

National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools Annual Meeting

January 7,8, 2001

Westin Grand Hotel, Washington DC

Sunday, January 7, 2001

Members in attendance include:

Denise Fitch, SEA, WA	Susie Roberts, Gov. WA	John Hughes, SEA, WA
Penny Deavers, Retired, LA	Cathleen Olson, AZ	Julie Peterson, CHEF, WA
Spencer Sartorius, SEA, MT	Cynthia Timmons, CAPT, OK	Paul Soumokil, SEA, WY
Lawrence Piper, Gov., OR	Gus Dallas, Comp. Ctr. CA	Verne Larson, SEA, UT
Janelle Krueger, SEA, CO	KayBeth Stavley, SEA, TX	

Jerry opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Reminded group about payment for meeting – collected by Penny Deavers (treas)

Need to update master list of coordinators.

Review of agenda.

Jerry announced that this would probably be his last meeting due to his retirement.

Introductions

No minutes to review.

Treasurer's Report: Penny will have a fax available for the next meeting for registrations.

Penny reviewed the treasurer's report. Budget shows a balance of \$7163.08.

Task List Update:

Jerry – Setting up Web Page.

Intent was to share forms and best practices. Several notices given to share information. Jerry did not get much response. Comments from the field indicated that they use coordinators from state coordinators from nearby states. Jerry re-thinking the need for a web site. Jerry asked the group if they would like to drop the web site. Ian said he would volunteer to link the web sites. Spencer recommended that people utilize the CCSSO state web sites.

Status of Mentor program: Jerry said that people are accessing other current coordinators. There is no need to formalize the mentors. It seems to happen at the meetings through the networking.

Grant Application: Cathleen Olson

It was discussed in June. Came up with a draft budget. She recommends that we pursue the Coca-Cola Company. This would allow an office and a person in DC as well as a secretary to deal with SDFSC issues. This person would work the hill as well as provide training and TA to states. Request is \$250,000 per year for 3 years. Question was asked about linking with

CADCA for office space. Robert Wood Johnson may be another possibility for funding. The information was in the email that was sent by David Quinlin. Gus recommended that perhaps coordination with the SEA and Gov. person in Georgia.

It was recommended that Cathleen make applications to the above-mentioned entities. Jerry reminded the group that letters of support might be needed in order for any application to be successful.

School Recognition Program – Paul Soumokil

USDE subcontracted with DIR to review Recognition Program. They are looking at the program as well as two other states to review the goals and objectives of the programs, the process and the timelines to determine the feasibility of the program. Final report went from DIR to USDE. The most important part was the timeline that was pretty unreasonable. Paul asked USDE when the program would be up and running. He said that USDE wasn't sure that the program would be up and running considering the new administration.

Ian said that he talked to Debra Newell, who was from one of the panels. He said that Debra also conveyed that the program was on hold. There is currently no status with the recognition program; schools have to pay their own way to the recognition ceremony. Spencer talked about the fact that there was more of a commitment from the USDE early on in the program.

Sue Thau from CADCA and Julie Peterson from the Comprehensive Health Education Foundation talked about SDFSC. Passed out a sign-on letter for reauthorization. Last session Senator DeWine of Ohio sponsored a bill that represented the bill that the National Network proposed. The bill had bipartisan support. Talked about the fact that Hope DeWine is an ardent supporter of this program. 7 years ago the program was also under the gun. Current thinking with the new administration is for block granting the funds. Concerns and current thinking is that schools will only spend the funds on programs that will impact test scores. Sue said that Connecticut is critical. Lieberman is behind the block grant bill. Conservative Democrats are behind the block grant as well. Liberal D's are the ones on the committee. The conservative D's are going to have a tremendous amount of power. They will propose transferability – meaning that they could use Title IV funds for things other than its intended purpose, with no penalty. States such as MA, CT, are critical. There is a view in congress that after school programs will solve the problem. The best that we are going to do is S2 (DeWine bill). Bush came out with a statement on SDFSC. The program has had some problems, but the program needs to be strengthened and recommended that \$100 million be added to the program.

ESEA reauthorization is the FIRST piece of legislation that Bush is going to bring forward. Heritage foundation folks are writing the current reauthorization bill. DeWine may be dropping the S2 bill as a placeholder. Other key points drug-use has dropped off and is it really time to reduce the emphasis on drug and violence prevention.

