

Campus Community Coalition Work Groups

Summary of Activities January-March, 2004

Coalition Planning Group (January through March, 2004)

Is reviewing the Campus Community Coalition mission statement, identifying and prioritizing assets and issues, and developing goals that address issues and capitalize on assets.

The Planning Work Group has met three times, and the following has been accomplished:

- Reviewed and revised CCC mission statement.
- Reviewed and prioritized assets and issues that had been identified by CCC members in order to identify the most important areas for the CCC to address.
- Developed goals that address the top priority areas.
- At the final meeting (March 25th) the mission statement and goals will be finalized.

Neighborhood Education Work Group

Works with Associated Students, faculty, law enforcement, neighborhood associations, and property managers to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods by developing effective mechanisms that inform students about laws, ordinances, and their rights and responsibilities as members of the Bellingham community, and that increase students' caring, ownership, and connection with their neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Education Work Group met on February 6th.

- Reviewed past Neighborhood Education projects.
- Discussed the goals of Neighborhood Education – what we are ultimately trying to accomplish with education efforts.
- Identified ways that educational materials that have already been developed can be distributed more effectively.
- Brainstormed ways other than print materials to educate students and increase their connection with neighbors and neighborhoods.
- The next Neighborhood Education Work Group meeting is scheduled for April 2nd.

Social Activities Work Group

Works with representatives from Wade King Student Recreation Center, Residence Life, and Associated Students to explore ways to support late-night alcohol free activities on campus. Also working to add CCC participation to job descriptions for ASVP for Activities and/or ASVP for Student Life so that they are on-going members of Campus Community Coalition.

The Social Activities Work Group met on February 10th.

- Discussed Work Group's purpose in regards to existing social activities for students.
- Identified campus facilities and groups that currently sponsor activities and discussed benefits of increasing coordination among them.
- Discussed need for late-night alcohol free activities.
- Expanded group to include representatives from Wade King Recreation Center, Associated Students (A.S.) Resource and Outreach Programs, A.S. Productions, A.S. Vice President for Activities, and Resident Advisors from residence halls.
- The next Social Activities Work Group meeting is scheduled for March 17th.

Enforcement Work Group

Improves communication and cooperation between campus and community enforcement entities; identifies opportunities to use enforcement as a strategy to reduce student alcohol mis-use; develops and/or recommends policies to decrease problems involving students in neighborhoods; develops systems of accountability and reparation in response to student and neighborhood conflicts; and works toward expanding Diversion Project to District Court.

- The Enforcement Work Group met on January 30th.
 - Clarified Enforcement Work Group goals.
 - Reviewed past projects.
 - Discussed possible new projects and other potential work group members.
 - The City of Bellingham Planning Department is creating a map showing student residences, active code violations, and possibly police calls to parties. The map is intended as an assessment and planning tool for the Enforcement Work Group and other Coalition efforts.
 - Next Enforcement Work Group meeting will be in April; date to be confirmed.
- The Bellingham Police Department conducted Winter Quarter Party Patrols in January. More parties were responded to and citations given than in Winter Quarter 2003. WWU Campus Police joined BPD's Party Patrol officers for the first time.
- The Liquor Control Board conducted a successful Cop or Clerk operation in January, resulting in the arrest of several minors using fake ID's and valuable education for convenience store staff and their customers.
- An in-service to update Municipal Court staff on the Diversion Program and WWU's Alcohol and other Drug Consultation and Assessment Services (ADCAS) is being planned.
- Efforts are underway to expand the Diversion Program to District Court.

Neighborhood Case Study Workgroup

Functions as a "think-tank" to study issues that the Coalition and its work groups are addressing; conducts research and makes recommendations to support the Coalition's projects.

The Case Study Work Group met on January 23rd and February 13th.

- Reviewed the status of past Case Study Work Group Projects.
- Discussed the purpose of Case Study Work Group and defined its role in relation to other work groups.
- The Case Study Work Group proposes to study issues, identify "best practice" strategies and interventions, and make recommendations that will further the efforts of the CCC and its work groups.
- The next Case Study Work Group meeting is scheduled for April 9th.

Hospitality Resource Alliance

Promotes business practices that influence customers (WWU students) to make healthy and responsible choices about their drinking. Promotes the role of the hospitality industry in providing healthy settings for informal public life that is essential to the community. Works closely with the Liquor Control Board to develop voluntary better business practices.

Possible projects: Establish "what works" roundtables to share effective ways to deal with challenges (e.g., fake ID's, cutting customers off, disruptive behavior); recruit off-premise retailers into HRA; implement "support your server" campaign; partner with law enforcement to offer classes to high school and college students on the consequences of using fake and borrowed ID's.

The Hospitality Resource Alliance has not met. The next meeting is planned for April; date to be confirmed.