

Minutes from February 12 and 13, 2006
National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
Washington Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

Sunday, AM, February 12, 2006: New Coordinators Meeting

A very big “THANK YOU” to all our partners for their continued support of the National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities.

8:00am – Noon, Meeting: Training was conducted by Jeff Barber, Second Chair, National Network, Executive Committee, Michele Haymond, LEA, Washington, David Quinlan, USDOE, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, and Mona Johnson, Vice Chairman, National Network, Executive Committee.

The following agenda items were addressed during the training:

- NNSDFSC web site
- Overview of Principles of Effectiveness
- Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars
- SEA and GOV requirements/information
- Gun-Free School Act
- Pro-Children’s Act
- Family Education and Rights Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Protection of Pupil Rights and Amendment (PPRA)
- General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)
- Washington State’s web site – <http://poe.psesd.weanet.edu>
- Learning from each other (panel comprised of SEA’s)
- Verne Larson shared outstanding video clip with attendees.

10am – Noon: National Network Partner’s Meeting

LUNCH: On their own

Sunday, PM, February 12, 2006: National Network Business Meeting

Present per sign-in sheets: Fifty-two individuals signed in as follows:
Executive Committee members (5), Governor’s Office (8), SEA’s (16), LEA’s (6), Partners (14)
CAPT. (2), and OMB (1).

The meeting was convened at 1:28pm by Susie Roberts (WA GOV), Chair of the National Network.

Susie asked for participants to introduce themselves and to include their state, GOV/SEA/LEA role in the Network, and then to name the type of animal they would like to be.

Minutes Approved:

Clarence Jones asked the members to review the minutes from the August 13, 2005, National Network meeting. After the review the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Lawrence Piper reviewed the financial status of the Network. The balance as of February 2006 was \$20,925.09 (see attached).

New Coordinator's Meeting:

Mona Johnson gave a brief overview of the training that occurred at the New Coordinator's meeting in the AM session. Several SEA's shared how they conducted the SDFSCA program in their states.

Partner's Meeting:

Lawrence Piper gave an update on the Partner's meeting. He stated the following:

- Work needs to be done for the 2007-2008 budget
- Need to pass the word that the Capwiz is for all to use
- Julie Peterson gave a legislative update
- Jim McColl presented a PSA

501c3 Status:

Susie Roberts was glad to announce they finally had the 501c3 status.

Committee's Reports:

Executive Committee: No Report

Membership Committee: No Report

Professional Development Committee: They are in the process of planning for the future and getting the New Coordinator meeting up and going.

Legislation Committee: No Report

NOTE: More people are encouraged to sign up for committees.

Officer Election - Treasurer:

Mona Johnson conducted the process for selecting a new treasurer. Lawrence Piper gave a brief description of the role of the treasurer. The following process to select the treasurer took place:

- Nominees were selected by attendees: Lawrence Piper
Cynthia Timmons
- Attendees were asked to write their selection on a sheet of paper
- Votes were turned in to Clarence Jones
- Clarence Jones and Kelly Lieupo from CADCA counted the votes
- Tally of votes resulted in a tie
- After small discussion a re-vote was accomplished
- Cynthia Timmons was elected as Treasurer

Department of Education TA Phone Calls:

Jeff Barber led the discussion on the TA phone calls. The following items were discussed:

- _ Need to confirm time frame and schedule for future TA calls
- _ Many see the TA calls as a positive step
- _ Need to document the TA calls
- _ Excellent opportunity to communicate with project officer
- _ Questions about UMIRS collection

Westat's Uniform Data Set Project:

Jeff Barber led the discussion on Westat's Uniform Data Set. The following items were discussed:

- _ Several people had concerns about the nature of the questions.
- _ Several individuals shared the types of questions they were asked.
- _ Discussion took place on the panel between Westat and USDOE questions.
- _ There were many questions on the survey about data collection.

Web Site Discussion:

Jeff Barber led the discussion on the NNSDFSC web site:

- _ Attendees voted to privatize and establish its own domain.
- _ Empower Executive Committee to retain independent contractor to maintain web site.
- _ Kathy Robertson was selected to maintain web site: cost \$150 per hour to develop and \$30 an hour for upkeep.

Questions for OSDIFS:

Mona Johnson and Jeff Barber led the discussion to collect questions/concerns for the OSDIFS visit to the Network meeting. The following questions/concerns were selected:

- ~ SEA/Governor's technical assistance calls – What is the purpose? What should we expect in terms of a future call schedule?
- ~ OSDIFS thoughts regarding continued data collection if state grants become unfunded mandate
- ~ GPRA/PART Indicators activities in your office
- ~ Current and future funding for state data grants
- ~ Surgeon General's 'call to action' regarding underage drinking
- ~ Re-authorization
- ~ Current plan for dissemination of SEA data provided to OSDIFS
- ~ What performance measures are being collected on National Grant programs and PART score reporting?
- ~ What is OSDIFS doing to be proactive in support of state grants at this time?

