

# *the* **Partnership**

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## CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

### United against dangerous drinking

**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2009**  
**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**330 HUB/Robeson**

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**Members Present:** Mike Bezilla, Kassie Blashaw, Rebecca Bywater, Loretta Doss, Ron Filippelli, Tom Fountaine, Ken Healy, Jeff Hermann, Sarah Jones, Jeanne Knouse, Jon Lodge, Peggy Lorah, Bill Mahon, Mark Rameker, Kimberly Rimmey, Dawn Taylor, Ali Turley, Bill Welch.

#### **Alcohol Tax Update**

Tom Fountaine informed the group that the borough council is looking into legislation for a poured drink alcohol tax, benefiting public safety. This is in the early stages and needs a sponsor and act of legislature. Members are encouraged to contact their state and local reps to support this.

#### **State Patty's Day**

February 28<sup>th</sup>, the last Saturday before spring break, has been deemed "State Patty's Day". The group agreed that the strategy used by Tom King last year proved to be effective, wherein he contacted the bars and urged them not to participate.

#### **The State College Area School District and the Prevention Research Project**

Jon Lodge and Jeanne Knouse of the State College Areas School District outlined the project. Jon Lodge stated that the Parent Handbook program started 3 years ago, designed to help parents

talk to their children about drinking. 2,100 handbooks were printed and sent out to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents, faculty and staff. A brief evaluation with focus groups followed. This year the hope was to send them out again to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Dr. Turrisi recommends this time that an evaluation piece be used – which would cost more money - \$30,000.00. The survey would encompass three categories:

- Have a problem and want to help
- Recognize that there is a problem and want to help
- There isn't a problem.

Jeanne Knousse stepped in and organized a community group consisting of folks from Communities that CARE, SCASD, YSB, SAP and Second Mile. She is also working with the State College Police Department on a PLCB grant. Thus far funds have been received from the Knight Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 and The United Way. The Partnership Executive Committee will discuss funding at their next meeting. The community group would like to connect with business leaders for additional funding. The suggestion was made for the committee to present to the next Chamber of Business & Industry luncheon.

### **PLCB Conference and Grant Deadline**

Ken Healy announced the upcoming PLCB Conference, "Project Blueprint", will be held April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Harrisburg Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center  
I - 83 and PA Turnpike  
148 Sheraton Drive  
New Cumberland, PA 17070  
Phone: 717-774-2727  
FAX: 717-712-0861  
[www.hershahotels.com](http://www.hershahotels.com)

The deadline for the guaranteed group rate of \$64.00 at the hotel is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Registration for the conference is free and available on the PLCB website:

[http://www.lcb.state.pa.us/webApp/edu/registration/registration.asp?evnt\\_no=23](http://www.lcb.state.pa.us/webApp/edu/registration/registration.asp?evnt_no=23)

The deadline for registration is March 26<sup>th</sup>.

The PLCB Grant application is February 26, 2009. The application can be found online at

<http://www.lcb.state.pa.us/edu/cwp/view.asp?a=1346&q=558645>

The maximum grant amount is \$11,500.00. Only one funding application per entity is permitted. Grant recipients will be notified in mid April.

Respectfully submitted by: Liz Barton