

SAFE Coalition Meeting 11-15-11

Present Were:

Sarah Smith – Washington County SAFE Project Coordinator

Chrystal Woller – Public Health

Deb Bodensteiner – Hamakua/Faith Community

Susan Junas – Education Coordinator, RVAP

Dovanna Siren – Therapist, Hillcrest Family Service

Shawn Loy – Nurse, Highland High School

Jacqueline Spooner, Katy Wellington, Lynnette Kennedy, Carlos Cisnero, Laren

Carter, and Lexi Marek –Washington High School students

Karen Arbuckle – WACAN member

Pam Green—Washington County Hospital

Erik Buchholz—Washington High School Principal

Roberta Sloat

Introduction and Updates:

The students from Washington High School talked about their role in Students Opposed Destructive Decisions and Peer Helpers. Karen Arbuckle mentioned that she was representing WACAN. Sarah updated the group on the abolishment of JEL, the youth tobacco prevention group. Highland had a JEL group and will now be calling themselves KICK (Keep it Clean Kids). Lynette will talk with the leader of SADD, to see if they can incorporate tobacco into what they are already doing. Sarah said that there is funding help with activities.

Sarah also said that the CADCA annual conference is in Washington D.C. February 6-9. The SAFE Coalition is able to take one Coalition member to DC for training, contact Sarah if you are interested or want more info. Also, SAFE is able to send a few students to the Mid-Year training like last year. This coming year, the training will be in Nashville, TN.

Action Plan:

Sarah shared the action plan for this upcoming year as it relates to substance abuse prevention. Some of the key highlights are involving youth in coalition work, attending leadership trainings and conferences, providing information through newsletters, website and facebook. Also, SAFE will be working with law enforcement, retailers and host another drug drop off campaign. (see attached)

Rachel's Challenge update:

Rachel's Challenge Community event will be held on December 6, from 6:30-7:30 at the Hamakua Place in Washington. Deb will check with the community foundation to see if we can get a donation for light snacks. The students will talk with other students to see if anyone would be able to provide child care for the night. Sarah and Chrystal will work on a press release to go out to the papers. Mid-Prairie middle school has about 50 8th graders have been getting the word out to their peers and they have secured 2 busses to bus students to the

Hamakua Place for the event. Also, an 8th grader recorded a 30 second PSA about the event and it is currently playing on KCII.

WACAN:

Chrystal motioned to accept WACAN into the SAFE Coalition. Pam Green seconded. Chrystal is going to check with Edie to see if SAFE can take over WACAN's tax id number and 501c3 status, or if SAFE will have to do that. There was discussion that we would need at least three board members, A president, vice president, and treasurer. The Treasurer will only have to sign papers, as Public Health will do most of the fiscal work. Chrystal will try to get a copy of WACAN's bylaws, and Sarah and Deb will look into getting a lawyer to assist.

NEXT MEETING moved up a week: December 12, 2011 from 11:30-1:00 at the Hamakua Place in Washington