

Drug and Alcohol Task Force Minutes

3/25/09

Present: Amy Petro-Roy, Josiah Litant, Eric Brown, Jessica Gifford, Gaia Posner

Guests: Alex Torpey & Wes Ringel

- Reviewed revised “Guidelines for Modeling Responsible Drinking Behavior” and approved. Jessica will forward these to Renee Freedman in the Dean’s Office for feedback, and they will then be given to Dawn Ellinwood for approval. The Dean’s Office may review with campus lawyer before including in Employee Handbook. Once the final draft has been approved, it will be presented to Human Resources to be included in the Employee Manual, and hopefully new employee orientation.
- Alex Torpey and Wes Ringel came to discuss proposed changes to the party registration policy. Proposed changes included:
 - 1) Increasing the number of parties that can be registered on a given night to 4 per housing area and 8 total on campus.
 - 2) Changing the party registration process so that in addition to the current paperwork, hosts go through a brief educational training, provided by interns, on how to maintain safety and handle issues that may arise.
 - 3) Provide hosts with a party host packet, which would include a poster to hang in the party area with safety information and the bus schedule on it, postcards to notify neighbors that there would be a party in their area, etc.
 - 4) Clarify the definition of “party” from 15+ people, to 2.5 x the number of students living in the mod, and activity primarily centered in the common area.

The group like the idea of providing a “host packet” and Jessica agreed to work on developing this with Community Health student staff. There was discussion about whether or not allowing more parties would decrease problems associated with parties becoming too large and unregistered parties happening. There were also some logistical concerns raised about how the process would be implemented. **The group agreed to email Alex and Wes with feedback and suggestions by April 7: wdr06@hampshire.edu and amt05@hampshire.edu. Wes and Alex will then send a revised copy of their proposal to Jessica by April 15, so the Task Force can review it prior to our next meeting.**

- Reviewed the list of Task Force Goals from the beginning of the year, & noted which had been accomplished: clarifying guidelines for faculty and staff, student awareness of EMT protocols and confidentiality issues. Several goals are in progress: review existing policy and bring it into alignment with “preamble.” Josiah, Bethany and Loriane had previously highlighted the areas that needed work, and Josiah and Jessica agreed to complete the revisions in May to be approved and make it into NSNS by next fall. The goal of addressing drugs and alcohol at orientation is being handled in a subcommittee. The goal of reviewing the party registration process will continue this semester and the remaining goals will be deferred until next year.