



Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG)

Minutes

Acadiana Outreach Center
125 Buchanan
January 8, 2009
11:00 – 12:30

Vision Statement: To recognize that alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse is a serious social and public health issue that when addressed will create a climate of healthiness and community wellness for all of Lafayette Parish.

Call to order. Introductions: Brian Burton, Demeter Chavis, Donna Jones, Glenda Rader, Janeice Armes, Kirk Trahan, Linda Anson, Linda Boudreaux, Marie Collins, Monique Reno, Monte Potier, Pat Taylor, Donna Tate, Brad Hoang, Kristy Fuselier, Leslie Brougham, Pam Kreyling, Stephen Hammons, James Lazard, Pacience Smith, Rob Leonard, Jackie Rowe, & Kelly Mouisset (23 in attendance – 25 RSVP). Certificates of appreciation were given out to those not in attendance in November and December. Remainder will be mailed. RSVP prize given out to James Lazard. Certificate given to Brian Burton for his dedication and hard work as Chairperson over the first year of the coalition. Motion to accept minutes as printed made by Monte Potier and seconded by Brian Burton.

I. Old Business

Grant Application Comments: Too many positions within the grant. Two positions can be justified; project coordinator and court monitor. Media will be contracted out. Social Norm campaign will be outsourced as well if approved. CMCA informational classes will not stand alone as an activity under CMCA and will have to be removed from the strategic plan. We do several items under this program, but not the program itself. Dr. Brougham was introduced and the floor was opened up for questions and comments. Lafayette was the first to submit their strategic plan. The Management Team at the state level reviewed the plan and made comments for us to address. Plan has been approved and it will now be moved into contract form. It will be sent to contractual review for approval. Contract will be set up through 9/30/10 unless a no cost one year extension is granted to the State by the Federal Grantor.

Other comments were to address community readiness annually, review resources and needs annually as well. Kick off meeting is included in our plan and will be scheduled in April 2009. Coalition must also be reassessed each year to ensure we have proper representation of the community on the coalition. The coalition's membership must continually be assessed. If there are programs, practices or policies that should have been put in the plan but were missed at some point the coalition is being asked to mark this on the evaluation form given out at each meeting. Funding amount has still not been given out.

Training Subcommittee: Marcus Bruno is chairing this committee. Please send training requests to Marcus or to Kelly Mouisset.

II. New business

Update on Criminal Justice/Enforcement Meetings & ATAC: Monte met with Chief who has some concerns about the lack of equipment that was promised as part of the ATAC project. Funding from the state has not been approved nor has LCG received a contract to implement the strategic plan. LCG cannot purchase equipment until funding is officially awarded and budgeted through Council. Cameras will be installed on a trial basis in the ATAC vehicles in the next few days and will be utilized by the officers over the next month until another option can be identified. The Lafayette ATAC officers will be riding with the State Police over the next few weeks to shadow their ATAC division. Chief also had some concerns with cases being dismissed for a wide array of reasons. The tracking system should help keep everyone involved in the system accountable in the future. State will process contracts and strategic plans as timely as possible. Contractual review system does take some time. OAD cannot approve spending of funds until an approved contract is in place but the contract should be dated from 1/1/09 – 9/30/10. Other agencies will also work on getting funding for the equipment for police to get it in place quicker. Bids must also be received prior to getting equipment no matter who purchases it.

Meeting conflict – Kelly Mouisset, chair, will not be able to attend the next three meetings. The co-chair with the assistance of the Secretary will run the next few meetings. Ropes course might be an option for one of the meetings. Lunches will continue.

Programming: We will begin meetings with the school board and school personnel. No funding is needed to move this forward.

Met with District Attorney last week. Tim Melancon, Pat Taylor and Kelly Mouisset met with Mike Harson to inform him what the coalition must track over the next two years. Difficulty getting data from the DA and city court due to how they track their own cases. Harson agreed to work with us on gathering data over this year. His IT department will be contacted to work with us on this project.

Mardi Gras Family Friendly zone: Need volunteers to monitor the site to ensure it remains alcohol and tobacco free. Area will be directly across the street from Federal court house. Signup sheet will be available next meeting for volunteers to help monitor. This can be an hour or two at a time. We will also ask SWLAHEC's Defy youth group to work with us on this project. Officers will be nearby on each corner of the street to help if needed. If anyone knows of any service organization that could assist, please let me know.

III. Homework: continue to think of training ideas. Turn in to Kelly Mouisset or Marcus Bruno

IV. Evaluations – given out

V. Next Meeting – February 12th