



COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Conference Room, Every Voice In Action, Tucson

In Attendance:

Koreen Johannessen
Bill Burnett
Mollie Hunter
Roy Tullgren
Marisela Mariscal
David Salafsky
Tony Estrada
Mark Clark
Ken Karrels
Elizabeth Edwards

Dennis Douglas (ex officio)
Rob Druckenbrod (ex officio)
Leslie Miller (ex officio)
Ed Dunnin-Wasawicz (guest)
Edward Rodriguez (guest)
Chuck Palm (staff)
Allison Jacobs (staff)

Meeting Minutes:

- **Meeting called to order** by Mark Clark, Commission Secretary standing in for Joan McNamara, Chair. Quorum established. Previous minutes were approved with some changes.
- R. Tullgren made a motion to create a **new Executive Committee** composed of a Chair elect (for the next year), current Chair, immediate-past Chair, and standing committee Chairs. K. Karrels second. Vote: unanimous for.
- E. Edwards made a motion to **include the Chair of the Community Prevention Coalition (CPC)** on the Executive Committee. K. Karrels second. Vote: unanimous for.
- **Pima County Task Force to Reduce Underage Drinking** (D. Salafsky, Chair)
 - A new position paper on the purpose for and steps to implement a new local or state **keg registration** legislation has been researched by Allison Jacobs, previous MPH intern with D. Salafsky at the University of Arizona Health Promotions Department. The position paper is forthcoming.
 - A **Candidate Breakfast** is planned for September 25, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., at the Hardesty Center in Tucson. Candidates for local offices were invited to participate in this effort to educate the candidates on underage drinking issues, and to develop future advocates for positions advocated by the Task Force and by the Commission. An online **candidate survey** will be sent to the invitees within a week as a reminder and thought provoker. The format and agenda for the day is still being developed.

- A **press event regarding the upcoming mandatory server training** will be planned for the new state law change that will occur January 1, 2009. No details are available about the press event at this time.
- The **new Underage Drinking TIP Hotline** at the Tucson Police Department (TPD) has been established in coordination with the Task Force. The tipline will be for city residents to use to report underage drinking at house parties, licensed alcohol outlets, and other venues. **The number is: (520) 837-SAFE or (520) 837-7233.** The tipline information will be sent to M. Hunter for inclusion on the Commission website.
- J. McNamara will send a letter to the UA President regarding the Amethyst Initiative, which seeks to reduce the drinking age to 18. Her letter will include data regarding the pros and cons of such a change. This topic will also be brought up at the Candidate Breakfast on Sept. 25.
- **Nominating Committee (E. Edwards):** The Commission needs a formal letter of resignation from Joseph Bass, who has gone to college in Missouri.
- **CPC Report (R. Tullgren):**
 - CPC working with TPD on party dispersals and will include the new tipline. Two deployments are being planned in this pilot effort.
 - Sgt. Hess of the Marana PD is heading up the NW Marana Coalition's RED Campaign. Local merchants will display window stickers regarding their opposition to selling alcohol to minors. Sgt. Hess and A. Bass, CPC Program Coordinator, were interviewed recently for the Fox 11 *In Focus* program.
 - The CPC, with Compass Health Care as fiscal agent, were awarded a Drug Free Communities Support Program grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention of SAMHSA. This award will fund the CPC at \$125,000/year for five years. The CPC will use the grant to focus efforts in the Amado area of the county.
 - The CPC is helping to organize the Recovery Expo on September 27, adding a youth and underage drinking prevention component. Expected are 60 vendor and information booths and approximately 1,000-1,500 in attendance.
 - The CPC is organizing the Red Road to Wellbreity Celebration on September 6 at the Northminster Presbyterian Church from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Other partners include Native Images, CPSA, Compass Health Care, Tucson Indian Center, and Gospel Rescue Mission. Expected are approximately 500 in attendance.
 - Allison Jacobs has been hired at half-time to work as the Program Assistant.
- **Next Meeting: Thursday, October 2, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at Every Voice In Action.**