Sue has taken the information collected on outcomes for the programs to the hill. Information on outcomes is what counts. Get it to Sue Thau ASAP. Time is of the essence. If you have new information, send her the new stuff. She wants as many sign-ons to the letter as possible. OH, VT, CA, TX have provided updated success stories with quantifiable data to update the information that Sue shares with the hill.

Questions:

What do you think the timeline for implementation of ESEA. The message is that we as a national network fought for S2 (DeWine bill). There were also other entities that supported S2. They are retooling the 3R's bill as we speak. They are going to get as many people as possible to sign onto S2. The debate is starting now. There is currently a lot of work being done on the block grant. Currently we are looking at the possibility of October 2002 as a beginning of these block grants.

Denise talked about the fact that we, as program coordinators need to make sure that we make the linkage between these programs and the academic success of students.

CASA did a report that looked at rural substance use issues. Rural areas don't have the structure to provide a large amount of services.

Cynthia Timmons shared that information from WA, KT, and __ regarding SAP. Bill M. had information shared with him that SAP's are not effective.

Sue said that we need to make sure that we provide solid quantifiable evidence to congress. People will listen to us, only if we have quantifiable.

Julie talked about the fact that the USDE does not appear to support this program. She emphasized that we need to make sure that Sue has GOOD information from the local level so that when she goes to the hill she has information from the local level, not just from the state agencies.

There was a concern voiced regarding the National competitive programs that apprise 31% of the budget. Sue has been sharing information regarding the fact that the money that goes to national grant program recipients is temporary. Bill does not appear to support the state programs, and is an ardent supporter of these temporary national programs.

You must tie a specific program to data. It has to be very specific and state what influenced the data. What was the program used and how did you get the measurements. Information that is shared with Sue to use MUST show the linkage.

John Hughes asked whether or not state superintendents are supportive of block granting.

When most of these programs started they were block grants or funded without many requirements. What happened, was that the funds were not used for their intended purpose.

Sue said that we need to keep our eyes on the prize and make sure that we work hard to protect this program.

Gus said that we need to look at how we define "education".

Is there anything that we can move the arguments for supporting the program. We need to let congress know that we are aware of the shortcomings and that S2 does increase the level of accountability.

Any sense of the history of the new secretary? Sue said he has done a lot with violence prevention. Sue said that DeWine is going to meet with the new secretary and share information on this program. KayBeth from TX shared that he has been supportive of SDFSC. Ann Clark from Houston SD said that some of his schools have received National recognition for their SDFSC programming as well as national grants.

Joel stated that he is supportive of using Ann Clark to chat with the new Secretary and keep reminding him of the importance of this program. We need to look at those people who the people in power trust to share information with them.

In the state of FL, they have a drug czar that was brought in by Jeb Bush. If these are truly important people, there needs to be some work done with these people in order to have them support this program.

Break!

Jerry shared information on the letter that he constructed. Jerry will email that letter to all participants. Sue mentioned that some of the email addresses are incorrect. It is important that for those people not in attendance make sure to check with Jerry regarding correct email addresses.

Spencer asked a general question about Block Grants and whether or not the National Administrators associations support block grants. Sue said that when S2 was proposed none of the Ed assoc. signed on except the School Counselors assoc. Julie talked to their lobbyists for the associations last year, and they weren't interested in this specific issue.

John Hughes suggested that maybe we need to mobilize around the substance abuse issues. Sue talked about the fact that there are more teenagers now than there were in the 80's and that numbers are still unacceptably high for drug use.

Block Grants – Regan years – That administration block granted programs and cut them 25%.

To do list:

- Title IV of S2 is the best we are going to do. DeWine (R-Ohio), Dodd (D-Connecticut) prime sponsors of the bills.

Allowable Activities of Title IV needs to be strengthened and clarified.

S2/106th congress is the old bill and is dead.

Sue will email S2 to all of the people on the list.

Susie, Julie and Denise will do a side by side looking at current law and S2.

Make sure that the directory is updated.

- Need to build some base in your agency regarding S2 and this program. Work with Gov.'s rep and SEA on this program. Be strong about issue.
- Work with your sheriff's and police chiefs unions and associations as well as community organizations.
- Take the letter and get it out to your LEA's and get them to sign onto it. Jerry took the in his state and emphasized that you can educate and communicate with people. Work with all lead agencies/Gov.'s portions.

Susie Roberts said that when you educate, that if block grants may come to pass, that you ask that they *exempt* SDFSC from that block grant.

