

Minutes: Community Drug Coalition Meeting, Monday, 7/28/08, Community Campus

In attendance: Steve England, Theresa Espedal, Eric Thomas, John Sweek, Cynthia Carr, Erin Pfaeffle, Frances Nagashima, Walt Femling, Liz Schwerdtle, Tyler Lohrke, Linda Lubeck, Tricia Swartling

I. Issue of Survey:

We need data by sometime in Sep. for grant. Can we ask grantor if we can postpone?

We have gotten support of school district for "school climate survey." Dayle was going to find out if this survey data is acceptable for use in grant. Also, we need to find out how long doing the survey takes, and what cost is involved?

Data Subcommittee (Eric, Steve, Liz, Dayle) will meet Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, Wed., 10:00 am, Community Campus lobby

II. Discussion of whether we are just focusing on middle school age (6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>). Frances of YAK suggested that we need to follow this age group through.

III. Walt Femling: recap of Jail House Rock event last week. Made \$3,800. Many people after a few beers or wines thought they should not be driving, but were surprised when their blood alcohol level tested low. Free publicity was also a benefit of event. For example, Dayle has been asked to speak at Rotary.

IV. Suggestion was made that group needs to find out what Chris Simms (our volunteer lawyer) has submitted to get grant. Group thought Dayle would know and asked that she inform group.

V. John Sweek commented about the substance abuse policy of private athletic groups, for example, Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation and SV Hockey. Should we be asking these groups to be consistent with the public schools regarding their substance abuse policy? John feels that

there is a loophole: you can be seen at parties if you are a private group athlete, but would be in trouble if you were BC public school athlete. Tyler questioned what outcome we were looking for, and cautioned against being seen as heavy-handed. Cynthia suggested that we compare the various policies, ask the athletic groups for input on this issue and present our findings. Frances talked about policy enforcement in terms of how it is enforced differently with different socioeconomic groups. Theresa echoed Cynthia's idea that we start a discussion with athletic groups regarding what they wanted as outcomes of their policies: asking not telling.

John had some statistics. England: Fewer adolescents drink, but they drink more. Sweden and Hungary are only 2 countries that have more driving accidents than England due to drinking. Age is 21.

Steve England says that DUI arrests by Hailey Police Dept. have doubled this year versus last. Enforcement has been about the same.

Cynthia suggested taxi policy could be a focus of CDC, so people at popular events that serve alcohol (such as Wicked Spud) would have free way to get home without driving.