

# **GA Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2009 10:30AM -11:30AM**  
**Wesleyan College- Macon, Georgia**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Thurya Wingate; Marie Bryant, South Georgia Coordinator Regions 4-5; Lisa Shockley Moery, DBHHD; Afiya King, Simone Powell, Gregg Raduka, The Initiative; Kevin Lee Barrère, Volunteer Macon • Drug Free Macon; Amy Davidson, Drug-Free Macon; Amina Wingate, DeKalb Prevention Alliance.

**On Phone:** Jessica Landreth; Rutha Turner; Diane Devore; Julia Jacobeck; Susan (?); Mandy Hill; Ricky McKee; Sandra Jackson-Wilson; Britt (?); Griffin Lotson; Mahuli Jakubek

**Regrets:** Cathy Finck; Joanna Crews

**Absent:** Ed Deming; Emma Sinkfield

**I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:30am.

**II. Opening Inspiration/Meditation.** T. Wingate read an inspiration entitled “Acting Together for Good – Cooperation.”

**III. Welcome & Introductions.** Gregg Raduka gave a warm welcome to all present and T. Wingate thanked everyone for taking the time to participate in the meeting. Members present in person and via teleconference introduced themselves.

**IV. Review of June 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes.** Griffin Lotson made a motion to accept the minutes as disseminated and Rutha Turner second the motion; motion carried by consensus. Two members, R. Turner and Mahuli Jakubek, said that they did not receive the minutes. .

### **V. Comments by the Chair.**

✓ The chair indicated that we had made significant progress since February 2009. Certain aspects of infrastructure development are in place: developing mission; defining how we will make decisions; developing guiding principles and roles and responsibilities of officers. She stated that it was now time to move forward to concrete action, with particular focus on reviewing and deciding on our priorities in order to begin development of a policy statement before the legislature convenes. She reminded us that we agreed to use The Initiative’s Needs Assessment as a tool to identify environmental strategies that we may undertake that are not being addressed by the Initiative. However, multiple sources of data need to be collected and reviewed as well. Thurya once again requested that everyone send an e-mail Simone or Thurya indicating known environmental strategies being implemented at the local level. This info will be shared

with the Strategic Planning Committee (C. Finck, et al) for inclusion as part of the democracy survey that is being done. This information is requested by August 26, 2009.

- ✓ To mobilize the state and build the coalition's capacity each member is asked to bring a minimum of two people to the next meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> in Metro Atlanta. Thurya committee to bring an elected official to the meeting in October and Marie Bryant stated that she will work on bringing a law enforcement person to the next meeting.

## VI. Committee Updates

A. By Laws Committee-G. Lotson reported that he is in communication with Mandy Hill to expedite the work of the committee. A rough draft is to be emailed out to chair or committee to review within 1-3 weeks. He asked us to be mindful of the fact that the By-Laws can be amended at any time. The rough draft will be sent out by mid September to Simone and it will be reviewed at the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Then we can adopt the By Laws.

B. Marketing and Communication Committee- The chair asked for volunteers to work with this committee to develop the coalition's website. Kevin with the Macon Drug Free Community Coalition volunteered to serve as chair of the committee. Simone and Kevin will work on putting out an email for recruitment.

### C. Strategic Planning

✓ Proposed meeting on Sept.15 @10:30AM. Cathy and Dr. Sheryl Strasser did a follow up of GA coalitions priorities. A one hour block of time should be set aside to work on strategic planning. An internet based survey will be sent to members. Greg mentioned that contract year 4 for The Initiative's deliverables is not known at this time.

✓ Thurya Wingate mentioned that the role of The Initiative and the GCPUD are similar but not the same and the coalition must assure its own identity and brand. We need to develop and identify the strategy that the coalition wants to advance.

✓ Gregg Raduka mentioned that the Coalition and the Initiative could take on complementary roles re: the accomplishment of some activities that both entities want to see accomplished, which could include some of the Initiative's deliverables.

