

Minutes – August 13th and 14th, 2005
National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, DC

Saturday, AM, August 13, 2005: New Coordinator Meeting

Thank you to the USDOE Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools for providing use of the National Network meeting rooms. A very big “Thank You” to all our partners for their support.

8:00am – Noon, Meeting: Training was conducted by Tracey Kalic, SEA, Kansas, Jeff Barber, Second Chair, National Network, Executive Committee, Cynthia Timmons and Kathy Robertson of Region VII, Comprehensive Assistance Center, David Quinlan, USDOE Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, and Bill Hagerman, Director of State and Federal programs, Kansas.

The following agenda items were addressed during the training:

- National Network Website
- Coordinator’s Handbook
- Principles of Effectiveness
- Performance Indicators
- Kansas School Improvement Model
- Planning for Success Booklet from Virginia
- Transfer Ability of Title IV Funds
- Working with Local and State Agencies
- OMB
- Education Department General Administrative Regulation (EDGAR)
- SEA Role
- LEA Role
- Gun-Free School Act
- Governor’s Program
- Role of USDOE Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools

10AM - Noon: National Network Partners Meeting

Lunch: On their own

Saturday, PM, August 13, 2005: National Network Business Meeting

Present per sign-in sheets: Sixty-three individuals signed in as follows: Executive Committee members (5), Governor’s Office (11), SEA’s (24), LEA’s (6), Partners (14) and CAPT. (3).

The meeting was convened at 1:26pm by Susie Roberts (WA GOV), Chair of the National Network.

Susie asked for introductions from the attendees to include their state, GOV/SEA/LEA role in the Network.

Minutes Approved:

Clarence Jones asked the members to review the minutes from the January 9-10, 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 August 2005 was \$14,697.79.

Special Thanks:

Susie Roberts thanked Cynthia Timmons and Kathy Robertson for keeping the Network website up and running. Susie also thanked the vendors for their continued support and the USDOE Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools for providing our meeting rooms.

Partners Meeting:

Lawrence Piper gave an update on the Partner's Meeting. He stated that:

- partners are committed to support the Network
- there is no competition between partners
- discussed the advocacy role of partners
- partners discussed "How do we move forward?"
- partners discussed "How do we communicate the message that what we are doing is making a difference?"
- Susie Roberts added that there are plans in the works to do a public service announcement to get the message across.

501c3 Status:

Susie Roberts explained that the 501c3 application was at the attorney's office for review.

Committee Reports:

- _ Executive: The main focus was getting ready for the August 2005 meeting.
- _ Professional Development: Discussed the following:
 - Research-based strategies
 - Authorized activities and the law
 - DARE training and guidance
 - Infusing prevention across the disciplines with fidelity
 - Building bridges between TA and NCLB
 - Marketing strategies
 - Advocacy vs. Education vs. Lobbying
 - Evaluation
 - Data collection
- _ Membership:
 - No action since January 2005 meeting
 - Need people to sign up to work on this committee

_ Legislative:

- Denise thanked folks for getting information to Julie Peterson and Sue Thau.
- House-side approved \$400 million – Senate-side \$300 million.
- In 1994 SDFSCA had \$650 million; in 2005 we will receive somewhere between \$300 - \$400 million.

_ Resource Development:

- There are no actions since many individuals have left their positions.
- People were asked to sign up to work on this committee.

Treasurer Position:

- Lawrence Piper will be leaving this position in February 2006
- The Network will be looking for someone to replace Lawrence.
- Nomination form will be given to folks prior to February 2006 Network meeting.

Additional Comments:

- Discussion on how to prepare for Congressman Brian Baird (D – WA)
- Need to prepare questions for Marc Wheat
- History of the SDFSCA funding and how the program has been watered down by adding additional programs without increasing funding.
- SDFSCA funding should be based on the needs of each individual system.

Questions for OSDFS from the NNSDFSC:

- _ Provide an update for us on the things (events, programs) happening in the OSDFS
- _ Provide an update for us on the funding – both State grants and national programs
- _ How are OSDFS and CSAP working together on National Outcome Measures (NOMS)?
- _ Where is the OSDFS with the state program's national evaluation and collection of outcomes for the state grants program?
- _ Please update us on the PBDMI system and the tie with it to the SDFS program.
- _ Please provide an update on WESTAT regional data meetings and UMIRS implementation
- _ What is the status of the SDFS National Advisory Council for State grant programs?
- _ How can we access reports on the outcomes of the National grants programs?
- _ How active is the OSDFS in homeland security planning and what coordination is occurring with state SEA and GOV programs?
- _ If State grant programs are eliminated, what strategies does the OSDFS have to address the TA needs and resources currently being provided by SEA and GOV programs?
- _ How will the OSDFS involve the NNSDFSC in completing/updating the PART questionnaire?

Business Card Exchange:

Individuals exchange business cards and network.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 4:08pm.

Denise Halfors, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation:

Denise shared the following:

1. Resources available for SDFSC evidence-based programming
2. Research Report on NCLB and the SDFSC program
3. How SEA's/LEA's monitor their compliance with the principles of effectiveness
4. Are LEA's shifting NCLB funds and are they adopting new authorized activities?
5. Have new laws affected the type of quality of substance abuse programs in schools?
6. 43 of 51 directors responded to survey
7. Received data from 2,000 school systems
8. Survey was the follow-up from the 1999 survey.
9. Most budgets decreased and requirements stayed the same.
10. 20% of SDFSC programs received a waiver.
11. 47% of states are not asking for waivers.
12. 63% of SEA's compiled a list of evidence-based programs.
13. USDOE – 9 exemplary programs and 33 promising programs.
14. SAMHSA – 66 model programs, 37 effective programs, 55 promising programs
15. NREPP is a major player and do a better job of ensuring effective program list
16. University of Colorado blue list: 11 model programs, 18 promising programs
17. NIDA – 23 examples of research-based programs
18. CDC – 2 programs that work: life skill training and tobacco prevention program
19. CASEL – 20 promising programs listed.
20. New NREPP criteria being developed
21. States that request waivers – 83% get approvals.

