

Minutes for WKU Safe Community Coalition Meeting

September 28, 2017 9:00am-10:00am

DFM Conference Room

Attendees: Brandon Higgins, HR; Anita Britt, EHS; Tim Salloum, DFM; Elizabeth Madriaga, Counseling & Testing; David Oliver, EHS; Jennifer Tougas, P&T; Cynthia George, EHS; Bryan Russell, CFO; Rafael Casas, WKUPD; Sarah Haught, Academic Advising & Retention; Drew Rash, Student Activities; Steve Rey, Intramural & Recreational Sports.

Updates:

- a. Discussed scholarship from SCA and encouraged anyone who was interested to apply. The discussion sparked another scholarship opportunity for those interested—“women pursuing a career in safety”. The contact for this opportunity is Sharon Hunter.
- b. Safe Communities America Day was communicated to the group and all coalition members were encouraged to attend the Proclamation signing at City Hall the following day at 10am, Friday, September 29th.
- c. Anita Britt provided a brief update regarding the most recent SCA Conference and the latest happenings with regards to NSC no longer supporting the accreditation piece.
- d. Anita Britt informed the group about the “Stop the Bleed” program learned at the conference. We are currently exploring the possibility of installing these kits in all major academic buildings and areas of high risk, i.e. farm, labs with carpentry/manufacturing equipment etc.
- e. Anita Britt provided information to the group regarding the NSC’s Attentive Driving Challenge and encouraged everyone and their respective departments to participate. A reference and link to the challenge will be placed in P&T’s parking updates to campus.
- f. Jennifer Tougas provided the group with an overview of the new “Stay Safe WKU” initiative. The goal is to provide relevant safety topics to campus through various means of messaging including social media, billboards and PSA’s. Additionally, this program would seek assistance from students to get these messages out. The idea of a scholarship challenge (\$250 book scholarship) to any student or student group with the best video promoting safety was discussed as a possibility.
- g. Bryan Russell informed the group of a program/partnership between the City of Bowling Green and WKU to help promote safe travel between the two areas. Administrators are exploring interest in creating a “safe walkway” from WKU’s campus to downtown. The idea is to create a passageway that is conducive to student travel.
- h. Jennifer Tougas added to the conversation by informing everyone that they are exploring the idea of bringing a Bike Share Program to campus. This program is designed reduce need for student vehicles on campus, promote wellness, increase student engagement, and reduce carbon footprint.

Current Discussion:

Pedestrian Safety Task Group – David Oliver – Continuing to work with city and campus partners.

Drug & Alcohol Task Group – Brandon Higgins –No new updates. Next meeting is scheduled for March of 2018.

Emergency Preparedness Task Group – David Oliver –Emergency Response Plan has been updated to include a focus on Travel Abroad. New President has a focus on Emergency Management and understands the importance. New student from Meteorology has been added and will join the Football Emergency Operations Center.

Campus Partners – meeting regularly and addressing students of concern.

The meeting concluded at 10:05am