

*National Network
for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities*

Minutes - October 21, 1996

IASA Conference - San Francisco, California

Denise Fitch - Host Chair

Attendees:

Chris McIntier	Arizona Department of Education
Loretta Riggans	United States Department of Education
Gus Dalis	Los Angeles County Office of Education
Dave Lee	North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
Kendyl Ko	Hawaii State Department of Education
Greg Wolfe	California Department of Education California Department
Karen Lowrey	California Department of Education
Gerald Kilbert	California Department of Education
Susie Roberts	Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development
James Ball	New Mexico Department of Education
Paul Soumokil	Wyoming Department of Education
Spencer Sartorius	Montana Office of Public Instruction
Debbie Rudy	United States Department of Education
Tia Pennell	Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development
David Cleveland	Telesis Corporation
Denise Fitch	Washington Department of Education
Peggy Holstedt	Oregon Department of Education
Cathy Kendall	Montana Board of Crime Control
Lew Whitney	Northwest Education Lab 101 SW Main S1. Ste 500 Portland, Oregon
Mary Weaver	California Department of Education
Elayne McCarthy	United States Department of Education
Bill Modzeleski	United States Department of Education
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The October 21, 1996 meeting of the National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities was opened by Denise Fitch. The following items were discussed:

- the purpose of the Network
- the draft by-laws, with comments to be forwarded to Cathleen Olson at the Arizona Department of Education (ADE)
- CADCA meeting in Washington DC on November 13-16
- SDFSC National Network meeting at the IASA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on November 20, 1996
- Nomination forms for officers to be elected at the January 26 and 27, 1997 meeting in Washington DC.
- What the new Network should look like
- Survey to be sent out concerning collection of information from all states and territories on what SDFSC dollars were spent on in 1995-96 and 1996-97 and results (outcome measures). This information will be compiled into a report to be used to answer questions posed by legislators about the SDFSC Program etc.
- Examples of model programs funded by SDFSC dollars from SEA and GOV. reps. to be sent to Cathleen Olson and placed in a repository for easy access by USDE and others.

Input from Bill Modzeleski:

The Network has an unofficial working relationship with USDE.

Reasons to work together include:

1. get information
2. coordination
3. outreach

The organization helps members do more. We are entering a time of change. Programs must be outcomes based, performance based. Congress wants to know about the effectiveness of the SDFSC Program and how drug abuse is being affected in the nation because of it.

Several states had performance indicators in their consolidated plans that were not accepted. Accountability and performance are the guiding principles.

Information sharing should not be a one-way street. Bill hopes the Network will have ways to share ideas with SEAs, Gov. Reps and local communities as well as with USDE. OMB prohibits USDE from contacting more than 9 states concerning requests from Congress. Informally, states can do more. Bill would like to use the network as a communication link. The Network could help Bill determine what kinds of summaries, surveys, etc. are important to get out to the states. An example is the announcement of the recent discretionary grants that were funded. Bill does not have the staff to get this information out to all the states. He would like to do this electronically. Bill requested everyone's e-mail address. Debbie Rudy is working on the SDFSC Home Page updates.

Bill will speak to the entire conference on the budget tomorrow.

General McCaffrey will be in California to campaign against Prop 215 on Mon., Tues., and Wed. If passed Federal courts will probably stop it. SDFSC is concerned about how this affects kids.

The GAO Telephone Survey Report is due March 1997. This is a second effort. GAO is a congressional agency not an executive branch agency. USDE has worked better on some efforts with GAO. A New Hampshire review was done by GAO on a non-SDFSC drug program that had gotten negative attention and the report came out good. It is uncertain whether the report will be shared publicly.

SHARING:

Schoolwide Planning for Title I schools. How do we get district dollars to the school level? Keep SDFSC in the forefront of the schoolwide plan. Look at the comprehensive needs of the child when writing the school wide plans!

There was a lot of general interest in participating in the National Network for SDFSC.

The meeting adjourned.