

Minutes from June 29-30, 2006
National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
Washington Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

Thursday, AM, June 29, 2006:

New Coordinator's Meeting: Training was conducted by Tracie Kalic, coordinator, Kansas, David Quinlan, USDOE, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Mona Johnson, vice chairman, National Network, Executive Committee, and Cynthia Timmons, treasurer, National Network, Executive Committee.

The following agenda items were addressed during the training:

- 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
 - ~ 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)
 - ~ What is EDGAR?
 - ~ And how is it used?
 - ~ Part 76, Part 80
 - ~ What are the circulars and how are they used (ex. Equipment/meals, etc.)
- Panel of State Coordinators: Learning from Each Other

Thursday, PM, June 29, 2006:

Present per sign-in sheets: Forty-two individuals signed in as follows: Executive Committee members (4), Governor's Office (9), SEA's (14), LEA's (6), Partners (7), CAPT. (2).

Mr. Jeff Barber, president of the National Network, opened the meeting at 1:20 PM and reviewed the outlined agenda to be presented at this conference. Special thanks were given to PRIDE for the \$1,000 they provided to support the June meeting.

Jeff asked for all attendees to introduce themselves and to include their state, and the GOV/SEA/LEA role in the Network.

Minutes Approved:

Clarence Jones asked the members to review the minutes from the February 12, 2006, National Network meeting. After the review the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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

- new Network credit card
- the transition from Lawrence Piper
- a new plan to present the treasurer's report

Partner's Meeting:

Jeff Barber discussed the following items at the Partner's meeting:

- Executive Committee is almost brand new
- Partners have connections
- Partners are another voice to the Hill
- Talking with your state senators who are members of the Senate Appropriations Committee
- The use of drugs and how it affects the brain and low student achievement
- Conference call with the partners
- Contacting your state senators

New Business:

NOTE: A unanimous vote to raise fees to \$200 was approved. There were no abstentions.

Committee's Reports:

Executive Committee: The following items were discussed:

- NNSDFSC website moved to www.nnsdfsc.org
- Alert at NNSDFSC.org
- News at NNSDFSC.org
- Discussion of NNSDFSC.org
- SEA at NNSDFSC.org
- GOV at NNSDFSC.org
- Emergency Response Crisis Management (ERCM) focus group
- Work with CADCA and CHEF to request data supporting state grants
- Executive Committee conference calls
- Mona discussed the plan to coordinate the June, 2006 meeting
- Began working on the Network Winter 2007 meeting in coordination with CADCA.

Special thanks to Kelly Lieupo and others from CADCA for their support at this meeting and in helping the Network get meeting space. We are looking at mid June 2007 for the next summer meeting. This will, of course, depend on the OSDFS conference. Thoughts are being considered of piggybacking with the National Prevention Network (NPN).

Membership Committee:

We need to get people involved.

Professional Development Committee:

Tracie Kalic shared the following:

- Plans for new coordinator meeting
- Ask what you would like to concentrate on
- Reviewed what happens in New Coordinator's Meeting

Legislation Committee:

No Report

Resource Committee:

No Report

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

Tracie led an activity on GOV and SEA discussions. She had members divide up into groups of four and the teams shared their findings. It was felt that someone should:

- √ get folks around the table to talk and share ideas
- √ get involved in a joint project
- √ everybody coming together for a common voice on issues and concerns
- √ SEA and GOV members need to meet to complete and consolidate reports

SEA/GOV felt representatives should: sit on other advisory councils

- √ stay focused with the law
- √ improve the capacity to build relationships
- √ leadership should lead by having the compatibility to collaborate
- √ there should be a standard evaluation for SEA/GOV
- √ OSDFS needs to replicate information to both SEA/GOV
- √ OSDFS could be a model for cooperation

Sue Thau:

Sue talked about the following points:

- \$310 million should be put back from the House. If the Senate goes lower than this, it would mean a 30% drop in two years.
- House funded \$198 million to the national program.
- People are encouraged to use Capwitz.
- Congress would focus on those programs they hear and learn the most about.
- Many school systems receive little or no benefit from the national program, yet all school systems get benefits from SDFSCA.
- Janelle Krueger has worked hard to provide her senator with information that is needed to take the lead in promoting SDFSCA.
- Colorado reports that they have quantified the outcome from every grantee.
- We are missing the ability to bring folks in from around the states.

- Systems with less than \$10,000 leverage their money.
- Other states leverage their money to do the Principles of Effectiveness and show outcomes and excellent data supporting their efforts.
- The more contact the Hill folks hear from the “real people” the better this will help them understand the SDFSCA programs.
- Not wise to build something that cannot be sustained over time.
- Accountability for the national programs are very small compared to SDFSCA.
- People need to do Capwiz more than once.
- There were some 15,000 Capwiz members registered for 2006 budget with only 5,000 for 2007 budget.
- Folks from various congressional sub committees should hear from their local prevention programs.
- Senate committee will meet on July 20 to set the dollar figures.
- We need Senator Chapman, who cares about the SDFSCA program, to assist us with getting the message out.
- More manpower is needed to recruit involvement and let the senators know about the SDFSCA program.
- We are in critical times.
- Several participants shared how they were working with their Congressman to get the message out and help broaden the scope of interest.
- Sue reiterated the need to share what you are doing with your Hill folks.
- Get your data and have it ready.