- Sue Thau and Julie said that if you are in DC for any kind of meeting, that you make an appointment with your congresspersons and share information on this program. Invite Sue to attend with you.
- Communicate with field office staff for congresspersons.

List of targeted congressional folks.

- Texas
- CT – Dodd and Leiberman
- MA – Kennedy
- OH – DeWine
- MN – Wellstone
- NH –Judd Gregg
- VT – Jeffords
- IN – Evan Baya
- PA – Specter
- DE – Castle

We will send the committee assignment lists out as soon as we get it to the network.

Need to look at the sponsors of the 3R's bill to see who we are up against. We need to share information with them about these programs.

Julie said that the associations need to have the SDFSC issue in the top 3 or it isn't really lobbied for. They may support it, but don't spend capital on it.

Janelle mentioned that the Gov. folks, who are new, might not know about SDFSC program. They may not be aware that their state may lose millions through the Gov.'s portion. Need to educate those new folks.

- Need success stories about the impact of the Comprehensive Centers and their assistance with Title IV programs. Sandra from Region 4. Gus and Sandra will collect success stories from the CAC's.

Eva brought up the fact that several of the CAC's that are actively involved with SDFSC. There were questions regarding support of Cacaos and SDFSC and SDFSC for Cacaos.

Phil and Marcia will take the lead to pull together success stories for the CAC's.

Spencer talked about the different centers and the priorities as they are set individually for each center. The center for the western states does not do anything currently for Title IV.

Janelle talked about informing the CAPT centers about reauthorization. Janelle will follow up with Mike Lowther regarding whom to talk to about these issues through their network.

Information that needs to get to Sue must include: **KEEP IT TO ONE PAGE**

- Data/Outcomes
- Program Description
- Funding level

Sue will send to Jerry for distribution a format for the information.

The Rural Initiative is in appropriations and has passed. There is a provision in the initiative that allows funds from Title IV into Title II and Title VI. If you have less than 600 units of Average Daily Attendance, schools can roll their money together. There is not any discussion about accountability outcomes based on program funds that are rolled together.

Julie will get a copy to share of that bill.

Phil asked if in the new formats is there something that is going to protect the goals and initiatives that we have worked hard on within SDFSC. That is the key. All of the alternatives being given to people to push their \$ together. Such as school-wides, the rural initiative, ed.-flex, etc. That is why it is important that we get Title IV out of the block grant proposal.

Presentation by Greg Fox Jr. of Syndistar. Presented information on their company and the materials that they have developed on designer drugs, etc.

Cynthia Timmons talked about the New Coordinators trainings. USDE will not be able to provide those trainings at each of the IASA conferences, but adding instead a meeting with their USDE representative, instead of official training. The new coordinator trainings will be connected to the National Network meetings in January and June.

Integrated Reviews – Spencer shared that the states that were scheduled for review – focus being “low performing schools”: He said he asked the question to USDE about the relationship between low performing schools and Title IV. All states are now on hold. West Virginia is now scheduled for an integrated review and Bill Moduleski and Debbie Rudy are going to lead their team.

Because of Spencer’s promotion, Denise is now lead for the Integrated Review subcommittee Tracy Kalic from Kansas will now be part of that subcommittee.

Draft Questions for Bill and Debbie:

- Status of list of research-based programs/status of expert panel recommendations.
- Status on integrated reviews/audits. Is Title IV part of “low performing schools”.
- Role of the CC’s in integrated review.
- Explain what happens re: budget for 2002-03.
- Will they be having the yearly drug-free meeting in June?
- Can reauthorization, if passed in the near future, impact our funding for 2001-2002?
- Web Page not very easy to navigate to find grant information.
- Will a Bush Administration impact the USDE staff?
- Will they put the year-end report on the web?
- Any commitment on the recognition program?
- What is the strategy to insure that the issue of safe and drug-free schools survives and thrives with the new administration and in reauthorization? What can we do to help you?
- What is the status of the USDE reauthorization request from last session? Does it look the same as the last time?
- Needs assessment – The questions were not worded the same as on the YRBS in the year-end report.
- Is the USDE going to use National data instead of state data?
- Missing data adds fuel to the argument that the program is ineffective.

Spencer's question of USDE/Bill:

If I am a director, like most of you are or a program manager, my question is, it would be nice if that person who is the program manager at the national level, attend the entire national network meeting.

Recommended that someone find out what happens at the Title I meetings and conferences – Does Mary Jean attend the whole meeting?

