

DRAFT MINUTES

TASK FORCE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

November 29, 2013

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.