



# Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG)

Minutes

United Way of Acadiana

February 14, 2008

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.*

- I. **Expected Outcomes:**
  - Approval of Minutes - done
  - Discussion of Tool 6 - done
  - Review of Parish Plan - done
  - Completion of the Needs Assessment Worksheet – partially completed
  - Discussion of Community Readiness Worksheet – not done
  - Drug Free Community Grant Application – discussed briefly
  
- II. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Project Director, Kelly Mouisset. Introductions were made. Quorum present (20 out of 27 voting members present). Motion to accept minutes from January meeting and to dispense with the reading was made by Tim Melancon and seconded Linda Boudreaux. Motion passed.
 

**Introductions:** Those in attendance were as follows (**BOLD** represents Members): Rebecca Galloway for Annette Accomando, Ben Berthelot, Berlisha M. Ricard, Claude Devillier, **Danny Dardeau, Demeter Chavis, Denise Antoine, Gary Asmus, Glenda Rader, Holly Jefferson, Keler Williams, Kelly Mouisset, Kirk Treahan, Kristy Fusilier, Linda Boudreaux, Linda McIntyre, Lindsay Trahan, Marie Collins, Monique Reno, Pamela Kreyling, Pat Taylor, Patty Thomas, Ray Biggar, Jr., Ricky Rees, Robin Barry-Olivier, Sharon Bourgeois, Sharon Landry, Tommy Faulk, Tim Melancon, Tonya Ball, Vallien Senegal, Valorie Fisher, Zelma Charles, Dawn Diaz.** (34 in attendance) Brian Pope and Gary Haynes arrived at the end of the meeting.
  
- III. **Old Business:**

**Tool 6 – conviction rates** – still do not have complete data for this section due to the way the data is captured and held.
  
- IV. **New business:**

**Website:** [www.lafayettela.gov](http://www.lafayettela.gov), now has all of the minutes and agendas listed under the CAO's division. Calendars outlining future events will be available next month.

**Drug Free Communities Grant** - meeting on 2/19 at 2:30pm at the Clifton Chenier Center to discuss this grant. Anyone interested in working on this grant is invited to come to the meeting. Coalition is ready to apply for this grant. Still in need of a youth to meet all of the criteria. Our meeting times are difficult for youth to attend.

**OAD – Forum:** March 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm – 5pm, there will be a Public Forum presented by the Office of Addictive Disorders at the Clifton Chenier Center. All members are urged to attend to show support.

**Town Hall meeting:** Hosted by SPF-SIG, CMCA, GRAA and OAD. Both GRAA and SPF-SIG received funding. All members are invited to help and are urged to attend the town hall meeting on 4/2/08 from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

**Review and Discussion of Parish Plan:** Reviewed plan in detail. Gary Asmus, SEW, co-chair and Pamela Kreyling, OPH, attended meeting to assist in interpreting the data. All of our work on the tools over the last few months was uploaded into the plan. Discussed need of completing the Needs Assessment by March 10. Fatal Crashes is extremely high in Lafayette area (page 5). Currently 61.11% of all fatal crashes involve alcohol. Crimes page - 13, 1285 reported violent crimes in 2003. No new data to compare it to. Page 17 – peak at ages 18 – 25. Admissions – numbers are only from publically funded institutions, not private facilities. As a coalition, we can look into requesting this data in the future. Page 21 – OMH discussed criteria for admittance for both adult and youth. Discussion concerning the age seeking treatment is 25 – 44, whereas the highest report of use between 18 – 24. Possible issues are entering the workforce or problems functioning as required within this age group. Real life issues begin to surface, problems more aware. CORE Statistics discussed. Alcohol more accessible and acceptable. Outsiders see more of a problem than those that have grown up in this area. Part of the norm of this area. Culturally acceptable and expected. Homicide – lower than suicide. High suicide rate – page 25. Youth use rates are #2 out of SPF parishes. #4 in binge drinking rates. CMCA results discussed. Highest access point is convenience stores in their survey. New stickers are being placed in convenience stores stating “underage drinking will be reported”. Adult use is not listed for Lafayette. OPH has offered to try to gather some data concerning binge drinking from their office. Compliance Data – 16% sold to underage buyers. Our PD does the same locally but we were unable to gather that data in time for meeting. Page 42 – 84.5% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders find it easy to get beer, wine or hard liquor. Accessibility – Over 80% are getting alcohol from homes, either theirs or others. SADD will be providing an informational meeting on rules surrounding alcohol and laws. It will be done at the next Highway Safety Meeting (see Kirk Trahan for more information). UL will also be offering a program on the negative consequences of alcohol on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Student Union. Outlets – low per capita for this area. Signage for alcohol is very limited. Only half had “no sale to minors” signs. Most were tobacco related not alcohol related. Majority of places checked ID. Conviction rates – data still limited. Police Department’s OWI arrests from 2004 – 2007 is compiled and can be seen on page 47. OWI task force in place until October 2005. Chief Craft stated that the OWI task force would be reinstated, but that has not happened as of yet. Alcohol promotion – low. Advertisements inside buildings are the only ones listed as high. 64% of all festivals/events in Lafayette have alcohol available. Community Norms – perception of use is high. Sample size of CCYS survey was discussed. Small sample size for 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Needs Assessment:** Must be able to link strategies back to the needs assessment. Rating each area as green/yellow and red are required. See attached report.

**Indicators:**

Crash fatalities – page 5 – number is so high in Lafayette

Violent Crime – page 13 – approximately 30% of sexual and physical assaults are attributable to alcohol consumption. Data of 1285-do not have a way to say what percentage is related to violent crime. FVIP statistics would be of interested to see what their clients report. Coroner data would be helpful as well.

High Suicide rates – page 25

Other factors to consider: divorce rates in Lafayette

Other data coalition would like to see: recent violent crime. If 80% of alcohol obtained from homes, this should be a target of the coalition. Charges should not be dropped as often as they are.

**Indicators of greatest concern around alcohol consumption:**

Availability of alcohol in the home – page 43. Norms – it is part of culture and parents would prefer they drink at home instead of out in bars. Parties, get together, crawfish boils. Hard to enforce laws inside the homes. Education of the parents is important. Not a lot of places for teens to go or activities for them to do.

Need data among adults drinking and those that drive. Louisiana residents are more likely to drive after they have been drinking. Lafayette has no mode of transportation like other areas such as subways, railways, mass transportation.

Current laws – legislation that could remove the exception concerning what is public possession; If with parent or at private residence. This might be able to be addressed locally and could remove the exemption from the private home. Local ordinances can be stronger than the state's ordinances. Representation from local legislatures and our own city council will be with us for the next meeting.

Discussion of involvement of distributors was discussed. Funding from distributors is designated for education for responsible drinking.

Rating Sheet completed: Green – no concern, yellow – of some concern, red – highest concern. Rating sheet attached.

- V. Homework:** Provide any additional data sources to Kelly no later than Wednesday of next week.
- VI. Evaluations:** Not discussed
- VII. Next Meeting:** February 21, 2008 Meeting will be held at the United Way Office, upstairs conference room, located at 215 E. Pinhook in Lafayette