Election of secretary – Nominations:

- Janelle Krueger – CO

Moved and seconded the nominee. Unanimous affirmative vote.

Cathleen Olson and Jerry Kilbert presented with a gift of appreciation for her work as secretary of the National Network.

Jerry appointed Ian Newhart from Florida as the President of the Network though Jerry's term due to his retirement.

Lauren Camphausen from Delaware helped revise the BI-laws for the Network. The group Section VII was passed with amendments. Section VIII passed. Section V, B 4,. passed with amendments. Section V, B 5, passed with amendments. IV, A. passed. V, A passed with amendments. Section IV,B was struck by unanimous vote.

Jerry shared the book covers that were sent unsolicited by Philip Morris to schools. They are very questionable in their message. The experts in advertising said that kids don't read "don't". Theme is "Think – don't smoke. What kids who are dyslexic will see is think – smoke. If you can make a school NOT use these, that would be a positive message to Phillip Morris. www.tobacco.org will get you to the web site where you can order copies of the book covers.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 5:20 p.m.

Monday, January 8, 2001

Jerry introduced Bill Moduleski

Bill updated the group on Elayne McCarthy's condition and thanked the group on behalf of her family for the cards that have been sent.

Bill said that he does not know what is going to happen with the new administration with regard to SDFSC. He talked about the

Rumor number 1 – Administration coming in has a block grant proposal coming in. 5 silos. Collapsing 53 programs into the 5 categories. Form Bill's perspective and others, we have not heard from anyone about this, he has read the reports, but nobody has really seen what his actually is. Bill said that on paper it looks good to the administration to block grant, but in reality how does it play out. What is rumor and what is reality? You never really know how it is going to look when it comes to a finished product.

Traditionally, the USDE takes a cautious and slow approach to legislation and then legislation is circulated to OMB and the hill. Shortly after Jan 20, a bill will be sent to the hill. He doesn't know if it is reauthorization or a new bill.

He emphasized that it takes time to get a bill through congress. The split Senate has decided to share power.

Caution: Don't set back and be complacent about your programs. That we may be looking at change. Change is coming. He doesn't see our Ed programs continuing along the same path. What he sees happening, is that he sees D's and R's saying that change is necessary.

We have (admin) to wait and see where the admin. Comes out on this. They will support whatever legislation comes out. They will put it out on the list serve. You will have to make some decisions about what to do with those decisions. The Pres. Elect met with Gov's from throughout the nation over the weekend. You have to exercise whatever rights you have. It is worthwhile to get the big picture before jumping on.

How does the staffing for SDFSC work in light of the election? Some are political appointees. Some have already left. Bill and Debbie are not political appointees. Bill is in a management position and can be moved at the will of the admin.

The secretary may be confirmed by the senate prior to the inauguration. Means that you will have one administration official rather than many in the department. Dept. probably won't be fully staffed for at up to 8 months.

Mary Jean Latondre, director of Title 1, is retiring as of Monday or Tuesday of this week.

Bill said that there are 2 competing bills regarding the block granting. Leiberman has a bill as well that looks very similar to the Bush bill. Bill will forward a paper from Checker that looks at what needs to be changed in reauthorization. This paper came out prior to the election. The paper has 5 silos as well, and SDFSC is not mentioned. There was some talk about merging the 21st century grants and the SDFSC program.

There is a new ed. John Bohner (D-OH) chairman on the house side. Bill doesn't know his position on these issues.

Bill's advice – There are going to be many rumors. The department will send information as they get it. They will try to filter the rumors for us. It may take a little longer, but the information will be better.

Surgeon Gen. Report on Youth violence is due out Jan 17. Will talk about what we know about youth violence. It is going to take a public health view of youth violence. What a complex issue it is. Early vs. late delinquency routes. Also talks about risk and protective factors. Chapter on media and media influence on youth violence. Bill will get it out on the web. It is going to have some impact on what we do and programs. It at least gets us to think the complexities of programs to impact youth violence.

Expert panel – hopes to get the report out this week or next week. There are a ton of issues related to this panel. This is not as easy as other agencies putting out programs. The usde has to

be sure that the process to develop this list has met all the standards and requirements possible. They have addressed most of the questions related to the document.

