

Minutes from July 31 - August 1, 2007  
National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities  
Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC

## TUESDAY, AM, JULY 31, 2007:

**New Coordinator's/Veteran Refresher Training Meeting:** 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)*
- *General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)*
- *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.)*

Note to Remember: (1) States need to have their websites linked to USDOE and the National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities' website.  
(2) Individuals at the local level need to get to know their State and Federal Congressmen and let them know about their programs.

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## **TUESDAY, PM, JULY 31, 2007:**

Per sign-in sheet: Fifty-one individuals signed in as follows: Executive Committee (4), Governor's Office (11), SEAs (26), LEAs (2), Partners (4), and Others (4).

Mr. Jeff Barber, president of the National Network, opened the meeting at 1:13PM. Jeff thanked everyone for coming and shared his lost luggage adventure. Jeff introduced the executive staff and reviewed the changes in the agenda.

### **Minutes Approval:**

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

### **Treasurer's Report:**

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

- The budget as of July/August 2007 is \$15,037.59. (See attachment A)

### **Committee Reports:**

Executive Committee:

- Members of the executive committee have tried to contact Network members in the GOV, SEA, and LEA by several means such as postcards, Listserve, e-mails, phone calls, etc. to keep them informed on issues affecting them and to get their input.
- The February 2008 meeting will piggyback with CADCA. The Network meeting is set for February 9-10, the CADCA meeting is February 11-13, 2008.
- Mona noted that we need to have people volunteer to work on other committees for there is potential for growth with committee work.
- When you see CADCA Alert, please respond and pass information on for others in your state and local areas to respond.
- CADCA is looking for outcome data from each state.
- NNSDFSC gave input to OSDFS for their August 2007 national conference.
- Jeff has added a news page to the NNSDFSC website.
- We all need to look at the OSDFS's website for their Advisory Committee report.  
(NOTE: Advisory Committee was in support for the State Grants program.)

### **Professional Development Committee:**

No Report

### **New Business:**

Jeff talked about the need for individuals to run for the different Executive Committee positions such as chair and vice chair that will be coming up for elections within the next calendar year.

Jeff also talked about the position requirements and what is expected.

## **Old Business:**

No Report

Short Break to set up for teleconference with Sue Thau and Kelly Lieupo.

## **Legislative Update:**

Teleconference with Sue Thau. Jeff introduced Sue Thau and Kelly Lieupo from CADCA who provided the legislative update.

Sue and Kelly provided the following information:

- ◆ For the past two years the President zeroed out the State Grant's portion of the budget.
- ◆ House and Senate marked up their budget to \$300 million for the Senate and \$346 million for the House, but the President's budget for 2008 was \$100 million.
- ◆ A continuing resolution made it \$346 million.
- ◆ Twenty-two individuals died in Texas because of black tar heroin, which is known as "cheeze" on the streets.
- ◆ There were only two programs scheduled to be cut or reduced by Congress, one being the State Grant's portion and the other is called "Reading First".
- ◆ State Grant's portion does not deserve to be cut but to be placed back at original levels.
- ◆ Only 2000 individuals have signed onto the CADCA Alert compared to over 14,000 last year. CADCA would like to have at least 10,000 sign on; this must be done by August 3, 2007.
- ◆ Title I received a \$1.5 billion increase in its funding.
- ◆ States need to report their data to the Secretary of Education.
- ◆ At this point in time, no one has seen wording on the Reauthorization.
- ◆ CADCA is pushing to keep the Governor's portion of the State Grant portion of the SDFSCA.
- ◆ There are some people who do not want to keep the SDFSCA funding because they feel it is not enough money to make a difference.
- ◆ Sue states that it has been a pleasure to work with the National Network Executive Committee.
- ◆ Jeff thanked Sue, David, and Kelly for their outstanding support.
- ◆ Network members will get additional individuals to sign on to the CADCA Alert at the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools National Conference.

## **BREAK**

### **Generate Questions for OSDFS:**

The following questions or comments were obtained from the networking session to ask members of the OSDFS on August 1, 2007, when they did their presentations:

- Reauthorization of NCLB – Any sense of whether this may occur under the current administration or after the next election?
- What are OSDFS recommendations regarding reauthorization – Update from the February 2007 report?

- Please provide an update on the RePARTing of SDFSC.
- Please provide an update on FY2008 funding for State Grants.
- Update on UMIRS performance indicators – Westat’s work (next step).
- What are your thoughts regarding the Advisory Council report recommendations, and what actions will be taken?
- What are the timelines for monitoring the GOV and SEA programs, and what will be the focus of the monitoring?
- Please provide an update on Persistently Dangerous Schools and the newly authorized discretionary grant program.
- Please give us an overview of SERV grants and the criteria for application.
- What are OSDFS’s contingency plans if the Governor’s program does not continue to be funded?
- How can the NNSDFSC continue to work effectively with OSDFS?
- What are your thoughts about an effective Governor’s program?
- Please provide an update on the national/discretionary grant programs and an overview of the structure of the management of the national grant programs.
- Please provide an update on current data available on national/discretionary program’s effectiveness.
- If funding levels of state grants continue to diminish, what national/discretionary grants will be available for SEAs?
- Is there a Title IV legal counsel as there are for other Title programs? Is so, who?
- If SEAs would not distribute funds to 100% of the LEAs in their state, what does the department foresee regarding distribution to LEAs, if any?

