

Minutes from February 10-11, 2008
National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

SUNDAY, AM, FEBRUARY 10, 2008:

New Coordinator's/Veteran Refresher Training: Training was conducted by Mona Johnson, vice chairman, National Network, Executive Committee, David Quinlan, USDOE, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, and Jeff Barber, chairman, National Network, Executive Committee.

The following items were discussed:

General SDFSC Requirements/Information

Overview of the Principles of Effectiveness

- *Background and History*
- *Practical Approach to the P of E*

SEA and Gov Requirements/Information

- *SEA Role – OSDFS perspective, SEA perspective*
- *LEA Application Process, Title VI Transferability, etc.*
- *Gov Role – OSDFS perspective, Gov perspective*
- *Governor's Program – What's in the Law?*

Rules, Regulations, and Other Issues

- *Gun-Free Schools Act, Pro-Children's Act, Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Protection of Pupil Rights and Amendment (PPRA), Title IX: Private Schools and Unsafe School Choice Option*

Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)

- *What is EDGAR? And how is it used?*
- *Part 76, Part 80*

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars

- *What are the circulars and how are they used?(ex: equipment/meals, etc.)*

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

SUNDAY, PM, FEBRUARY 10, 2008:

Per sign-in sheet: Forty-three individuals signed in as follows: Executive Committee (4), Governor's Office (10), SEAs (21), LEAs (3), Partners (3), and Others (2).

Mr. Jeff Barber, chairman of the National Network, opened the meeting at 1:08PM. Jeff thanked all for coming. Jeff then had everyone introduce themselves by name, state, and position held in their state. Jeff pointed out any changes to the agenda for the conference and meeting.

Minutes Approval:

Clarence Jones asked the members to review the minutes from the July/August 2007 National Network meeting. The minutes were approved following the review.

Treasurer's Report:

Cynthia Timmons shared the treasurer's report and highlighted the following:

→ The budget as of February 2008 is \$ 16,468.45. (See attachment A)

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee (EC):

- Executive Committee continues to stay connected with the OSDFS.
- Executive Committee needs attendees to complete the online survey so they can continue to meet the needs of the attendees.
- Executive Committee will continue to work with CADCA and arrange the Network meeting around the CADCA National Forum.
- Executive Committee discussed the political process on funding issues from Congress as it pertains to Continued Resolution.
- All attendees agreed that the survey online is a good way to go.
- Executive Committee continues to meet monthly, as possible, through conference calls.

ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT AND VICE CHAIR:

Jeff discussed the responsibility of the Chair-Elect and Vice Chair, and then introduced the nominees.

- Nominees for Vice Chair were (1) Michelle Schmitt, Gov, VA and (2) Christy Alonzo, Gov, AZ.
- Nominee for Chair-Elect was: Vern Larsen, SEA, UT.
- Mona Johnson explained the importance of the transition from Chair-Elect to the Chair position.
- Jeff takes nominations from the floor.
- Janelle closed after several members from the floor seconded it.
- Vice-Chair nominee Michelle Schmitt introduced herself.
- Jeff introduced Vice-Chair nominee, Christy Alonzo, since she could not be in attendance.
- Chair-Elect nominee Verne Larsen introduced himself.
- After introductions the voting took place.
- Verne Larsen was voted to the Chair-Elect position.
- Michelle Schmitt was voted to the Vice-Chair position.

Legislative Updates:

Jeff introduced Sue Thau and Kelly Lieupo from CADCA who provided the legislative updates.

Sue provided the following information:

- ◆ OSDFS has not collected the required information to show that the SDFSCA programs are working.
- ◆ We (the Network) need to prove to Congress that the SDFSCA programs do work.

- ◆ SDFSCA program funding started at \$650 million and are now down to only \$300 million nationwide.
- ◆ Sue shared the story of the Congressman from Texas and the situation with the drug named “cheeze”.
- ◆ The Senate/House added more funding to the areas of bullying, gang, and violence prevention.
- ◆ Sue stated that Reauthorization and Appropriation go hand in hand.
- ◆ We need to speak up now or the SDFSCA program will go away.
- ◆ HHS is looking at \$2 billion in cuts.
- ◆ CADCA only sends the alerts out when it is critical, and they need folks to respond to these alerts each time one comes out.
- ◆ We will get an alert before each critical funding by the House/Senate.
- ◆ It is possible that we could get five alerts during the course of a year.
- ◆ This year is the most critical year ever!!
- ◆ CADCA will send out at the bottom of each alert the talking points to show why it is important to respond each time.
- ◆ Sue discussed the competitive grant versus the way the SDFSCA funding is processed now.
- ◆ We need the following stated on board, since their Congressmen are on the Funding Committee: (1) Wisconsin, (2) Iowa, (3) Pennsylvania, and (4) Upstate New York.
- ◆ Instead of calling schools PDS, they will be called Challenge Schools.
- ◆ Jeff stated that some states need to do a little more since their Congressman sits on the committee.
- ◆ Sue stated, “We are the ones that are making a difference.”
- ◆ CHEF has been a champion.
- ◆ Jeff thanked Sue and Kelly for their hard work and support.