Recognition Program

Bill wishes he knew about what is going to happen with the Recognition Program. One of the jobs the Gov. has is to identify models and get that information out to people. They were not satisfied with the old Recognition program. They are trying to do this from a perspective of high standards and best practices and research-based programs. One of the things they would like to do is moving the program away from programs to strategies. Looking at environments that are conducive to learning rather than a specific program. They had 3 focus group meetings. Charlotte is synthesizing the information from those meetings. Bottom line is. We need to identify things that are working in school districts. He is unclear about what are the things that we are looking for. Policies, programs, strategies? Bill would like to pull together a group of people from the Gov and SEA programs to share information about the program. Staff time to complete this process is an issue for them.

Role of the Centers and Title 4 priorities?

Bill doesn't know. There has been a real disconnect between the Centers and the program. The centers are going off in different directions and set up different priorities. The other issue is that there is not enough money in the comprehensive sceptors to deal with things in a comprehensive manner. The other issue is communication. Priority of the centers currently, is low performing schools. The National Center for Safe Schools is not funded at a level to help 15,000 school districts. They have only 6 staff.

What happens to the centers and research and evaluation with the new administration? Bill said we have to wait and see where we are with that.

Is there a sense of where Title 4 fits with low performing schools? Low performing schools is the imitative until Jan 20. Pres. Elect says, "No kid shall be left behind". Those same low performing schools have more of the risk factors related to SDFSC. How do we move more resources to help, is the question.

Phil said he felt that there was never a connection between SDFSC and Title 1. Rather than how do the outcomes for SDFSC relate to Title 1. Could Bill's office create a position paper on this issue? They are beginning to take a look at some of the data. The data doesn't necessarily go far enough to look at outcomes. If you are aware of research on this issue, let Bill know. The whole issue of the research on violence prevention is still a neophyte. There are very few studies that meet quality standards. Bill said that we need to set our own research agenda, rather than have that done for us by the researchers. Otherwise researchers are going to do what they want to do, and that may not meet out needs. We have to use common sense and look at what is good for kids. We need o know what we need to make our programs work. Researchers need to talk to program people. They need to keep in mind that the school day is different than it was 5 or 10 years ago. Educators are impacted by test standards and not taking time for drug prevention. This is about changing the culture and climate of schools. Changing how we view kids and the structure of the schools. We need to think about how to approach this. The next level – what is it we need to improve the lives of kids in order to improve their education. Need to be careful about that. Could appear that they are talking block grants. It is looking at bullying and harassment, etc and other issues. There has to be a willingness to rethink what we are doing with

this program. On the other hand, we need to be able to do that in the context of what is happening in schools.

We need to guide the research that looks at the school environment and culture of the school impacts student learning. The surgeon general report on Mental Health of youth went out on the SDFSC network. We need to read this report. The number of kids that are in the justice system that have mental health needs are at a bout 75%.

The Rural Assistance Program – Appropriations bill – Bill didn't have much information on that. Bill said he and Debbie would find something out about that issue.

Bill said that we need to remember that what is in the appropriations bill are only in for one year. This program would be 2001-2002.

2002 budget. Bill said they haven't had a budget call. President Clinton made it very clear that they were going to wait for the new admin. New person for OMB. Set up directions for new admin. They have to decide how and what they want to do with the program.

Bill said that Congress could do anything it wants. Funding for next year could be changed, if they wanted to. It is highly unlikely that this will happen, due to the amount of time it takes to get a bill passed. He doesn't think that it will be able to happen much before June or reauthorization.

Project SERVE got 10 million dollars. There is only an appropriation. In case of an incident, these funds will be sent to schools in a crisis. They have to determine what a disaster. The funds are available until diminished.

Is it possible that if they reauthorize this spring, that the rules will take place immediately? Yes. We must remember that Congress can do what it wants, but it takes time.

Questions on competitive grants. 2001 – Most of what they will do will be continuations. What they will do from a budget perspective, that they will ask for funding so they can fulfill the contractual responsibility to grantees based on the program timeline. Still, if the money is not available, than you can't provide it. Also have a responsibility to fulfill their continuation responsibilities. Bill hasn't seen a congress that would try to take away grants that are currently funded. Whatever they do, they have to have buy-in by a large group of constituents. Moderation and change is in the wind.

What is Bill's opinion on block grants and SDFSC program and the new administration? He has not heard any official opinion. McCaffery has resigned from ONDCP. There is also more talk about law enforcement rather than preventing drug use.

Bill's advice. Look at your laws and rules that currently exist in your state. You don't want to get in trouble. YO need to know how far you can push this. It is the education issue. You need to educate. If you can, get those viewpoints known to your state legislations as well as federal. There is a need to educate these people about the program.