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007**

Present per sign-in sheet: Forty-one individuals signed in as follows: Executive Committee (4), Governor’s Office (7), SEAs (22), LEAs (2), Partners (3), Other (3).

The meeting convened at 8:45AM with Jeff Barber welcoming everyone to the meeting. Jeff introduced Paul Kessea from the OSDFS.

Paul presented updates and responded to questions by providing the following information:

- First Paul had everyone introduce themselves.
- Paul then introduced the OSDFS team in attendance.
- Last year we had the continuing resolution: House \$346 million  
Senate \$300 million
- \$346 million is the smallest we need to go!!!
- Congress will recess at the end of August, and the budget should be set by then.

- Reauthorization has not happened yet.
- Paul was impressed with the quality of tracking the National Network was providing to the attendees.
- Paul would like to see the OSDFS's data folks come to the Networking meetings.
- It would be nice to see how the data folks used the data collected from the states.
- Data folks are doing a pilot test in nine states.
- Will have four regional meetings to discuss data sets and where to go from here.
- It is not good when we report \$50-\$60 million back to Congress that is not spent.
- Spend your money!!
- States had five years to spend SDFSCA funding; it will be reduced to eighteen months and after eighteen months there will be no reimbursement.
- OSDFS wants to have a better sense of what is happening at the state level. They will be meeting more with SEAs.
- SEAs need to let OSDFS know how they can help turn funding around better.
- Only 46 schools nationwide were considered Persistently Dangerous Schools (PDS).
- Applications to assist PDS were done August 8, 2007.
- Grants for PDS must be competitive.
- PDS grants can be used at the LEA level in individual schools or district wide.
- There are only 13-14 LEAs that have PDS.
- Grant funding for PDS was \$8.6 million.
- Each state sets up their own level for PDS, some three years, others two years.
- Some states have a watch list for PDS.
- There needs to be a consistent minimal definition on PDS across the nation.
- The label of PDS is very hard on a principal, school, and county reputation.
- There is a \$10 million pool of money for the SERVE Grant.
- There needs to be a peer review for the SERVE Grant.
- LEAs can apply for up to \$50,000.
- Examples of how the grant could be used: 911 or the DC sniper shooting.
- Congress will continue to fund this grant.
- Governor's programs are not in jeopardy prior to Reauthorization.
- How does one measure the effectiveness of the governor's program?
- The last study on the Government program was in 2001.
- GOV program looks like it will still be around in some form in the future.
- OSDFS values what is going on with the GOV programs.
- Beauty of the GOV program is that it supports the SEA.
- Glad to see more GOV individuals at the Network meeting.
- Safe Schools Healthy Student is a long-term grant that has support in Congress.
- The NNSDFSC has been very effective in that:
  - A. OSDFS can call upon them for assistance such as speaking to the OSDFS Advisory Board
  - B. Training of new coordinators

- C. Keeping open the communication on what the Network needs from OSDFS, and how they can help.
- D. Relationship between OSDFS and NNSDFSC has greatly improved over the past 2-5 years.

Paul's final statement was "Spend your money, but spend it correctly!!"

Jeff thanked Paul and the OSDFS for their support.

## **BREAK**

### **Overview of SAMHSA's New National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP)**

Jeff introduced Dr. Kevin D. Hennessy, Science to Service Coordinator, Office of Policy, Programs and Budget, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Dr. Richard Finkbiner, Technical Director for NREPP, MANILA Consulting Group, McLean, Virginia.

Dr. Hennessy provided the following information:

- Developed the website to provide the tools to make better decisions on how to select evidence-based programs.
- Reviewed the history of model programs and how individuals selected them.
- Reviewed the new website to include:
  - ◆ Decision support tool
  - ◆ SAMHSA does not approve, recommend, or endorse any program listed
  - ◆ Policy makers should not rely solely on NREPP ratings for funding or approving interventions
- ALL intervention on registry were submitted by the developer.
- NREPP is a good place to start when looking for intervention programs.
- Check out [www.NREPP.SAMHSA.GOV](http://www.NREPP.SAMHSA.GOV).
- This tool is designed to empower those who use it. It is an outcome-based system.
- Two reviews at the doctoral level is used to review, rate, and decide on if it's outcome and programs can be put on the registry.
- Each program has its own review sheet along with specific criteria for individuals to consider, including a grading report on a scale of 0-40.
- Site contains a complete list of contractors and reviewers.
- A section for questions that you may want to ask the developer is provided.
- Details on how to submit an intervention program to NREPP is available.
- Discussion of Legacy programs to include:
  - A. Programs under old website
  - B. 86 programs listed
  - C. Old programs can be found under the Resource section

- NREPP website labels more programs as interventions and not much as prevention.
- There was a big discussion on Intervention vs. Prevention.

