

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**TASK FORCE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION**

November 29, 2013  
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The Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention met Tuesday, November 29, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 130, at the State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention Legislative member attending was:** Representative Jeremy Gillam and Senator Missy Irvin. Representative Deborah Ferguson, Representative Henry “Hank” Wilkins, IV, and Representative Eddie Armstrong were also in attendance.

**Non-legislative members attending were:** Otistene Smith, Alicia Nepl (*for Joy Laney*), Max Snowden and Hank Wilkins, V.

Representative Gillam called the meeting to order.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE 6, 2012 MINUTES**

Approval of minutes from the December 10, 2012, Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention meeting was made without objection.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Representative Gillam made the motion to elect Senator Missy Irvin to Chair the Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention. The motion carried.

**REVIEW OF 2012 TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Discussion on Task Force Recommendations for State Legislation:

- Task Force members discussed how essential to remind the legislature the importance of maintaining 100% of the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement funds to be used for communities in rural areas, schools, tobacco prevention, prescription drug abuse prevention, and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disease prevention.
- Continue support enforcement to seize driver licenses of minors in possession and how it’s impacting the juvenile justice system.
- Remain consistent with opposing legalizing marijuana as it relates to the Controlled Substance Act (CSA)

Discussion on Task Force Recommendations for State Agency Programming Policy and/or Practices:

- Schools who participate in the APNA survey are being recognized with an awards certificate.
- Send an executive director’s memo to Dr. Tom Kimbrell requesting his support to encourage schools to support APNA.
- Utilize the State Capitol building to display banners promoting prescription drug abuse awareness.
- Schools in rural areas around the state who apply for competitive grants have difficulty receiving those funding.

- Make recommendations to the Arkansas State Medical Board, Arkansas State Board of Nursing, and Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy regarding prescription drug abuse awareness.

### **DETERMINING GOALS AND PRIORITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### Discussion:

- Expand legislation to require public warning signs regarding FASD at the point of sale of alcohol in stores, restaurants and bars.
- Continue legislation to reinstate the authority of law enforcement to seize driver's license of all underage individuals charged with Minor in Possession.
- Create a task force subcommittee to research marketing ideas and funding streams to support prevention awareness.
- Review how emergency rooms track individuals using their facility to obtain prescription drugs.
- How to educate parents and Day Care centers on keeping prescription drugs out of reach of small children.

### **DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Invite hospital administration to discuss pain protocol.
- Ms. Nepl will research which schools across the state are promoting tobacco and drug prevention awareness.
- Ms. Nepl and Mr. Wilkins, V, will work together to develop ideas on promoting awareness at the State Capitol during the Fiscal Legislative Session.
- Ms. Smith will report to the next task force meeting regarding APNA survey and ideas on how to communicate to Federal delegation regarding contracts.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.