Question on the ONDCP media program. Bill would rather not say.

Will there be a USDE June meeting. Bill hopes so. They haven't talked to it. It would be a good time to bring everyone together. There will be some information out there about the

budget. He will work with Debbie Rudy and Robert Alexander. Jerry told Bill that there is a National Network meeting on the 24th and 25th of June.

Is it possible that Bill or a staff person attend the whole meeting? Bill said yes.

Middle school applications – Moving to correct the web site.

There was concern voiced about the Middle School Coordinators grant at the local level. Bill said that there is a very extensive evaluation. He is aware of the problems with the grant proposal. Philosophically and theoretically it is a good idea, but in practice it has some problems. Bill doesn't want to taint the entire thing. In some places it is working well and in some places it isn't. WE need to find out why it is working well in some places. Part of the argument could be is that we don't want to lower the bar for some people, but raise the bar for all. We also need to look at how we treat our teachers in school. There was concern voiced by Michigan that these coordinators are new and not well versed in the rules and regulations for SDFSC and the POE's. The coordinators have been trained on the POE's.

Question about collaboration of USDE with other Fed. Agencies. What's going to happen with the new admin? The message has to go forward that we want the Gov. to work. And the government must work together. Bill assumes that collaboration will continue. One of the things that has come up:

CDC has released a set of guidelines on youth violence. They want to move forward with these guidelines. Bill has some concerns about these and would like to involve some of the state coordinators in reviewing them. Maternal Child/Health of HHS is also releasing a set of guidelines on a broader scope of issues on youth and families. Bill will find out information on SAMHSA and the CAPTs. David Quinlan is the point of contact at USDE for the CAPTs.

Strategies for survival of the program. Bill and Debbie are pretty much limited in what they can do. They have to support the will of the administration, as they are a cabinet agency. Their role is to look at what is coming down. They had to support what came from the administration last session, much to the network chagrin.

Issue from last year was the position of the dept. to fund only a few of the programs. Rural schools were concerned. Hence the development of the Rural Assistance Center.

Bill hasn't been asked about reauthorization. They would say that currently 97% of the school districts receive funding. A significant (9759) portion receives less than \$10 thousand dollars. In some places it does a lot of good, and in others, it doesn't help. Gus asked Bill about the possibility of a study to evaluate the amount of funding that these small districts receive and how much money those funds are able to leverage at the local level. Need to look at outcomes.

Integrated Reviews – up in the air. Scheduled to go to Maryland March 6. He is not certain that the administration will not leave without something to say about those.

The assist secretary of Health is a large role and has a substantial influence on policy. The surgeon General is a bully pulpit position. It is a very small office. There was discussion a few years ago whether or not there should be a surgeon general. Dr. Sacher was head of CDC prior to becoming Surgeon General.

Bill said that the new admin. Has stated that it wants accountability. That the dollars appropriated are used wisely and make a difference.

Susie Roberts introduced Nicole Canterbury, the new assistant for Sue Thau at CADCA.

Debbie Rudy was introduced by Jerry.

Debbie said that the status of the annual report – State-reporting form is part of the consolidated reporting form. They are in the cleaning and analysis part of the report. Everything is going to get wrapped up in reauthorization. They have the same cleared form for the 2000-01 school year. She said that if there is a huge change in the program, they might not collect data for the current year. Whatever happens with reauthorization, they will want our input on the reporting requirements. Generally, this administration has been marked by a sincere interest in partnering with states and a collegial relationship with states. Reviews have been more collegial as has been reporting. Currently, when states turn in missing data, USDE says they understand. But she can't predict what lies ahead. She doesn't know if it will be more traditional monitoring strategies or what. USDE needs data, but it is difficult to do something at the national level that is usable by all states. They have one report from two years ago that was finally turned in by November of this year. This is a problem for all of us.

Because USDE is being more collegial, there is a lack of data and the quality is not good. This is the two-edged flexibility/accountability sword. The USDE contract with Westat has run out. Debbie is going to try to get a contract out to crunch the current year's data.

Denise shared with Debbie that the Network would be interested in working with the USDE in the development of data collection efforts, after the dust settles and reauthorization occurs. Debbie said that the department would appreciate the help. She explained about the challenge of developing a system that will work for all states.

