



## The Knowledge Effect

Minutes

2100 Jefferson St. Bldg B

June 9, 2011

11:00am – 12:30pm

*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 by Jacob Corbell

Introductions: Rachel Godeaux, Michael Broussard, Jacob Corbell, Brad Hoang, Cindy Savoy, Angie Power, Rikki Manahan, Kelly Mouisset, Dimitre Chevis, Tim Melancon, Jackie Rowe, Marie Collins. (12 in attendance).

Motion for “MayMinutes” to be accepted by Kelly Mouisset, seconded by Tim Melancon.

### **New Business**

#### ▪ Toxicology Reports

- The state crime lab is under contract with the city court to process the BAC level's of OWI offenders. An issue arises when it comes to testimony in court. Many lab technicians are refusing to testify to the result which hinders the credibility of the case.
- The City Prosecutor has called Kelly voicing concerns on the matter and has asked that the coalition attend the upcoming trials for cases where the technician is not there to testify.
- Approximately 4 or 5 cases resembling this issue will be hitting court in the near future. The coalition is asked to attend one of the following trials to ensure a proper conviction on these cases. OWI trials take place on Wednesday afternoon.
- Cindy Savoy has access to a court monitor through MADD.
- Tim suggested that the prosecutor re-file the case under a general OWI statute and use all other evidence to ensure conviction.

#### ▪ OWI BUS

- The Lafayette Police Department will be picking up their bus in mid-June.
- By next month the bus should hit the road.
- Should be present at next meeting for a grand tour.

- No Refusal Program

- An initiative that allows law enforcement to gather a blood sample upon refusal of the intoxilyzer test by means of a search warrant.
- As of June 17<sup>th</sup> the Lafayette City Police will implement this initiative. Police will send out a search warrant to the judge that is on-call for the weekend.
- The plan will then be to expand the program to encompass the parish. We plan to involve other willing agencies such as the sheriff's office and surrounding city police.

- Youth Back to School Project

- The staff met with the Youth Advisory Board to discuss plans for the project and will meet again on Monday at City Hall for 9am. Everyone who is able is encouraged to attend.
- The youth suggested hosting a Battle of the Bands with a grand finale concert with a well-known artist such as Marc Broussard.
- Tentative date is set for Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> either at Parc International or Parc San Souci.
- The following members have volunteered for the event: Jacob Corbell, Marie Collins, Tim Melancon, Cindy Savoy, Jackie Rowe.

- CCYS Data

- This is a survey conducted by the Office of Behavioral Health and is a compilation of data that illustrates the behaviors of students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- It can be found online at the [picardcenter.com](http://picardcenter.com)
- A couple of highlights:
  - An 8% reduction occurred in the number of youth who access alcohol with their parent's permission.
  - A reduction occurred in the number of youth in 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> who drink.

- ATSC

- The coalition met last week and discussed the emphasis areas of their coalition.
- One of these areas is impaired drivers in which our coalition will assist in accomplishing their goals.

- LHSC

- The Knowledge Effect has applied for a grant through the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and will receive word on the awards soon.

## Old Business

- Social Norming for Alcohol Prevention (SNAP)
  - The staff is in the final stages of inputting data and hopes to have the data evaluated by next coalition meeting.
  - A summer event will also take place for all the street teams involved in the campaign.
- CSoc Grant Application
  - We will not be the wrap-around agency for this grant, but will partner with the agency that is.
  - The agency will be comprised of 2 representatives from each area and it will oversee the region.
- Auto Show
  - We appreciate all those who came and assisted in packing the auto bags.
  - The auto sales at the show were down this year by at least half in comparison to the previous year. Kirk is following up with the dealers to document exactly how many cars were sold.
- Stay On Track Graduation
  - We have completed all SOT graduations!
  - The data from the pre- and post-surveys are being analyzed by the National Guard and will hopefully be available for next meeting.
- Committee Updates
  - KEYS
    - We are in need of members. Most of our youth are seniors and will no longer sit on the coalition.
    - Our youth are still involved in the Youth Advisory Board and we plan on recruiting more members at the SNAP summer meeting.
  - Training
    - In July the staff will be attending the LASACT Conference. We will also present on the accomplishments of our coalition. Our coalition will be recognized on a state level.
- Action Plan Updates
  - Court Monitor
    - The final stages of data are being entered into the database and hopefully we will have the information by the next coalition meeting.

- ATAC Update
  - In the month of May the ATAC division arrested 92 offenders. They have been averaging 100 arrests a month. It is expected that the officers will reach 1200 by the end of 2011.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Community Transportation Grant
  - There are 5 different areas in which you can apply under and we will be active in the grant portion that is submitted by the state. We will again fall under the alcohol portion, so there are monies available and we are seeking it!
- Facebook
  - The Knowledge Effect has about 225 fans on facebook.
  - In efforts of being more interactive we created a trivia question regarding our billboard locations.
  - The first one to submit the correct answer was awarded a CC's gift card. Michael Broussard was the winner of the trivia!

***Next meeting will be held on July 14, 2011 at 2100 Jefferson St. Bldg B from 11:00 – 12:30***