

Summary

Prevention Works In Seattle (Prevention WINS)

Formerly Northeast Seattle Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking

General Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2009

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Nathan Hale High School

Attending

Christine Talianis, Seattle Public Schools

Carolyn Bernhard, Parent

Danielle Bock, Center for Human Services

Poonam Vasdev, Nathan Hale High School Student

Oriana LaVilla, Nathan Hale High School Student

Amy Briggs, Nathan Hale High School

Randy Beaulieu, Seattle Public Schools

Inga Manskopf, Community Coordinator

CADCA Conference Report

Poonam Vasdev reported that she and eight other Nathan Hale High School students, who are members of RADD – Raiders Against Destructive Decisions – participated in the CADCA Leadership Forum in February. They participated in workshops that taught them to use the Strategic Prevention Framework as a way to identify and solve problems. As a result, RADD determined that underage drinking among Hale students is more about bonding than peer pressure. They then brainstormed ways to encourage bonding between freshmen/sophomores and juniors/seniors without the use of alcohol. RADD is now planning to start a mentoring program. They are also planning fun activities and inviting their friends to join them.

As part of the conference, the group met with Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell, and Jim McDermott. In addition, they were able to visit the Senate while it was voting on stimulus legislation. All RADD members agreed that the conference was worthwhile and recommend attending it again.

Updates

New Co-Chairs: It was announced that Carolyn Bernhard and Mia Doces were unanimously voted in (via email) as the coalition's Co-Chairpersons.

Enforcement Roundtable: A summary of the March 10 Roundtable meeting was given and included information about a local mini-mart selling to minors and being caught by the Liquor Control

Board on a regular basis; parties at Magnuson Park, including a recent one during which someone was assaulted and their car vandalized; cuts in funding for Seattle Police and Liquor Control Board party patrols; and increasing communication between the police, the courts, and the Department of Licensing.

Danielle Bock suggested that “zero tolerance” signs be posted at parks and “we don’t serve minors” signs be posted at mini-marts.

Amy Briggs reported that the school is aware of a known drug dealer who drives around the school during lunch.

Parenting Forum: Carolyn Bernhard announced that the coalition is hosting a parenting forum Monday night at Eckstein.

Prevention Intervention Specialist: Christine Talianis reported that she’s been busy seeing students who have been caught with marijuana at all three schools.

Funding & Sustainability: Inga Manskopf reported that she met with the Executive Director of the Snohomish County Health & Safety Network and discussed a DFC grant mentoring relationship with them.

Healthy Youth Survey Results

Highlights of the results from the 2008 Healthy Youth Survey for Eckstein, Hale, and Roosevelt were distributed. It was noted that underage drinking and marijuana use rates remained fairly stable though Roosevelt 10th grade 30-day alcohol use rate decreased by 8% from 2006. Except for that, all alcohol and marijuana use rates remain above the state average.

Sharing & Announcements

Danielle Bock announced that a statewide youth forum is being hosted by the Attorney General on April 30. Amy Briggs and Christine Talianis are interested in bringing a few RADD members.