NNSDFSC Meeting/Future:

Jeff and Mona lead a discussion on the future of the Network. The following points were noted:

- ◆ The Network needs to be open and bold in their role dealing with advocacy, but not cross the line into lobbying.
- ◆ The Executive Committee needs to post information on advocacy on the NNSDFSC web page.
- ◆ We need to establish a separate committee on advocacy.
- ◆ Mona Johnson volunteered to chair a new committee on advocacy.
- ◆ A motion was taken and seconded to select Mona Johnson as chair of the new Advocacy Committee. There was a 100% approval for her selection.
- ◆ Mona stated that she would work with Dr. Dennis Emery on the bridge between NNSDFSC and the committee for science research (SPR).
- ◆ It was noted that some of our partners from Pride and Mendez are not handcuffed at all to putting our message out, and we should work closely with them on this issue.
- ◆ Several LEAs spoke on what they are doing in their systems and how the smaller school systems are making a difference with very little funding.
- ◆ There was a major discussion on the Network supporting CADCA and their continued support toward the Formula Grants.

- ◆ After a discussion of whether we should do a survey online or vote here at the February meeting, it was decided to vote at the meeting.
- ◆ Vern Larsen placed a motion to give 100% support to the Formula Grants. This was seconded by Peter Shoaf, SEA, from Texas. There were no nays. The motion carried to support CADCA and the Formula Grants.

Generate Questions for OSDFS:

Questions from the following four areas were suggested to be asked the OSDFS when they present at tomorrow's meeting:

- Their thoughts on Reauthorization.
- Gun-Free Schools Act.
- National programs.
- What would the OSDFS model look like with a 15% decrease in funding?

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.

MONDAY, AM, FEBRUARY 11, 2008

Present per sign-in sheet: Forty individuals signed in as follows: Executive Committee (4), Governor's Office (9), SEAs (20), LEAs (2), Partners (3), Other (2).

The meeting convened at 8:38AM with Jeff Barber welcoming everyone to the meeting. Jeff then introduced Mr. Bill Modzeleski from the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools Federal Update:

Mr. Modzeleski presented the following points:

- First he thanked the Executive Committee for their hard work and positive communication between organizations.
- Bill stated that the SDFSCA program is driven by events as much as politics, such as 911, Columbine, Virginia Tech, etc.
- Project Serve can be used for crisis in higher education such as colleges and universities.
- Bill stated that history can trace school violence back to the 1900s.
- FBI, CIA, and Department of Education will continue to look at the history of school shootings.
- Situations faced by colleges and universities are different than those faced by K-12 systems.
- Vendors and contractors working with school systems to assist them in writing their application has caused several problems in the system with the OSDFS.
- Bill stated that he had no idea about Reauthorization at this time. It is likely we will not see Reauthorization during this President's term.
- The 2010 budget probably will be prepared by the next administration.
- State grants were listed at \$100 million; last year it was zeroed out at this time.
- Labor, HHS, and the Department of Education all fit under the same cap. Funding for all comes out of this cap. That is why it is so competitive.

- The role of the SEA if it goes competitive would be to provide training for systems that need training.
- When school systems are awarded a National Grant and the SEA is unaware or not given the chance to give input, it causes a problem.
- PART data is online and individuals can review the data and comment there.
- Bill does not believe any administration will back away from accountability.
- There will be no National Conference in 2008.
- OSDFS did not totally agree with the IG report on PDS.

Bill turned the program over to Paul Kesner from the OSDFS to make the following comments:

- The NNSDFSC should make sure SEA/Gov get together and look at performance measures.
- Need to make public what is going on with the Gov's program.
- SEAs can put information on Gov's programs along with the Consolidated State Report.
- You need to make public the data you have and tell your representative in DC about your programs.
- Has not seen staffing report and some staff positions may not be filled.
- We need to be more specific on the definition of indirect cost. We have one of the lowest at 2%.
- Paul concluded by saying, "We are in a time of change".

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SEA/LEA and Governor's Program:

Concurrent sessions facilitated by OSDFS staff focused on program's specific needs of the two portions of the SDFSC state grants program.

SUCSESSES AND CHALLENGES:

- Co-monitoring w/Government
- Consolidated Monitoring
 - Use of application to resolve compliance issues
 - TA + Compliance Monitoring
- Huge Disparity of Data Gathering
 - Under reporting
 - LEAs not aware of what is going on at school level
- Use of Application Process for Assessment, Monitoring
- Tiered System for Monitoring
- Compliance vs. Program Quality
- Lack of Support for TA – Difficulty Proving It
- Misinterpretation of Data
 - Does data really reflect what is going on?
- Training and Monitoring of Data Collection Systems
 - Needs to be ongoing
 - Affect of staff turnover

- Public Reporting of Data
- Difficulty Comparing LEAs and Schools
- Is Title IV Too Broad?