✓ Gregg also mentioned that a limited amount of funding would be available to the Coalition between now and June 30, 2010 for a tangible activity. Some examples of such activities would be providing education in targeted communities re: the need for RASS related ordinances and social host ordinances.

✓ Gregg also mentioned the ten targeted communities (two per Region) in which the Initiative is currently working, Spalding, Upson, Elbert, Clarke, Fulton, Rockdale, Crisp, Sumter, Ware and Candler Counties. These are communities that have been shown statistically to be at high risk for underage drinking.

✓ Lisa Moery said that non-profits cannot be seen as advocates, but they can educate. This is important to note, especially for Gregg and Simone. Thurya suggested that we replace the term advocate and use educate instead.

D. Youth Advisory Council Committee. Currently working on recruitment of members and youth. The committee has gained additional members Debby Peavy and Gwen Conant. The committee was represented at the GA PTA conference to recruit

members and Anna Jackson will present at the GA School of Addictions Conference and will also recruit members.

✓ Thurya Wingate recommended a name change of this committee. Instead of Youth Advisory Council, change the name to Youth Council. Each committee should have at least one youth member that will be involved in all aspects of the coalition. Kevin motioned to change the name and Marie Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried by consensus. The new name is the Youth Council.

E. Simone informed everyone that the minutes from previous meetings have been uploaded to [www.livedrugfree.com](http://www.livedrugfree.com) website. Other information from our meetings is posted on the [www.livedrugfree.org](http://www.livedrugfree.org) website. Simone requested for everyone to forward the information on to other coalitions in your community. There are 18 Drug Free Community Coalitions funded in GA. The Atlanta Drug Free Community Coalition should be on our statewide coalition. The chair asked for the names and contact information for all of the new coalitions so we can congratulate them and send an invitation for them to join GCPUD.

## **VII. Old Business**

A. Georgia Summit Update. If you have not received a certificate of attendance from the Summit in April, please contact Simone via email, [spowell@livedrugfree.org](mailto:spowell@livedrugfree.org). All presentations are on the State website. Lisa Moery is in the process of posting the evaluations.

B. Georgia PA Council Update. S. Powell reported that Pat Giuliani had a sign up sheet at the statewide PTA conference on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The PTA has adopted social hosting and is working with local teens and schools to start discussions on social hosting and underage drinking. Also the PTA has Underage Drinking on their resolution. She suggested that we use the PTA to get more involved- PTA day at the capitol. Mr. Vandergriff allowed Simone to work with PTA to conduct a Reach Out Now Teach In.

C. There will be an exhibit table at the GA School of Addiction Studies Conference in Savannah GA. Materials includes sign up sheets for the Coalition and the Youth Council.

## **VIII. Comments by the Membership**

- A. Mandy Hill requested Simone Powell to send out a list of committee chairs and contact information to all the members. Mahuli with GUIDE. Inc recommends sending out information on the work that Pat Giuliani has done with the PTA and also what the GA PTA has on their resolution. **[action]**
- B. Thurya Wingate requested everyone to share and send what you are doing locally on environmental strategies and social hosting. **[action]**
- C. Simone Powell informed the coalition about resources: CADCA -7 primers on the SPF process. It is focused on work in a coalition and how to incorporate SPF into underage drinking and the coalition.
- D. Community Tool Box is an excellent resource that talks about SPF, media plan development, partnership development. SAMHSA is using SPF in grant

- announcements. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has materials to share with everyone
- E. Dr. Gregg Raduka mentioned it would be great if the Coalition had a tangible service that people could put their hands around.
  - F. Lisa Moery stated that it is good to include environmental strategies and is willing to provide technical assistance.

#### **IX. Announcements**

- A. Simone Powell-Please complete the meeting evaluation survey
- B. Dr. Gregg Raduka-Safe and Drug Free Schools money is in trouble. Issue is in the U.S. Senate. Lack of schools sending in evaluation data.
  - a. Thurya Wingate- Crime and drinking rates are up, kids are participating more in risky behaviors. Suggests that coalition members call the Senator and express how this is a critical time for prevention in schools.

X. Meeting adjourned at 11:48AM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Afiya King*