

the **Partnership**

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

United against dangerous drinking

Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2008
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
330 HUB/Robeson

Members Present: Pastor Babb, Beth Bradley, Sam Dayton, Tom Fontaine, Malcolm Hurley, Dennis Heitzmann, Bill Huston, Susan Kennedy, Sarah Krupp, Linda LaSalle, Peggy Lorah, Bill Mahon, Tyrone Parham, Jim Purdum, Rachel Urwin, Mark Rameker, Anne Riley, Keith Walker, Bill Welch.

Introductions and Announcements

Attendees introduced themselves. New Members introduced: Anne Riley, Pastor Babb, Keith Walker, Jim Purdum and Rachel Urwin. Susan Kennedy announced the next annual Out of the Darkness Walk will be held on April 6th. On March 27th a community conference on suicide will be held, registration is \$15.00, scholarships are available.

Partnership Annual Assessment Report

Andrea Dowhower provided a power-point presentation overview of the 2006-2007 Partnership Annual Assessment Report. The report is available through the Partnership's website online at:
<http://www.sa.psu.edu/sara/pdf/2007AlcoholReport.pdf>

Public Issues Forum

Susan Kennedy informed the group of the Public Issues Forum on Alcohol to take place on March 25th at 6pm in the State College Borough Building. The State College Area School District sponsors forums in which 3 or 4 different positions are examined. The goal is for the participants not to come to consensus, but rather to find "common ground". Action plans are often an outcome of these forums. University Park Partnership, The Commission for Substance

Abuse Prevention and other organizations will be participating. Students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to participate. If members are interested in being a facilitator for the forum, please contact Susan Kennedy: slk5@psu.edu. The website for the National Issues Forum is: <http://www.nifi.org/>

PSU Safe Ride

Bill Mahon discussed a Collegian editorial dated 2/12/08 entitled: PSU-Safe Ride. Susan Kennedy informed the group that Abe Gitterman (IFC President) along with Ben Johnson are leading this initiative. The student group has received a CSAP student mini-grant of \$550.00. Currently the students are being advised by Anna Zacher and have been referred to Penn State's Risk Management Office. The suggestion was made that Abe be invited to a future Partnership Executive Committee meeting to further discuss the initiative.

PA General Assembly, House Bill No. 725

A copy of this bill was passed around to members. The bill was originally introduced in March 2007. General discussion ensued, including the fact that some of the items in the bill are pointed out to be duplicative of the Drug Free School and Campuses Act (federal legislation).

Respectfully submitted by: Liz Barton