

Minutes for WKU Safe Community Coalition meeting

October 4, 2016 10:00am-12:00pm

PTS Conference Room

Attendees: Genia McKee, KIPRC guest presenter; Brandon Higgins, HR; Anita Britt, EHS; Jennifer Tougas, PTS; Bryan Russell, CFO/PDC; Sarah Haight, AARC/EM; Pam West, HRL; Elizabeth Madriaga, Counseling & Testing; David Oliver, EHS; Rafael Casas, PD; Kathryn Steward, Health & Wellness; Bob Austin, EHS; Dalla Emerson, Restaurant & Catering.

Updates: Anita Britt briefly discussed details from the Safe Communities Networking Conference in Chicago, IL, August 7-9. A University special session included UK, Murray & Emory. Discussed challenges & benefits of being a safe community such as siloing, communication between departments, reorganization & changes in leadership, funding and student engagement. SCA is a marketing tool – social media, parents, etc. General sessions discussed a lot of safety statistics across the US (drug use, accidents, pedestrian & vehicle safety). Several SCs shared success stories such as syringe exchange program & active shooter training. A lot of discussion on SCA Day, resources available and how to make it a success. Breakout session about working with the media, coalition sustainability & prescription drug overdose. If anyone is interested in going and/or submitting a proposal of a success story to share at the conference, we would love to have a good representation. One of the active SCs (New Lenox, IL) had 10-12 people attend.

Anita requested coalition members to please attach the SC logo with an active link to email signature, on other correspondence (pamphlets, brochures, websites). Just put in TV ticker rotation across campus in several buildings. If you need the PNG or JPG file and the link to the SC page, please email Anita!

Current Discussions:

Pedestrian Safety Task Group – David Oliver - During safety walk, talked with SGA President about pedestrian safety. The University has put all pieces in place (crosswalks, lighting) but students have to be responsible for own safety. Idea of contest to integrate into social media to focus on Pedestrian Safety. University controls most streets around campus & have control over speed limits. Able to get a student perspective on what to do about Ped Safety. Dalla Emerson requested to add lights to old side of Smith Stadium under concourse or need an escort because walking large amounts of money during games. David suggested to get a radio for Aramark for football command post.

Drug & Alcohol Task Group – Kathryn Steward – Tailgating issues – don't look for bottles only weapons. Alcohol branding concerns with students tailgating with vodka bottles & beer cans. Tailgating starts too early encouraging long periods to drink – clarified it was mostly for set-up. Rafael Casas – less arrests & incidences still. More liability with tighter screenage (clear bags, metal detection equipment). General discussion - Message needs to go out in more than just email format because students don't read email. Need signage in tailgate areas of rules. Use social media to blitz about responsible

tailgating. Concession workers are TIPS certified (responsible beverage server training that is concession specific). Kathryn Steward & Stephen Rey are certified to give training. Drug Task Force next meeting is Oct. 19.

Emergency Preparedness Task Group – David Oliver – White Squirrel Weather (WSWX) launched. Live weather reporting and storm warning on campus. Benefits to DFM grounds and enhancements on game day with heat indices. Talked with Florida University about dealing with heat issues at games. Active shooter faculty, staff and student versions.

Campus Partners – meeting regularly and addressing students of concern. Discussed

Anita Britt informed the group of the upcoming Safe Communities of America Day Proclamation signing on 10/7/2016 at City Hall. She encouraged anyone that wanted to attend to do so.

Genia McKee with the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) spoke to the group. She discussed the purpose of KIPRC and their resources, her role in safe communities, the goal of designating all KY counties and specific injury/fatality statistics.

The meeting concluded at 12:15