



Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG)

Minutes

United Way of Acadiana

215 E. Pinhook

February 21, 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.

Expected Outcomes:

Completion of the Needs Assessment Worksheet - done

Completion of Community Readiness Worksheet - done

Discuss Drug Free Community Grant Application project - done

Inform coalition of upcoming Town Hall Meeting - done

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Project Director, Kelly Mouisset. No minutes from last meeting were available to accept. Quorum present (14 out of 27 voting members were present). (Those in attendance were as follows (**BOLD** represents Members): **Brian Burton, Demeter Chavis, Denise Antione, Holly Jefferson, Keler Williams, Kelly Mouisset, Kirk Trahan, Linda Anson, Linda Hull, Lindsay Trahan, Marcus Bruno, Marie Collins, Pat Taylor, Sharon Bourgeois, Tommy Faulk, & Tonya Ball.** (16 in attendance)

II. Old Business:

Additional Data provided for review: Coroner's data, Mardi Gras Safety Alert, economic cost of alcohol abuse, Adult binge drinking from OPH, full CORE results from Fall 2006. FVIP data – approximately 50% of all clients have a substance abuse problem.

Completion of needs assessment worksheet. Updated forms with color codes and table pages given out with the packet. Prioritized categories were determined after much discussion. They are prioritized as follows: 1) Community norms, 2) Criminal justice/enforcement, 3) Individual factors, 4) retail and social availability, 5) Promotion.

III. New Business:

Community Readiness Worksheet – Discussed current Community readiness survey outcomes. Lafayette currently is listed at a 5.03, which is the Preparation state. We want to get to the next stage, initiation. Problem statement, goal and objective were listed out. Three strategies needed. 1) Conduct public forums to develop strategies from the grassroots level. Activity: Invite coalition members to attend the Region IV and town hall meetings (Project director). Project director will speak at public forum and town hall meeting (Project director) Invite partner agencies, mail out flyers add to coalition meeting agendas (all coalition members). 2) Introduce information about the issue through presentations and media. Activity: Compile data sheets with Lafayette

and national data (CMCA/LCG), Distribute sheets to local businesses, stores, PTO, middle and high schools (phone trees). Tommy Faulk has offered to assist with PSAs as needed. Possibly have the statistics published in the paper, either paid or donated space. All information presented should be given by SPF-SIG as a coalition, not an individual agency in order to show the coalitions support. Work with agencies that do informational programs in Lafayette (National Guard, CMCA, GRAA) 3) Sponsor a Kick off meeting. Activity: Have media come to event. The town hall meeting could be our official kick off meeting. Work with Safe Families Program through channel 3, once grant is awarded for SPF-SIG, have KICK off Party at one of the neighborhood centers.

OAD – Forum 3/5 at 3pm. All invited and urged to attend. Will take place at the Clifton Chenier Center.

Town Hall Meeting: April 2, 2008 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the Clifton Chenier Center. Theme is “STOPPING Underage Drinking STARTS with YOU!” Poster contest will take place. Monetary prizes will be given. Suggestion given to put winner up on a billboard. All coalition members urged to attend and support the effort especially since SPF-SIG is sponsoring this event. This will focus on laws and consequences surrounding alcohol distribution and consumption.

Drug Free Community Grant Application: Looking at applying for this grant. Grant deadline is 3/21. Need to update by-laws to include “youth ages 12 – 29” in our mission statement. Motion presented by Kelly Mouisset, seconded by Brian Burton, vote taken, passed. We also need a youth, 18 and under, on the coalition. 15th Judicial District is working on this for us. We need to extend the deadline of the acceptance of MOUs from 1/31/08 to 3/21/08 in order to accept youth, local representatives and any other agency wanting to become a part of this coalition at this time. Motion presented by Kelly Mouisset, seconded by Brian Burton, vote taken, passed.

Looking at working in the Truman area (70501) with a group of youth in a leadership type of program. Need buy in from youth and the community. Will focus on small area as a pilot program and will then look at taking this into another neighborhood with the assistance of the first leadership group. This grant follows the same process as the SPF-SIG. Resource assessment needs to be completed very quickly. All coalition members will be requested to put their resources that can be provided in this particular area in writing no later than Tuesday of next week. Working on gathering data surrounding that area to use in the needs assessment right now. This coalition is being asked to work very closely with this DFC grant to ensure its success. We will probably be running both the SPF-SIG and the DFC at the same time. They can complement each other. Match is needed for this grant. Resources discussed for this program. Need listing of all available resources in this area from either coalition members or other programs you are aware of in the area. Ex. SWLAHEC – HIV testing, access to substance abuse intervention class. The DFC grant would work on an outreach type basis, going out into the community and having information given to them by someone they are comfortable with and trust. That is why we are looking at getting the youth to reach out to youth.

There are four convenience stores, three daycares, three HUD housing units, low mod income, high crime rates, recreation center in the area, and a neighborhood precinct in area as well. Need to get neighborhood youth involved as well as leaders in that area.

There are also a lot of rental units in this area. Criminal Justice Support Services will provide services in that area such as operations to weed out problems, hold people accountable, stopping the sale of singles and blunt cigars to youth, and looking at the environmental problems in the area such as trash, junk cars, abandoned houses, etc. This can be part of our match as well. Youth in program will be required to give volunteer hours as well. Plan to have a large “kick off/signing party” for all members that will take part in the program. These are the ideas that are being looked at right now.

This coalition needs to be involved in all areas that we are working on. As stated from the beginning, this is a working coalition and not just another coalition in this area. Time and talents from all members are needed to make changes in our community.

Suggestion made - Kick off for our SPF-SIG should be centered in the community in an area such as MLK center. This will be discussed more once the strategic prevention plan is put into place. Lafayette Teen Court has offered the services of their children to hand out flyers.

If anyone wants to help work on the DFC application, please see Kelly ASAP.

- IV. Homework: Resource Assessment for the Drug Free Community Grant needs to be completed by Tuesday, February 26th.
- V. Evaluations: Requested completion - 8 out of 16 received.
- VI. Next Meeting: March 13th from 11 – 12:30 location to be determined. If anyone has a large room available with parking, please let me know.

Future Meeting Dates (2nd Thursday of the Month) - Location to be determined

April 10th, 11 – 12:30 - OYD

May 8th, 11 – 12:30 – United Way of Acadiana

June 12th, 11 – 12:30

For More information concerning the SPF-SIG Project, please contact Kelly Mouisset at 291-8327.