

## **ALCOHOL PRIORITY GROUP**

**December 14, 2007**

**1:00-2:30**

**ATTENDING:** Diana Robertson  
Michael Harrity  
Amber Long  
Angela King  
Leslie Rhoton  
Michelle Smith  
Chris Stoppel  
Mindy Rendon  
John Wade  
Jenny McKee  
Heidi Garcia  
Carol Seager  
Bill Larzalere  
Wendy Rohleder-Sook  
Chris Dyba  
Jay Vaglio

### **I. Re-Introductions**

### **II. Sub-Group Reports**

#### **A. Review of current policies at KU:**

Schuyler Bailey was absent; therefore, no update was given at this meeting.

#### **B. Review of current practices and programs at KU:**

Heidi Garcia said her group looked at 3 large areas—Housing, Athletics, and Greek Life.

Heidi explained the sanctions program administered through the Wellness Resource Program at Student Health Services in conjunction with Housing:

- 1.) If a student violates the policy, he/she is sanctioned to an on-line alcohol program by the designated hearing officer within the residence. The student takes an online course regarding alcohol. The course is \$40.00.
- 2.) If the student violates the policy a second time, he/she is sanctioned again by the hearing officer and required to take a Choices class with the alcohol educator through the Wellness Resource Center.
3. If the student violates the policy a third time, course of action is determined by the hearing officer.

Heidi stated approximately 200-300 students attend an alcohol sanctions per year.

Michael Harrity explained the process through the Athletic Program. Lew Perkins' main goal is responsible decision making. He stated all athletes at KU are held to the same policy; no underage drinking, no drinking within 48 hours of a game/event. The Athletics Program now has a licensed psychologist within the department. All student athletes are required to complete a course titled "Responsible Choices" which covers a range of topics to include alcohol. If the student athlete violates the policy, he/she may be required to meet one-on-one with the team psychologist.

The Athletic Program had applied for and received the NCAA Choices Grant which rewards athletic programs in conjunction with other groups on campus to combat alcohol/drug problems.

Michael spoke of Mark Sterner and a 50-minute program he presents to different groups regarding alcohol and making the right choices. Mark was a student athlete and was involved in a car wreck which killed three of his friends his senior year in college.

Greek Life and its policies were not discussed.

C. Review of current practices and programs at peer institutions:

Chris Stoppel has begun looking at peer institutions such as CU, Iowa, Chapel Hill, and Oregon. His group is also looking at schools outside of the Big XII to review their policies. He stated some of the best practices are found at smaller schools. School policies and practices can be viewed on the Dept. of Education website. The group is looking through websites and also contacting people through other relationships to gather data on school policies and practices.

D. Best practices and literature review:

John Wade stated they are mostly looking at websites, articles, and a friend's dissertation which the topic was alcohol.

Mindy Rendon stated Texas Tech has a judicial office, and all students who violate the alcohol policy meet with university officials whether they are a sophomore, junior, etc. There is a file kept on each student through their college career so if the student has a violation their freshman year, then it can be reviewed if there is another violation their senior year.

III. American College Health Association Survey

\*Heidi Garcia passed out a handout of the NCHA Survey Summary for the group to review.

IV. NASPA Strategies Conference—Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Intervention, January 17-19, 2008, Tampa, FL (Diana Robertson)

\*The alcohol conference will run concurrently with a conference on mental health. KU is sending some people to both. There are monies available if someone from the committee would like to go. Dr. Roney will determine who goes. The deadline to inform Diana of interest in attending is Mon., 12/17, 5:00 p.m.

V. The next meeting of this group will be **January 25, 1:00-2:30, Walnut Room, Kansas Union.**

\*Notates handout given at meeting. Agenda was also handed out at meeting.