GOVERNMENTS:

1. *Differences Between Governments and SEA*
 - A. Priority Populations/Needs Assessments/Competitive Granting
 - B. Less Money/Community Collaboration
 - C. Different Number of Grantees
2. *Impact of Data Collection*
 - A. Performance Measures
 - B. Reporting Accurate Data
 - C. Diluted Impact of Statewide Data
3. *Improve Coordination Between Government and SEA*
 - A. Grant Review Participation
 - B. Coordinated Meetings/Committees
 - C. Building Strong Relationships/Partnerships
 - D. Coordinated RFP Development
 - E. Remove Duplication of Efforts
 - F. Coordinated Data Reporting
4. *Dealing/Staff Turnover*
 - A. Political Appointments

CHALLENGES:

- Segregating Data for Priority Populations
- Dissemination of Grant Solicitations
- Public Advertising
 - > Through associations that serve like populations or needs.
- Assisting High Need/Low Capacity Communities

Networking

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Jeff opened a discussion of topics for next meeting:

- Vern presented the idea of the Network piggybacking onto the NPN Conference.
- If conference was held in a different city, would the OSDFS do a teleconference from their offices?
- It was noted that other Title folks travel to other sights to present.
- Jeff and the folks from Indiana offered to host conference in August.
- Mona pointed out that because of Reauthorization we should stay here in the DC area. Future August meetings could be planned elsewhere.

ONDP Priorities Overview:

Dr. Bertha K. Madras
Deputy Director for Demand Reduction
White House Office of National Drug Control Policy

Jeff introduced Dr. Madras.

Dr. Madras made the following points:

- SDFS program is a constant moving target.
- SDFS program deals with many more issues today such as guns, safety, and violence than in past years.
- Young people who use drugs have a higher incidence of dropping out of school.

- Substance Abuse Challenges from Utero to Old Age:
 - Prenatal exposure to drugs
 - Children of drug-using parents
 - Adolescent drug use
 - Adult drug use
 - Department of Labor says \$100 billion lost because of drug use
- How prevalent is drug use in young folks?
 - Starts early and peaks during youth when the brain is not fully developed.
 - 12–17 year olds represent 2.5 million who have used drugs in the past month.
 - Parental involvement is the “key”; drug use is much lower when parents are involved.
 - Prevention messages work.
- Top four drugs in order:
 - Alcohol
 - Tobacco
 - Illegal drugs
 - Marijuana
- Drug use was down 24% between 2001-2007.
- Abuse of prescription drugs is on the rise.
- Places where kids get drugs: home, from doctors, drug dealers, friends, and relatives.
- Drug use is harmful to the developing brain.
- Youth who use marijuana before 17 years of age are 2-5 times more likely to become addicted to other drugs or alcohol.
- Drug use during adolescence will affect drug use in the future by rewiring the brain’s need for it.
- Research says marijuana experimentation in high school leads to adverse effects later on.
- Must teach prevention to students, parents, and community members.
- Random student drug testing is a form of prevention.
- Check out www.GetsmartAboutDrugs.com

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Demand Reduction Programs

Barbara Wetherell

Prevention Programs Manager and Regional Coordinator

HQ Demand Reduction Programs

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

Jeff introduced Barbara Wetherell.

Barbara made the following points:

- Go to www.dea.gov
- DEA Demand Reduction Program
- DEA headquarter's team of prevention specialists use their special skills and knowledge to:
 - Educate the public about the dangers of drugs.
 - Assist other demand reduction practitioners and community groups.
- Why Does DEA Do Demand Reduction?
 - Enforcement is important but can't solve the problem alone.
 - As long as there is a demand for drugs, there will be a supply.
 - Best policy: Prevent people from starting to use drugs (experimenters grow into addicts).
- DEA's law enforcement credibility, insights, and intelligence, when joined with its federal, state, local, and private partners' know-how, will strengthen drug prevention efforts across America.
- www.justthinktwice.com (website for teens)
- Call the Group Supervisor of the special Support Unit of the Division that includes your state.

The next meeting to be scheduled will be in August 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Jones
Secretary, NNSDFSC

NATIONAL NETWORK SIGN-IN

February 10-11, 2008 Meeting

(Those individuals who officially attended National Network Meeting)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PROJECT AREA (SEA/LEA/GOV/Partners)	STATE
Agullana	Rey	GOV	OR
Barber	Jeff	SEA	IN
Bowles	Kathleen	LEA	FL
Cleveland	Sonya	SEA	IN
Connell	Deborah	SEA	NH
Coston	Kelly	SEA	MD
Cundiff	Arlene	SEA	VA
Forster	Brian	GOV	AL
Guess	LaNetra	SEA	KS
Hall	Doug	PRIDE	KY
Iser	Daniel	SEA	PA
Johnson	Mona	SEA	WA
Jones	Clarence	LEA	VA
Krueger	Janelle	SEA	CO
Larsen	Verne	SEA	UT
Leber	Ramona	GOV	WA
Lewis	Lee	GOV	NC
Lewis	Marilyn	SEA	AL
Light	Kinberkt	ED/OSDFS	DC
McGinnis	Linda	SEA	IA
Messich	Peter	LEA	TX
Murdock	Mary	GOV	IN
Noel	Gloria	GOV	DE
Noldon	Margaret	GOV	NY
Norwood	Chris	SEA	MS
Nunez	Shirley	SEA/GOV	PR
Pitcock	Janie	PRIDE	KY
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