

April MUSAP Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Loraine Bond-Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mike Klinkhammer-Boys and Girls Club, Jon Kinzle-City Life Community Center, Josh Jones-City Life Community Center, Donna Hamilton and daughter-Parent and Child,

Introductions:

Recap of last months meeting

This meeting began with us discussing the laws which the Missoula Police Department feels are adequate enough to cover the Social Host Ordinance. Each person in attendance was given a copy of the MCA laws which were discussed. IF you would like a copy of those, please let me know and I can get those to you. Eventually they will also be on the website as well.

RECAP From Last Months Meeting Minutes:

We also discussed Social Host Ordinance, though it died. Shawn Paul reports that he and the Missoula Police Department do not support a Social Host Ordinance Law. He reports that the laws already in place take care of that and he does not feel that we need additional laws, only to educate the general population as to those laws and support in enforcing those laws. The three laws that he talked about the most are Disorderly Conduct, Contributing to A Minor, and Criminal Endangerment. Loraine Bond asked if everyone present at a party is ticketed for a MIP simply for being at the party. Shawn reported that they must be able to prove that the individual was drinking, constructive evidence. Marty and Shawn discussed the fact that they are only able to ticket based on what evidence is present and or available to them. They reported that often they are denied access to a party and at that point, they must obtain a warrant to enter the facility. They reported that a lot of evidence is lost and or destroyed at that time, people get rid of or hide alcohol and people get sober while they are waiting for a warrant. A warrant could take anywhere from 3 to 5 hours. Marty Ludemann added that the Miranda Law often prohibits them from even speaking to someone age 15 or younger. The police must simply do observations of that individual and then ticket accordingly, until a parent is able to pick them up. Marty reports that the minors are not allowed to leave the premise until an adult is able to pick them up. He reports that often the adult is able to directly ask the youth and get an admission of use.

Kari Watkins suggested that we educate parents prior to prom regarding these laws in specific and the liabilities around serving to or allowing underage individuals to drink at your home. Ethan Smith reported that most parents are not even aware of the Social Host Ordinance or the laws in place. Kari brought up the fact that it is still legal for parents in Montana to give their own children alcohol (not to intoxicating amounts) to their own children in their own homes. Some parents perhaps believe that it is culturally alright to serve alcohol to anyone in their own home.

It was asked why we didn't actively lobby against the Amethyst Initiative. The answer is that MUSAP is unable and will not lobby regarding any topic. The job of the coalition is to promote education and awareness surrounding underage substance use. We are strictly prohibited from any legislative activities or lobbying events of any type! Individuals may decide to do something entirely separate from MUSAP as long as they are clear that they do not represent MUSAP!

Next we discussed holding a Town Hall Meeting in May. It was decided that we would hold a Town Hall meeting to discuss the liability associated with social host and purchase for youth under the age of 21. We discussed that we would like to perhaps partner with the University with regards to the Amethyst Initiative (as they have already been put to task by President Dennison to hold such).

- The Date for the Town Hall Meeting will be May 19th in the evening, no specific time was determined.
- City Life Community Center has agreed to house this event on this date. Thank you City Life Center!
- It was suggested that we have a barbeque for this event. Food is always a good draw.

Menu ideas: hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, chips, potato salad. (Obviously depending on what we have donated and what we have in our budget)

It was suggested that we contact Costco and Wal-Mart for a donation.

- It was suggested/offered that we could offer a coffee bar in conjunction with this event.
- We discussed the fact that we would like to have student athletes and local celebrities are the draw for this event. Suggestions were Colt Anderson, Dan Boden. Mike Klinkhamer suggested that we contact Robin Selvig to see if he would suggest any specific outstanding community minded athletes.
- Josh and Jon report that City Life has a big grill and that they are able to obtain a second one for the event.
- It was suggested that we find male and female athletes.
- Perhaps we attempt to find speakers on various levels of the spectrum of care, from those whom have not used to those that are in treatment to those that are in solid recovery.

ACTION: Mindy will contact the University to see if this is something that they are interested in partnering with MUSAP on this.

ACTION: Mindy will contact Costco and Wal-Mart regarding donations for the food items.

ACTION: Mike Klinkhammer has volunteered to handle the media piece for this event. He is interested in PSA's and perhaps ads and flyers. He will need to get those items approved by MUSAP before they go public. The earlier the better!

ACTION: Josh Jones has agreed to contact University athletes that he knows to see if they are interested in speaking at this event.

ACTION: Michelle Schaeffer reports that she will ask St Patrick's for a one time donation for Potato Chips for this event.

Mike Klinkhammer, Loraine Bond, Donna Hamilton and Jon Kinzle have agreed to be a subcommittee for this event.

WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE HELP FROM ANYONE ELSE THAT IS INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT FOR THIS EVENT.

Mike Klinkammer suggested that we as a coalition focus on the positive things that people are doing rather than the negative things that often hit the media. He suggested that we have a campaign of some sort catching people doing positive things, naturally and not staged!

We discussed the fact that the Missoula Forum for Children and Youth will be holding a community wide Prevention Training in September. Each coalition under the Forum would be represented and each coalition would have break out training sessions.

Ideas for training topics which would represent and support the mission of MUSAP are;

- Adolescent Brain Development

- Prescription Pills

- Law Enforcement Panel

- Alcohol Availability-Where do youth get alcohol and how?

- RASS Trainings (Lonie Hutchison perhaps)

- Tobacco (Erica Rollins perhaps)

We discussed the Youth Leadership Council that the Forum is implementing. MUSAP would be getting two youth and we need to generate the specifics for how that would look. It was suggested that Layci come to the next MUSAP meeting to lead us through this.

ACTION: Mindy will invite Layci to the June MUSAP meeting for this discussion.

It was agreed that adding MUSAP to Facebook was a great idea.

ACTION: Mindy will set up MUSAP on Facebook.

We discussed a Media schedule generated by the general Forum. In May, MUSAP will need to write an editorial or release something to the press. It makes sense that we will use the Town Hall Meeting event. Perhaps we can use something that Mike Klinkhammer generates for this event. Otherwise it was suggested that we ask either Rosie Buzzas or Peg Shea to write an editorial for the Town Hall.

Global Youth Service Day was advertised. GYSD is April 25th and lunches and transportation are being provided. Flyers were distributed as MAPPPS a MUSAP sister coalition is actively involved in this event. It was suggested that we support this event. Each attendee was given a flyer and asked to post and to promote this event as they saw appropriate.

**If you are interested in more information about this event, please contact Zoe Zulakis, GYSD Coordinator at 406-523-3929.

The Reach Out Now Teach In Projects for 2009 were announced.

- Lewis and Clark April 6 & 7
- Clinton Elementary April 8
- Frenchtown Elementary April 7