Task Force Minutes: 10/22/08

Present: Earl Brown, Public Safety; KC Phillips, EMT, Claire Turner, Community Health Student Staff; Kathy Thiel, Alum/Admissions; Eric Salinger, EMT; Jessica Gifford, Community Health; Amy Petro-Roy, House Director; Lorraine Chilimanzi, intern; Bethany Glauz-Todrank, House Director; Josiah Litant, Dean's Office.

- Introductions and an overview of the Task Force's history and purpose for new members.
- Discussed distribution of the "Opinion Survey On Faculty, Staff and Administrative Roles Regarding Alcohol." Interns have been given the survey to distribute at hall/mod meetings prior to Halloween. The survey will be given to faculty at the all-faculty meeting during the first week of November. Completed surveys will be returned to Jessica for Community Health students to enter data. The staff survey has been announced on the Daily Digest, with 37 responses at meeting time. Jessica will get in touch with SAC to ask them to send email to constituents to ask them to participate in survey.
- Discussed EMT protocols and student concerns about calling EMTs due to fear of legal/disciplinary repercussions. The EMTs stated that they believe the EMT protocols are working well the way they are. The Task Force agreed that it might be helpful to do some campus education about how the program works to allay concerns, specifically about a Public Safety Officer arriving on EMT calls. Ideas included:
 - developing a poster, similar to the CA poster that describes what happens when you call an EMT
 - > an article/letter in the Climax
 - > a campus radio spotlight
 - ➤ a blurb in the pre-Halloween email and materials
 - ➤ improved web information on the intranet, internet and Hampedia Claire will get in touch with the host of the "Beer Hour" (apparently a well listened-to Hampshire radio program) to ask about hosting an interview with an EMT and Public Safety officer. Jessica will talk to Pam Tinto about inclusion in the pre-Halloween campus email. Eric will follow-up with work that is already being done on updating web information.
- Discussed the most effective way to convey information to students about resources on campus (as many venues of information dissemination are ignored). It was suggested that faculty giving out information in class might have more impact than other means. The Task Force thought that it would be appropriate for advisors to let students know about resources, or at the very least refer students to resources when issues arise. It was suggested that training for advisors in this area would be useful. Community Health has created a "resource and referral guide" for faculty, which is currently at publications and will hopefully be available soon. A similar guide will be developed for staff and will be made available next semester.

• The next meeting will be Nov 19 @ 3:30. We decided it would be helpful at this point to review the current drug and alcohol policy (minus what the Task Force wrote last year) in its entirety. Josiah and Bethany will review the policy and come to the next meeting with suggested revisions and/or areas of concern to discuss.