

Drug and Alcohol Taskforce Minutes
November 19, 2008

Present: Earl Brown, Public Safety; Claire Turner, Community Health Student Staff; Eric Salinger, EMT; Jessica Gifford, Community Health; Amy Petro-Roy, House Director; Bethany Glauz-Todrank, House Director; Josiah Litant, Dean's Office; Ariel Pressman, Admissions; Jane Couperous, Cognitive Science faculty.

- Claire spoke with the hosts of the "Beer Hour" on Hampshire radio – and they said they'd be happy to have an interview with Public Safety and EMTs. We discussed recording the show and putting it on the internet to reach a larger audience, as well as advertising it beforehand. Earl will talk with the hosts, and with the EMTs and Ray LeBarre to set it up.
- Josiah handed out a draft of the medical amnesty policy to get feedback. The Task Force gave several minor suggestions about the wording of the policy to take back to the Dean's Office, but overall thought that the main section looked good. The section about student group events generated conversation about whether medical amnesty should be extended to party hosts (whether a student group or a registered party host). Members expressed concerns that not extending amnesty to hosts would inhibit them from calling for help when needed, and may also inhibit them from registering parties, thus creating more problems. Discussed the tension between wanting party hosts to be responsible and accountable about what happens at their parties AND wanting them to seek help for those who need it (which they may not do if they fear repercussion). Discussed the possibility of distinguishing between consequences (e.g. no more party-hosting, community service, etc) and disciplinary procedures (e.g. academic or legal record, probation, etc). Agreed to discuss party registration process and hosting responsibilities at a later meeting.
- Jessica gave copies of the results of the Opinion Survey on Faculty, Staff and Administrative Roles Regarding Alcohol and discussed low student return rate – as some interns did not hold pre-Halloween meetings, some students did not attend those meetings, and some surveys may not have been returned. Agreed to post on the intranet after Thanksgiving to give students in particular an opportunity to take the survey if they hadn't already. Will have final results at next meeting.
- Josiah, Bethany, and Lorraine had reviewed the Drug and Alcohol policy and Josiah and Bethany presented comments on the areas that need revision (comment sheet will be sent separately). Eric agreed to write a short paragraph about when to contact an EMT to go under the "When drinking may be a concern" segment.
- The next meeting will be Wed Dec 10 @ 3:30