Questions for OSDFS:

1. How can you do needs assessment data for a local level?
2. What can we expect out of program monitoring?
3. How was the Advisory Council identified? There were no SEA/GOVs on the list.
4. What are the plans for a national conference?
5. Can the National Network be provided with data from the Federal government?
6. Is the government meeting their target?
7. How can we see their work plan/meeting schedule?

Jeff Barber explained what the NNSDFSC is doing to respond to the Advisory Council selection. He also reviewed the request for things the Advisory Committee needs to do in order to make the change.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08PM.

Friday, June 30, 2006

Present per sign-in sheet: thirty-nine individuals signed in as follows:

Executive Committee (4), Governor's Office (8), SEA's (13), LEA's (6), Partners (6), CAPT (2).

The meeting convened at 8:26AM with Jeff Barber welcoming everyone in attendance. He requested an introduction of everybody and then took time to introduce Paul Kassler, USDOE/OSDFS.

Paul touched on the following topics in his presentation:

- Weststat work on UMIRS is going through the channels at the department.
- OMB has developed the budget.
- He described the idea behind the PART.
- You can see the PART list by accessing www.expectmore.gov This website gives points of value and evaluation questions.
- People need to check out the section on accountability and the four main questions.
- People need to try and get fidelity information into OMB.
- Partnership helps make this program work.
- Include in PART how the list server supports the program.
- Science-based programs are at the top of the list; it's something we need to build toward, not just jump into at that level.
- There are plans for a Safe and Drug-Free conference.
- Making physical education part of the national program has changed to include more staff development.
- Alcohol abuse programs are a strong educational tool according to SAMHSA
- We need to provide TA to guarantee being able to collect data.
- Need more coordination between SEA and GOV on consolidated reporting.
- We will not ask you to collect additional data since you are already collecting it.
- Need to provide NNSDFS with grants programs by state since their inception.
- Advisory Committee meeting on June 12-13.
- OSDFS provided the department secretary with a list of possible members.
- An office within the DOE has selected the names for the Advisory Committee.
- Let folks on the Advisory Committee know who you are.
- Jeff shared that the charges for the Committee do not match the law. He suggested that the Committee will meet 2-3 times a year, and there will be a focus group.
- The Advisory Council wants SEA to be part of the focus group.
- There is a possible regional hearing for the focus group.
- Dr. Long is Chairman of the Advisory Committee.
- There could be a focus group to start in July or August of 2006. Members from SAMHSA will attend the USDOE meeting.
- The Network is trying to align with SAMSHA.
- We should be reporting suspension/expulsion data by grade level instead of elementary school, middle school, and high school.
- We need to have peer reviewers!!!

- ~ David Quinlan conducted the round table since most of the individuals from the federal side were not in attendance.
- ~ He included violence offenses in PDS.
- ~ He confirmed that SEA has implemented a policy toward violent crimes.

The following ideas resulted from the Round Table discussion:

- ◇ System's approach (everyone [prevention, treatment, and enforcement] comes together)
- ◇ Planning together up front!
- ◇ Review of applications together
- ◇ Joint projects
- ◇ Blending of resources
- ◇ Driving state efforts
- ◇ Identification and listing of gap/services
- ◇ Meet face to face to complete consolidated State Performance Report
- ◇ Share needs assessment data regarding youth behaviors and risk factors
- ◇ Sit on each other's advisory councils/committees
- ◇ Plan joint meetings
- ◇ Align systems of evaluations
- ◇ Relationship building
- ◇ Stay "law" focused!
- ◇ Increase: Capacity
 Relationship
 Leadership
 Knowledge
 Time
- ◇ Standardized Evaluation for both SEA and GOV Portion:
 1. Bring them together at meetings. Include both on reporting requirements.
 2. For the Office of SDFS to replicate the communication to both agencies to keep them on the same page. More guidance and T.A. to the GOV office to insure accountability in Partners and with SEA.
 3. The Office of SDFS could be a model for collaboration efforts and provide example of how states are working together.
 4. Integrate and monitor visit with SEA/GOV

What some states are doing with:

ISSUES OF UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE AND IMPLEMENTATION:

- VIRGINIA
 - Discipline, crime report based on felonies (given points)
 - Level 1: Caution
 - Level 2: Probation
 - Level 3: Persistently dangerous
 - Issue: Over reporting (edit checks built into data collection process)
- COLORADO
 - Safe Schools Act (2000) – data on school report card
 - Issue: Assault definition (issue addressed to include number of fights)
 - Issue: How schools “count” fights and report them

WAIVER PROCESS:

- FLORIDA: Includes description
 - Two years of data
 - Bibliographic list to support Strategies
- ILLINOIS
 - Will be addressing some issues in the state
- TEXAS
 - Provide justification
 - Objectives are reported
 - Annual basis
- INDIANA
 - “The fewer the better”
 - Focus on POE
 - Connecting strategies to research
 - Show three years of data
 - Implementing with fidelity
 - Issue of defining “program, strategy, activity”
 - Outcomes are critical
 - Tie in after-school program, etc. via GOV’s programs

