

Campus Community Coalition Work Groups

Summary of Activities – April-June, 2004

Steering Committee (previously Coalition Planning Group)

The Coalition Planning Group completed its original task of determining the strategic direction of the Coalition by clarifying its mission and goals. The group agreed to continue as the Coalition's Steering Committee, recognizing the value of having a group that represents the Coalition's diverse membership to address overarching Coalition issues.

The Steering Committee met on March 25th and April 21st and accomplished the following:

- Finalized revisions to the CCC mission statement.
- Developed six goals that address priority areas related to achieving the mission.
- Identified CCC needs for the Steering Committee to address in the future, including funding and resource development, evaluation, guidance for the work groups, and publicizing the CCC's work.
- Determined that funding/resource development is the CCC's most urgent need at this time.

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 April 2nd and May 7th and accomplished the following:

- Prioritized projects that had been identified in previous meetings
- Drafted a plan for the 2004-2005 academic year that focuses on (1) welcoming students to Bellingham neighborhoods, (2) communicating expectations about living in neighborhoods, including rights and responsibilities as members of the Bellingham community, and (3) fostering positive relationships among students and long-term neighbors.
- Proposed activities for Fall include working with neighborhood groups to hold neighborhood events that involve students, articles on positive student involvement in neighborhoods, and information tables at the Information Fair in Red Square.
- Proposed activities for Winter and Spring focus on providing information about off-campus life for students living in residence halls who are planning to move off campus.

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 March 17th and May 26th and accomplished the following:

- Identified campus organizations and groups that sponsor social activities; agreed that offering **more** activities is not as important as **increasing collaboration** among current activity sponsors.
- Expanded group to include representatives from Wade King Recreation Center, Associated Students (A.S.) Productions, A.S. Vice President for Activities, A.S. Vice President for Campus and Community Affairs, and staff from Residence Life.
- Met with student organizers of recent "Late Show in the Viking Union" event to discuss successes and challenges of the event, and how similar late-night events could be held regularly on campus.
- Met with developers of the new on-line All University Events Calendar to learn about changes in the system and discuss how it could increase coordination among campus activity sponsors.

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 CCC's Enforcement Work Group did not meet in April-June.

Other enforcement-related activities:

- WWU Prevention and Wellness staff provided an in-service to update Municipal Court staff on the Diversion Program and WWU's Alcohol and other Drug Consultation and Assessment Services (ADCAS).
- Liquor Control Board officers continued to conduct Compliance Checks and Cop-or-Clerk operations. The three Cop-or-Clerk operations in April-May resulted in six citations and the confiscation of three fake IDs.

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 April 9th and accomplished the following:

- Discussed in depth the idea of implementing a Neighborhood Community Service Project that could be used by Bellingham Municipal Court as another diversion option for students who have received alcohol-related citations. The idea was proposed to the CCC by a Municipal Court prosecuting attorney.
- Neighborhood Community Service would be similar to the Community Service program currently used by Municipal Court, except that service would be done in neighborhoods instead of community agencies.
- Identified some of the benefits and challenges that such a program would offer neighborhoods, and students, and Municipal Court.
- Developed general recommendations regarding the roles and responsibilities of neighborhood associations and Municipal Court, the referral process, how service projects could be identified and monitored in the neighborhoods, and how to match students with projects in order to create a "win-win" situation for students and neighborhoods.
- The project is currently under consideration by Municipal Court staff.

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.

The Hospitality Resource Alliance met on May 12th and accomplished the following:

- Members discussed the benefits of participating in the Hospitality Resource Alliance, and their hopes and expectations for the group's work.
- The HRA's past activities were reviewed and discussed.
- The group decided to work on the issue of over service, discussed in the past as a "Support your Server" campaign. This would include educating customers about the laws regarding over service, as well as promoting bar owners' responsible hospitality practices through the media.