

Mansfield Community Campus Partnership
December 7, 2007
Mansfield Community Center
3:00 PM

In Attendance: Ryan McHardy, Jane Fried, Sgt. Brian Kennedy, John Jaickman, Tom Ryba , Chris Casa, Garry Lapidus, Trauma Institute, Nancy Silander, Aliza Makuch, Catherine LeVasseur, Matthew Grill, Susan Olmo, Jim Hintz, Tom Szigethy, Ravi Prasad, Ruth Freeman, Kevin Grunwald, Colin Brennan, Cathy Downs, Betsy Paterson and Julie Elkins.

- 1) Introductions/Review of Minutes
Minutes were approved as presented.

- 2) Grant Updates – Ruth Freeman, Tom Szigethy
Ruth reported that they received \$3,300 from NECAS. They have allocated \$500.00 to EO Smith for a student assembly. The student group called MADE will be hosting this event on January 30th. This will fund a nationally renowned inspirational speaker for the assembly. The students chose this speaker after hearing him speak at a conference this summer.

Julie and Ruth met one-on-one with six local liquor store owners/managers. This was a great first outreach effort to these alcohol license holders. All owners/managers agreed to join the listserv for the MCCP. The owners/manager had individual strategies they are using on identifying fake IDs.

Andi Bloom has been working on a project to reach out to parents regarding the issue of underage drinking. The concept is to visit the homes of parents and hold a talk. A trail run of this program was facilitated recently. They are using the video “This Place” as a tool for this program that comes with a facilitator guide and was written for parents as the target audience. There were members of the Board of Education, Willington Parents, etc. present at the program.

Tom Szigethy reported on the Department of Education Grant to Reduce High Risk Drinking . This program has included direct interventions with students that participate in the First Year Experience program and Greek Life utilizing a treatment and control group model. Currently they are administering surveys to measure the outcomes of the interventions.

Tom is preparing the Bi-yearly report for the Department of Education. He asked that folks submit information on any prevention efforts so he can include them in the report.

Tom met Gary Lapidus of Hartford Hospital at a recent conference and asked Gary to join our group. Welcome Gary. Gary would like to find ways to coordinate volunteers from Hartford Hospital to work on spring weekend including but not limited to

prevention outreach efforts. John Jackman and Tom Szigethy will talk with Gary so they can create strategies.

The Trauma Institute of Hartford Hospital will look at the list of activities and events for Spring Weekend to see what they can help with. Their Life Star program is interested in coming to Campus for a presentation. Tom will work with them on dates to come to campus in coordination with Residential Life and the residence halls.

3) Guard Dogs. Ryan McHardy reported that USG has set a budget aside for the spring for Guard Dogs and they are 98% sure it will be in operation for the Spring semester. They will rent a vans and cars from Enterprise and have student drivers and students to ride along in the vehicles trained in recognizing alcohol poisoning.. A question was raised about asking community members if they might like to volunteer to drive or ride along and Ryan indicated he would look into this and thought that it was an great idea. USG will not be able to fully fund the Guard Dogs beyond the Spring Semester. The cost is approximately \$25,000 a semester, \$50,000 a year. Guard Dogs will start small and expand based on needs assessment. New England Realty expressed an interest in sponsorship.

4) Progress on Goals:

a) Daily Campus Research. Julie reported that she has secured a laptop and Graduate Student Alyssa Ryan will be doing the downloading of the documents from the Daily Campus.

b) Yearbook Research. Julie began this project this week with the 05 and 04 yearbooks.

c) White Paper. Kevin and Julie continue to work on this project. Julie has met with Kevin Fahey and talked with Sam Miller on the telephone and is still looking at documents from the past on Spring Weekend.

The group felt that it was important to develop methods we can use this year to develop an accounting system for spring weekend. We would like to be more conscious and capture the flavor of the event. Mayor Paterson, with Julie's help, will pull together a meeting next year post spring weekend of all the appropriate individuals to meet immediately following spring weekend and will have a staff person to take notes as well to capture the tenor of the Spring Weekend 08.

d)Community Outreach-Speaking Engagements. The first program has been scheduled with the Student Affairs Management Team for Thursday, December 13, 2007.

5) Other

Ravi Prasad distributed a draft of the proposed brochure for the Mansfield Community Campus Partnership and asked that any changes be sent to him and/or Julie early next week through e-mail.

Aliza asked members of the Committee if they know of any ideas/suggestions for collaboration with Eastern and UConn students, to let her know. Many of Eastern students live with UConn Students, so it would be good if we could talk with all the students collectively.

Committee members suggested that this group pull together a list of accomplishments that we can share with the Mansfield Community and students as well as list them on the new brochure. Many students and residents are not aware of what this Committee has accomplished. If everyone can e-mail Julie bullet points by 5 p.m. on Monday, 12/10/07, she can get them into the brochure.

Jim Hintz reported on the meetings he has had with residents in the community. Some of these houses continue to be a challenge, but for the most part, the students are cooperating. One resident asked if there was a way we could recognize good neighbors. He is working on housing fairs and informational meetings for off campus students.

Town Manager Matt Hart announced that due to the success of the housing code and the efficient expedient work of the staff the town has voted to expand the catchment area to extend rental certification management to 2/3 of the town..

Next Meeting: Friday, Feb. 1, 2008.

Spring Semester Meetings:

Feb. 1, 2008
March 7, 2008
April 4, 2008
May 2, 2008

All meetings will be held at 3pm on the first Friday of the Month.