GOV’S PROCESS:

- DELAWARE
 - Require SBR programs
 - Issue: Evaluation
 - Provide TA for data collection
- NORTH CAROLINA: Requires SBR in RFP
 - Programs had to be in exemplary category

- NEW YORK: 15/19 GRANTEES USING SBR CURRICULUM
Issue: No program for specific population (developed local program)
Process to get on model program list is costly
- OHIO: All programs utilize POE
Training on framework
Currently aggregating data

UMIRS:

Public Reporting:

- Issue with identifying districts
- Thought intent was to report to feds
- Issue with time frame to set up new systems
- Political, resource context is important
- Focus on ensuring states are doing this vs. standardizing data
- Issue with teacher surveys
- Issue with definition (truancy)
- Issue with evaluating schools vs. SDFS programs
- Over estimating program's impact cannot attribute every success and failure to program in data context

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

- We do it!
- System is in place
- Performance measures are clear
- Grown in terms of understanding evaluation

NETWORKING LUNCH

David Rosenbloom, Director of Join Together, presented the following:

- Discuss the Join Together preliminary survey results; discussion followed
- The following programs were sited as being used the most, and they are ranked highest to lowest:
 - DARE
 - Life Skills
 - Project Alert
- Forty-eight states responded including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
- There were no surveys from the students.
- The PRIDE survey asked about the effectiveness of the programs.
- Parents thought the programs ranked much higher than what the student pole reflected.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS:

THREE AREAS OF FOCUS FOR NEXT YEAR

- _ Why is it that more states do not participate?
- _ Connect as soon as possible with Advisory Council (contact chair and focus groups)
- _ Reauthorization prep and plan
- _ Networking and sharing of ideas
- _ Outcomes and impact of reduced funding _ appropriations
- _ Agenda should reflect what people want and expect
- _ Survey people regarding what they want at meetings and beyond
(Have meeting at CADCA or OSDFS dates are close and people can choose)

NEXT THREE YEARS...

- _ Reauthorization
- _ Data collection/UMIRS – TA from each other and OSDFS (capacity building)
- _ Continue coordination between GOV and SEA's (turn over issues and unifying field)
- _ One paid staff member within three years
- _ Evaluation and Fidelity – get better at these
- _ Get better at sharing things we are doing effectively
- _ List of strategies on website and data bank that people can pull from
- _ Professional Development Plan – create and implement
- _ DOE – What do we want from them and they from us? Working together...i.e. TA
- _ Work with other federal (and beyond) agencies doing prevention – grow relationships

COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

- _ Membership
- _ Professional Development: Tracie
- _ Legislative: Denise?
- _ Resource: Colleague/Stakeholder/Partners Collaboration

ENGAGING MEMBERS

- _ Survey
- _ Responding to survey = participate on committee
- _ Divide list and make personal calls/send e-mail of invitation
- _ Inviting critical people to attend meeting and present and then highlight your state program
- _ Can meetings be moved to different location?

- _ Business meeting
- _ Sue Thau – What is vision?
- _ OSDFS (update and questions)
- _ New Coordinator’s Training
- _ Media literacy and effectiveness/outcomes/tools/talking points (Help us make informed decisions – specification/Dev. Research basis...)
(ONDCP/S.W. CAPT/Janelle – PDC)
- _ Recognize one person from House and Senate at meetings as champion
- _ Sharing what is work with each other (programs, RFP’s, TA, Professional Development, etc.)
- _ Parental involvement
- _ Marketing/Self Promotion and PR of state programs (How are we putting ourselves out there on the Hill? National Ad Council?)
- _ Send Network brochures to other groups – i.e. PTA
- _ TA models being used in other states (discuss/share)
- _ Please share this discussion with full list serve

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Jones
Secretary, NNSDFSC

NATIONAL NETWORK SIGN-IN

June 29 – 30, 2006

(Those individuals who **officially** signed in at the National Network Meeting)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE
Aaby	Pat	PRIDE
Barber	Jeff	IN
Bowles	Kathleen	FL
Butter-King	Renea	OK
Cantone	Greg	CHANNING BETE
Cleveland	Sonya	IN
Crawford	Mark	COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN
Cundiff	Arlene	VA
Dave	L	For Sheila Hamilton
Hall	Doug	PRIDE
Holmes	Albert	IL
Johnson	Mona	WA
Johnson	Mary	GA
Jones	Clarence	VA
Kalic	Tracie	KS
Krueger	Janelle	CO
McDaniel	Faye	NC
Murphy	Brian	DISCOVERY EDUCATION
Noel	Gloria	DE
Noldon	Margaret	NY
Nunez	Shirley	PR
Peebles	Marguerite	NC
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Peterson	Julie	C.H.E.F.
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Rumenik	Brooks	FL
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Sherwood	Claudine	DC
Shoaf	Elvis	TX
Shropshire	Kim	NC
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Todey	Jane	IA
Traywick	Penny	VA
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