Join Together:

- Invite teachers to participate in the survey
- Will do survey prior to 2006-07 school year
- Will sponsor National Policy panel
- Invite all to use the Join Together web site: www.jointogether.org

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Sue Thau:

Sue Thau from CADCA briefed the Network on the following:

- _ Review HR1 requirement
- _ 21% decrease of SDFSCA funding in 2006
- _ More than half of the school systems in the US get less than \$10,000. They have learned to leverage their funds.
- _ OMB does not go outside the administration to get information on programs.
- _ In April, every member of Congress will be in their hometown at Town Hall meetings. Have someone there to ask questions.
- _ Need to develop questions to get out to all so they can ask them at the Town Hall meetings.
- _ President Bush's budget increased the Drug Testing Initiative from \$10 million to \$15 million.
- _ Need to get data from all states.
- _ Get people to log on to Capwiz each time the Network is asked.
- _ Drug use nationwide has been reduced by 15% and the SDFSCA funding has been a major component in this reduction. So why zero it out?
- _ Need to use the President's own words: "Drug education is working". So why, Mr. President, are you zeroing out the SDFSCA funding?
- _ Once the attention is taken off drug prevention, within two years drug use will go up.
- _ What questions should Congress be asking OSDfS and ONDCP?

Discovery:

Jim McColl updated the Network on Discovery Learning plans:

- _ Reviewed new Public Service Announcement's new clips
- _ These PSAs will be placed on the Discovery web site
- _ Individuals can download and place on their web sites or TV channels
- _ An evening reception would be hosted by Discovery Learning

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:03pm.

Monday, February 13, 2005

Present per sign-in sheet: fifty-two individuals signed in as follows:

Executive Committee (5), Governor's Office (9), SEA's (17), LEA's (6), Partners (12), CAPT (2), OMB (1)

The meeting was convened at 8:37am by Jeff Barber. Jeff thanked Suzie for three years of wonderful service and leadership as chairperson of the National Network. Suzie was presented with a beautiful glass sculpture made possible through CHEF.

Jeff introduced Debbie Rudy, Director, Policy, Health, Mental Health, Environmental Health, and Physical Education Programs, USDOE, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

Debbie Rudy:

Debbie introduced her staff and shared her experience dealing with the snow that fell overnight.

Debbie introduced Maria Worthen and Dana Carr who briefed the Network on the following:

Maria Worthen talked about: ~ Update on uniform data sets

- ~ Electronic submission of state reports
- ~ Funding to complete continuation grants
- ~ Calls from Weststat

Dana Carr talked about:

- ~ Pandemic Flu
- ~ Bird Flu jumps from wild birds to fowls and to humans, not from humans to humans
- ~ Individuals should go to www.PandemicFlu.gov for additional information
- ~ USDOE is creating a two-part plan for the Pandemic Flu
- ~ Four phases of the Pandemic Flu: prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery
- ~ Need to get to know your Pandemic Flu team
- ~ Know what would happen if the government would call a state of emergency
- ~ Review resources secondary to Pandemic Flu to keep up-to-date
- ~ Wash your hands often
- ~ Get flu shots
- ~ Education (schools) are lacking information about Pandemic Flu
- ~ Some resources are: www.pandemicflu.gov
www.cdc.gov
www.dhs.gov
www.who.int
www.astho.org

Mr. Paul Kesner:

Debbie introduced Mr. Paul Kesner, Director, State Grants Program, USDOE, OSDFS.

Paul shared the following concerns:

- ~ Not as many discretionary grants to offer this year
- ~ Peer reviewers need to go online to update their information
- ~ Site visits are used to help enhance state programs and to work with those who are in the drawdown position

Debbie Rudy added the following information as she responded to Network questions and questions from the floor:

- No work has been done on closing down the SDFSCA program.
- 4116 and 4162 has some guidance if we would have to close down the program.
- OMB has all the PART information listed.
- Congress does not believe OSDFS collected enough data as required in 4116 and 4162.
- OSDFS will use uniform data sets to try to accomplish shortfalls in data collecting.
- OSDFS will continue to use technology to collect data.
- OSDFS will continue to use paper as we move toward technology.
- There is no word on re-authorization as of this date.
- Department is not required to collect all data as required in the legislation.
- OSDFS will be looking at national data instead of local data because it is hard to compare local programs.
- PART is looking for long-term measures that are five years out.
- Gave a brief overview of discretionary grants.
- State-to-state comparison is not the way to go.
- OSDFS will continue to get state data and report state by state.
- Individuals need to share their data and information with their congressman because the process on the Hill is complex.

Additional comments were made to the OSDFS by attendees:

- Over 70% in attendance reported that they could provide data on 30-day use.
- States are prepared to produce data, yet OSDFS has no way of collecting it and providing results to Congress.
- Why doesn't someone from the OSDFS stand up and take credit for reduction and say "It's part of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools program?"
- Our inability to move off the spot we are in now is a problem. We have the data and are willing to work in order to move forward.