Safe Schools and Healthy Students Grants may be made available once again. USDE is trying to sort that through. That competition will be later this spring like March, April time frame. Middle School Coordinators Grant announcement appeared Dec 27 in the National Register. There have been some glitches with the website with the new application. The old application that is on the web is the same as the new one except the due date. USDE does not know if they will do the satellite training again. They may do a set of FAQ's instead. The extent that the dept. can provide technical assistance is limited due to their staff workload. Much of their budget is tied up in continuations of current grants. \$20 million in continuation funding and \$10 million in new money. Last time they had 650 apps and funded 50 grants.

The evaluator is looking at the competitive programs. The national evaluation of the first two cohorts and the strategies and the effectiveness and sustainability of those programs. All programs have required local evaluations.

Question about June meeting. Bob Alexander has been hired and is Debbie's old state grant programs and regional service team. She doesn't see a big conference happening. She is more inclined to bring all of the coordinators together. Include more time for networking and information sharing. USDE is looking for more of a meeting, rather than a conference format. Jerry shared with Debbie that the Network has the Westin booked for 3 days in June and we would be willing to share the time and space.

Debbie reiterated that they could only be reactive to whatever the proposal is for reauthorization. Currently, there is nobody in the agency to talk to.

The transition team is:

Ed advisory transition team members:

Everest M Williamson	Lamar Alexander	Norman Augustine
Keith Bailey	Frank Brogan – Florida Lt. Gov.	John Chambers – Cisco
Sharon Darling	Chester Finn	Floyd Flake (candidate for secretary?)
Howard Fuller	Lisa Graham-Keegan	Eugene Hickock
Phyllis Hunter – TX	Robert King-NY	Reed Lyon
Mitch Midique – FL	Bruno Mano – Casey Foundation	John McKernon – Maine
Charles Miller	Darla Moore – Rainwater	Lynn Munson
Diana S. Natalesio – UTEP	Susan Noonan – MI	Hugh Price – Urban LeagueDiane
Ravage – NY	Ed Rust – State Farm Insurance	Ted Sanders-Ed. Com’n of
StatesAndrew Sorenson	Paul Vallis	Morris Vinofskis – U of Mich.
Nichole Mark- Yudof		

Jerry will send the list out over the email when he gets it from Mary Jane.

If you recognize any of the names, you are encouraged to talk with those you know. If you make contact, or not, email Julie at CHEF and CC Susan, CC Nicole, CC Ian and Cathleen. That keeps them informed about any and all contacts that have been made.

Note: Upon the departure of Denise Fitch, minutes after 11:25 a .m. on Monday, January 9, were recorded by Secretary-elect, Janelle Krueger.

Bush administration transition team, continued: Network members making contact with any of the transition team people were reminded to "cc" the Network's legislative committee members.

June meeting agenda item: Following a discussion about correlating SDFSC data with academic achievement, state representatives were asked to bring any reports or studies regarding this to the June meeting. The meeting will be expanded through June 26th in order to accommodate this pressing issue, as well as to possibly accommodate a conference day from the US Education Department.

Change in Debbie Rudy's assignment: Robert Alexander will become the overseer of the project officers, as Debbie begins work with other initiatives. She's inheriting the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant from Charlotte and will continue to write guidance and work with the budget. She will also work on Senator Stevens' (AS) initiative on physical fitness. Grants eventually will be made available to states to help them meet state standards. Debbie thanked everyone for their past support.

"Friends of School Health" congressional briefings: Bill Datema (APHERD) informed us about a coalition of 43 national organizations that have coalesced into "Friends of School Health." They conducted a congressional briefing about school health last July and are planning three briefings this year:

- 1) in two weeks reference Physical Education (Title X),
- 2) in April or May regarding the ESEA reauthorization, or if it drags out, it could be held in June at the same time as the Network meeting. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday's are the best days for briefings. The Network expressed an interest in participating in this briefing. Bill will inform the coalition of our interest when he meets with them in February.
- 3) in August/September, regarding the SHIPPS (school health) survey results.

Bill invited us to think about joining this coalition.

Assignments for contacting absent SEA/Gov's for follow up with congressional leaders: Information shared by Sue Thau and Julie Peterson is to be passed on to states that have relevant congressional

committee members reviewing reauthorization-related bills. Eva Kabinsky pledged to follow up with the states connected to her Comprehensive Center. Assignments were made as follows:

CT and MA: Lauren Camphausen (Delaware)
IN: Cynthia Timmons, Region VII Comprehensive Center
NJ and VT: Marlene Kanuck (Pennsylvania)
MN: Eva Kabinsky, Region VI Comprehensive Center

Regional meetings/IASA conferences: Network meetings prior to the IASA conferences have proven to be difficult to implement, as volunteers aren't always able to follow through. They have been excellent when they've worked. Some said it's hard to justify \$30 if they are only two-hour meetings. (Length varies.) Others said the meetings are easier to justify if connected to the IASA conference. One idea suggested was to meet for an informal dinner during the conference. It was recommended that meetings be more topical and for information sharing and peer support, than for actually conducting business.

