecting is being looked into, but unable to select one standard.
6. Comp Center for RFP's www.rac-ed.org.
7. Difficult for all to agree on UMIRS requirements.
8. Two individuals from each state should attend data conference and OSDFS will pay for them to attend.
9. OSDFS is going through an internal change.
10. Debbie will look into the OSDFS national conference and getting space for the Network.

Mr. Addison Davis IV, Acting Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, ONDCP, pointed out the following:

1. He thanked the members of the Network on behalf of Mr. John Walters, head of ONDCP.
2. Marijuana use is down; cocaine and heroin use remains about the same.
3. Meth. is racing across the country; the center is around Memphis, Tennessee.
4. Improper use of prescription medication has gone up.
5. Kids are receiving lots of drug use messages from TV, music, and the internet.
6. We need to stop the use of drugs before it starts.
7. ONDCP is making sure that the different agencies are not doing the same programs.
8. Student drug testing is meant to be a deterrence to youth using drugs.
9. About 500 schools nationwide have student drug testing programs.
10. Student drug testing should not be linked to law enforcement.
11. SAP programs are in place at some schools that need help with drug issues.
12. The ONDCP media campaign has been cited as one of the ways that has helped lower drug use with youth.
13. Some of the programs ONDCP supports are:
 - DEA
 - Parent Corps
 - Drug-free work place
 - Boys and Girls Clubs
 - National Guard
14. Giving students a solid foundation in elementary, middle, and high school will prepare youth for the future.

Lunch was on your own.

Issue Discussions

Private School:

- Need guidance on how to deal with private schools.
- LEA's must contact those private schools prior to completion of application.
- If private schools want to use funding, the LEA's must meet with them to develop plans.
- LEA's should check with their special education administrators to see how they support private schools.
- Denise will get interpretation on private school issues from OSDfS and e-mail membership.

Homeland Security (HLS):

- Florida representatives shared how they were using funds from HLS. Florida representatives will send their anti-terrorist policy to Denise to share with network.
- Maryland has developed guidelines to deal with school safety, and all its 131 school systems are required to follow them.

School Security (SRO):

- Many states shared how they used their SRO's.
- Most states use them as part of the school's staff and use SDFSCA funding to support the program.

Gangs:

- Clarence talked about the movement of the gangs in the Northern Virginia region. Most of the gangs arriving in the Washington, DC area are coming from California.
- Melinda Olson talked about female gangs.

Operation Military Kids:

- Mona Johnson briefed the membership on the "Operation Military Kids" program.
- The cooperation between the schools and the military when parents are deployed is an issue that affects many families.
- To learn more about this program, go to www.operationmilitarykids.org.

D.A.R.E.:

- Sue Thau talked about the D.A.R.E. program since the D.A.R.E. representative was ill and not able to attend.
- Sue passed out a handout that describes the new D.A.R.E. program.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Business card exchange.
- Governor's portion discussion; bring items to share.
- Need more Veteran Coordinators at Newcomers meeting.
- Discussion on technical assistance and what states are doing to train their LEA's.
- Westat progress report.
- Have each state bring program descriptions on what they are doing with SDFSCA funding.
- Have each state share how they collect data at the LEA/SEA level.

GVI Security Solutions:

Mr. Bill Alden described how their products could help school divisions with security issues. He passed out materials that described biometric security systems.

The Executive Committee will try to arrange for the next meeting to coincide with the OSDFS National Conference in August. More information on this will be sent to the membership once it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Jones
Secretary, NNSDFSC

Attachments