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Penny Norton, FACE: Briefed the Network on the FACE program

- FACE is a national, non-profit organization.
- The FACE mission is to advocate, provide action, training, and resources on alcohol issues.
- Individuals can download information from www.faceproject.org/productsguides
- She noted that local and state agencies began to make changes because they could not wait for the Feds.

- The number one place children get alcohol is in the home.
- 1989 RAND Institute study: Can't teach what the community cannot support; make it last.
- Everyone can be a voice.
- Age at first use is 10 years old.
- New types of alcohol products are: alcohol pops, ice beers, Mike's Hard Lemonade and many others.
- Children have easy access to alcoholic beverages.
- Children's lives and environment are full of alcoholic messages, i.e. tailgating at sports events with alcohol, unlimited supply of signs on billboards, in magazines, and on sports cars that race on TV.
- The enemy is US.
- It is time for parents to take their community back.
- There are 22 states that allow drive-thru for alcohol.
- What are we, the parents, prepared to do?
- We must deal with this together.

LUNCH

Luncheon Speaker: Mrs. Hope Taft, First Lady of Ohio

Mrs. Taft shared the following:

- Make sure we give Sue Thau the information she needs to take to Capitol Hill.
- Schools that work with community coalitions or other allies do a better job and get better results than those that don't.
- Just because we know drug prevention doesn't mean others know it.
- Over 7,000 children under the age of 16 take their first drink every day.
- 11% of eighth graders report drinking in the last two weeks.
- Kids drink 4-5 beverages per occasion; adults 2-3.
- Alcohol kills 6.5 times more kids than all the other drugs combined.
- Parents need to wake up before it is too late.
- Peak age of alcohol dependence is 18 years old.
- Get to know the First Lady in your state.
- Kids need to know that the consequences of them using alcohol and drugs go a long way beyond them.
- Need to educate parents and students about secondhand smoke.
- Some school systems are afraid to admit they have a problem.
- Very few social messages talk about the consequences of alcohol and other drug use.
- Kids will change when they have someone to talk to about alcohol and other drug use.
- Network members should check out these web sites:
www.OMB.gov and www.Expectmore.gov
- School systems that receive less than \$5,000 are leveraging their funds to make prevention work.
- The amount of money given to a system does not reflect its outcomes.
- It is time to expect more from Congress and USDOE.

- It is time to let Congress know that we need spending for preventions, and that it is money well spent.
- You, the Network members, are very special people.

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Marc Wheat, Legislative Director, Honorable Mark Souder, R-IN

Mr. Wheat shared the following information:

- MARC.Wheat@mail.house.gov
- Meth issue was a key in motivating individuals to take the side of the SDFSCA program.
- New border initiative at a cost of \$115 million that will help prevent drugs (meth, marijuana, cocaine, heroin) coming from Mexico
- USDOE/OSDFS is not in compliance with 4116 NCLB Act.
- USDOE/OSDFS have been given 60 days to provide information.
- Talks have started concerning the Re-Authorization Bill.
- There is performance data available, but it is not being used.
- Tell your congressman that performance information is being gathered at the state level, but OSDFS is not passing it on to Congress.
- There are structural problems at USDOE/OSDFS.
- John Walters, ONDCP, feels drug testing is the silver bullet.
- Can't count on ONDCP to defend our prevention budget.
- Continue to send data to show our programs are working.

Congressman Rick Larsen, D-WA

Congressman Larsen addressed the issue of what is being done to fight and control methamphetamines.

- Northern part of Washington State has a drug traffic concern coming from Canada—main drugs, meth, and BC Bud.
- Meth is a national problem.
- Parents must play a supportive role in prevention.
- There is not the same commitment from government to fight the meth problem as we have from parents, schools, and local communities.
- Need to change the perception of meth to show it is a national concern, not just in certain regions.
- The meth caucus has held several meetings to address the effect of meth, and how it affects communities as a whole.
- President wants local and state monies to support meth problems.
- If the President is serious about stopping drug use, it is not a good idea to cut the funding to programs that are making prevention a reality.
- The Federal Government needs to show the same initiatives as local, state, and communities do to prevent drug use.
- Meth is being replaced by the super form called ICE.
- Increased awareness is the key.
- Communities need to understand how we leverage community dollars to make prevention work.

Governor's Portion and Coordination with SEA:

This agenda item was suggested to be moved to the June 2006 Network meeting. Suggestion approved.

Final Comments:

- Members were reminded to check their information in the Network directory and make changes.
- For Safe School Rubric, snapshot visit, go to: www.educationalcentral.org/reseval/snapshot
- Sign-up sheet was passed out for members to sign on so they could send information to CADCA
- Next meeting to occur in June 2006; dates to be determined and e-mailed to Network.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Jones
Secretary, NNSDFSC

Attachments: Sign-in Information
Finance Report