A decision as to whether or not regional Network meetings continue was tabled until the June meeting, pending further discussion by the Executive Board. The IASA conferences may not continue, depending on reauthorization and changes in administration. Other setting options include the NPN conference (Sept. - Charleston, NC) and CADCA's national leadership conference.

Future Network meetings: The June 24-26, 2001 meeting will be held at the Westin Grand, Washington, D.C. Whether or not to continue meeting in Washington, or continue with Sunday/Monday schedules was discussed. Some recommended that they discontinue taking weekend time. The reason weekends are used is to take advantage of reduced prices associated with the Saturday night stay-over. A decision to change was not reached.

Sharing of best practices:

Georgia, Mary Oliver: They collaborated with the Comprehensive Center and regional education offices to put "Principle of Effectiveness" information on a CD Rom. Send her an e-mail to request a copy:

mary_oliver@doe.k12.ga.us

Colorado, Janelle Krueger: IASA federal program directors have traditionally met in regional workshops every spring. Unlike past years, directors will now remain in cross-program teams the whole day to further collaboration in the Consolidated Plan framework. Samples of the registration brochure were handed out.

Virginia, Arlene Cundiff: Their inhalant guide is available on their Web site. Arlene also provided copies of an SRO publication order form, samples of their handbook for new local coordinators, and a guide for school searches.

National Prevention Summit/Leadership Conference: The Network will again co-sponsor this conference, put on by AGC/United Learning, July 25-27, 2001, in Evanston, IL. The conference will be limited to about 50 people. Participants attending the first conference last summer made several favorable comments. Joel Altschul and Jim McColl of AGC/United Learning facilitated a brainstorming session for planning this summer's conference. Suggestions included:

- research and evaluation findings of successful programs
- relationship between ATOD/Violence and academic achievement
- how to convince administrators that, if they obtain safe, civil and drug-free learning environments, they'll get the academic gains
- how to get SEA and Governor's together more
- developing goals across programs
- selecting and identifying successful programs
- behavior issues - link to academics
- raising credibility and awareness from recent reports
- media literacy
- needs assessments and alternatives to surveys
- how to handle the media in a crisis

It was also recommended to keep the focus concentrated, to have time set aside for sharing across the states, and to be able to walk away with colored graphs or other items that could be utilized for further (local) presentations.

Recognition for Jerry Kilbert, outgoing chair: On behalf of the Network, Vice Chair Cathleen Olson presented a verticle/platformed-style plaque to Jerry for chairing the Network this past year. Jerry will retire from the California Department of Education later this summer or fall.

Presentation of Florida Dept. of Education project, by Ian Neuhard: The Florida SDFSC office is collaborating with Developmental Research and Programs, Inc. to collapse archived data into profiles that can then rank counties by risk factor. Forty-four variables can be sorted different ways. They are using this data for needs assessments. Their 67 districts are aligned to the county boundaries. They intend to purchase a software kit for each district. The software/project is called "The Community Analyst". A demo disk was previewed and extra copies were handed out. For further information, see DRP's Web site at: **www.DRP.org**.

California seminar information, Gus Dalis: Gus is hosting a one-day seminar that network members are invited to attend, on April 25 in Ceritos, CA. The morning session is called "Setting the Stage for Student Achievement." The afternoon session includes an informal conversation with David Hawkins. Gus' work on "The Missing Link", which addresses nine personal and social skills (though NOT a curriculum), has some research findings nearing completion. Gus will share these findings with us in the near future when available.

Social Influence Model debated: A recent report released by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (Washington State) claims that the "social influences" model of prevention is ineffective, following a major smoking prevention study. There was some confusion about what skills were or were not present in the program. Gus Dalis will make a rebuttal paper available to Washington colleagues and other network members.

Request by Kansas for presenter: If you know of a good dynamic speaker on gang prevention for two 90-minute workshops for teachers, parents, and superintendents, e-mail Tracie Kalic at: **tkalic@ksde.org**.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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