Comments and Discussions from Attendees on Survey Findings:

- Don't let your research come back to hurt the SDFSCA science and evidence-based programs.
- Many programs, such as math (science-based curriculum), are not held to these same high standards. Why drug and violence prevention programs?
- Be careful about the information in your research for it is a very political area.
- 88% of districts are encouraged to publish their survey results.
- Consolidate vs. Individual Application – which is better?

Additional data from survey that was discussed.

- 61% of applications allow SEA's to monitor school district compliance with SDFSCA program requirements; 33% somewhat, and 7% not at all.
- 95% of SEA's review applications
- 86% review progress reports
- 81% do site surveys
- 52% observe program implementation
- 98% of SEA's will contact school systems when they are not in compliance.
- 91% of SEA's have no persistently dangerous schools
- 5% of school systems are transferring funds out of SDFSCA funds
- 0% are transferring funds into SDFSCA programs
- SEA's 6.3 years in position
- SEA's attend 2.7 conferences a year to strengthen knowledge in the prevention field

Military Kids:

Mona Johnson gave an update on the Military Kids program and provided handouts to attendees.

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Jim McColl: Discovery

Jeff Barber introduced Jim McColl who provided the following information:

- Discovery will be making a PSA on the SDFSCA program.
- Partners will work with Executive Committee to get PSA and briefing card done.
- Talked about Partners and how they can support the SDFSCA funding issue.
- Talked about CADCA pamphlets and handouts. All should get these and share with political leaders, community leaders, and parents.

Jane Callahan:

Jane discussed the following:

- Required outcome measures
- National evaluation so it can be reported
- How DFCS overcame their challenges

Recognition:

Julie Peterson from CHEF recognized Sue and Kelly from CADCA for their outstanding support to the National Network and all they have done to support the efforts of the SDFSCA programs.

Sue Thau: Legislative Updates and Q & A with Julie Peterson:

- Over 17,000 letters went to Congress
- OSDFS has not implemented any of the recommendations in HR1 proposed 4 years ago.
- Many drug prevention programs have been zeroed out.
- Prevention across the board was decimated.
- House put \$400 million; Senate \$300 million
- The most we can expect is \$350 million.
- We must continue to send more letters to the Hill.
- Drug testing stayed at \$10 million.
- Hope Taft is a leader in the SDFSCA program.
- House did not put back the Byrd program
- Julie Peterson added:
 - * talked about CAPWIZ
 - * need another 16,000 letters
 - * contact people at conference about need to CAPWIZ
 - * people can go to Cyber-Café to log onto CAPWIZ
 - * We are competing against many other programs.
 - * If we lose SDFSCA funding, we lose drug prevention across the country.

- * Keep e-mailing through September 2005.
- * Write state and local superintendents to get involved.

Marc Wheat, Legislative Director for the Honorable Mark Souder:

- Discuss Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities in the House.
- No one in the OSDFS knows how the SDFSCA programs work after 18 years.
- OSDFS has low scores; 5 of the lowest scores came from the USDOE.
- There are some unreceptive individuals at OSDFS at fixing the problem.
- Peace Corps has provision in their language that says “Individuals can only stay in their jobs for 5 years.”
- We must have requirements for measurement.
- Meth is most painful drug problem in America.
- Bills with meth-related programs are passing with high numbers.
- Add meth prevention programs to your grants.
- Meth is heaviest in rural areas.
- ONDCP needs to show how their programs are prioritizing meth.
- 18-24 year olds are the heaviest users of meth.
- Meth is heavy in gay population because it is sexually stimulating.
- Many kids in meth areas are abused.
- Legal Defense Fund for schools who wish to start a drug testing program.
- Look at programs online to see what Congress is thinking.
- Congress does not have requirement to push OSDFS to do certain data collection.
- Must shape the culture and turn it against drug use.
- SDFSCA is the foundation for drug prevention.

Questions and Answers with Mark:

- How do we get the doors open to share our data?
- How do we go about meeting with OMB?
- Several individuals shared how they leverage their funds.
- What is the USDOE/OSDFS doing with the data they collect?
- Have governors ask the OSDFS “How are you sending data to OMB?”

Panel: How to advocate for SDFSCA State Grants Within Boundaries?

Participants: Jeff Barber, Indiana, discussed how they had regional meeting to address this concern.
 Clarence Jones, Virginia, shared how he, a student, and a parent testified in front of Congress
 Cynthia Timmons, RCAC VII, shared how to advocate effectively.

Website Approval:

Network approved the continuation of funding to keep website up and running.

Meeting with Bill Mudzelecki:

A meeting is set for August 16, 2005, from 2-4PM in Salon1 as part of the National OSDFS Conference.

Reminders:

- People need to sign up for the following committees:
 - _ Legislative
 - _ Professional Development
 - _ Membership
 - _ Resource Development
- CADCA Conference will be held February 14-16, 2006

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- GOV's program and coordination with SEA's
- Creation of 5 key talking points about SSDFS for all to use in advocacy
- Work group with Dr. Halfors
- USDOE/OSDFS agenda
- SEA and GOV one-hour breakout and networking sessions and then report back.
- Follow-up on Mr. Wheat recommendation to use GOV to contact DOE.

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the CADCA Conference set for February 14-16, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Jones
Secretary, NNSDFSC

Attachments