## LUNCH

### **Progress and Priorities in Drug Abuse and Addiction Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse**

Jeff introduced Dr. Gayathri J. Dowling, Deputy Chief, Science Policy Branch, National Institute for Drug Abuse.

Dr. Dowling stated the following: Drug abuse comes in four areas:

- A. Medical
  - B. Social
  - C. Economic
  - D. Addiction
- For the past five years, drug use has been down.
  - Biggest concern is painkillers such as Vicoden and Oxycotin.
  - There is a big concern over Meth use, and how it is spreading across the USA.
  - Addiction is:
    - A. Preventable
    - B. Treatable
    - C. Biological
    - D. If untreated, can last a lifetime
  - Drugs taken over a long period of time can change the physical structure of the cells in the brain.
  - Memory and learning are affected by drug abuse.
  - Priority areas for NIDA:
    1. Prevention
    2. TX
    3. HIV
  - Research is continuing on why some folks become addicts and some do not.
  - Drug addiction is a chronic illness.

Jeff thanked Dr. Dowling for the presentation.

The next NNSDFSC meeting is scheduled for February 9-10 in conjunction with the CADCA National Forum. Possible items for discussion are:

- √ EDEN Update
- √ Panel presentation discussion regarding legislation/reauthorization (including NASB, NASADAD, NPN, CCSO, CSAP/SAMSHA, AAES-Admin. Assn. of School Execs, OJJDP)

- √ Connection with NPN – joint meeting
- √ Network of School Psychologists, Nurses and Counselors – Update
- √ Information Sharing Carousel – Table Sharing on Topics (Kathleen Bowles, Kathy Ellis, Jeff Soder)
  - ⇒ Waiver Examples
  - ⇒ Applications
  - ⇒ Monitoring
  - ⇒ GOV vs. SEA similarities/differences
  - ⇒ Grant review process
- Best Practices – How to handle
- OJJDP Update
- OSDFS Organizational Flow Chart and Grant Application Dates
- Acronyms List – Need to update
- SEA/LEA GOV Panel re: how to work together (Florida)
- Submission Details to/for NREPP – What is exact process for application?
- OSDFS Recent Monitoring
  - ⇒ Share experience with group
  - ⇒ Learn what OSDFS will want to cover/discuss
- Time with OSDFS Program/Project Supervisors
- Placeholder to discuss what might be new regarding reauthorization – An expert to share and/or group discussion
- Library of Congress – Thomas website; Orientation to this is [www.thomas.loc.gov](http://www.thomas.loc.gov)
- Future of the Network
- CTC Training Implementation through CAPTS
- Monitoring regarding Safety Plans (LEAs – How and Details)
- Standardization of pieces of the work that we do (Application , Monitoring, etc.)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Jones  
Secretary, NNSDFSC

**NATIONAL NETWORK  
SIGN-IN**

July 31 and August 1, 2007

(Those individuals who officially attended National Network Meeting)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE
Alonzo	Christy	AZ
Agullana	Rey	OR
Barber	Jeff	IN
Bowles	Kathleen	FL
Bryant	Mike	Discovery
Burkholder	Joanne	VA
Cundiff	Arlene	VA
Dickerson	Cincy	FL
Ellis	Kathy	MS
Forster	Brian	AL
Hall	Scott	OR
Hermansen	Joy	OK
Holmes	Albert	FL
Ingram	Valoria	NC
Iser	Dan	PA
Johnson	Mona	WA
Jones	Clarence	VA
Jones	Gayle	OK
Krueger	Janelle	CO
Larsen	Verne	UT
Lewis	Lee	NC
McBride	Yvonne	SC
McDaniel	Faye	NC
McLelland	Janet	MO
Milton	Tonya	FL
Macha	Dennis	TX
Pearlman	Barbara	MD
Pfister	Gary	MT
Pitcock	Janie	KY
Queen	James	WA
Reeves	Ben	UT
Rolfe	Meredith	CA
Rumenik	Brooks	FL
Sanders	Mack	OH
Shoaf	Elvis	TX
Shropshire	Kim	NC

Singleton	Pete	MD
Snyder	Andy	VT
Soder	Jeff	WA
Stalvey	Rendel	Mendez
Sumnicht	Gary	WI
Thompson	Dixie	HI
Timmons	Cynthia	OK
Traywick	Penny	AL
Warren	Terry	MS
Washington	Joyce	CO
Watson	Marilyn	GA