

PFS II Law Enforcement

Regional Taskforce

Meeting Minutes

Feb. 21st, 2014

Attendees:

Kevin Babcock (Powell Co SRO)
Tracy Combs (Versailles PD)
Jeff Farmer (Franklin Co. Sheriff's Office)
Scott Harvey (Nicholasville PD)
Tiffany Quarles (Kentucky ABC)
Steve Newell (Kentucky ABC)
Jason Parks (Lexington PD)
Teresa Hollon (Georgetown PD)
Joe Saunier (Lawrenceburg PD)
Jason Whitaker (Georgetown PD)
Michael Doane (KY ABC)
Josh Crain (KY ABC)

Bill Cruce (Mercer Co. Sheriff's Office)
Joe Carter (Woodford SRO)
Walter Martin (Frankfort PD)
Ros Richardson (Frankfort PD)
Pat Melton (Franklin SRO)
Sharon Tankersley (Drug Free Lexington)
Donna Wiesenhahn (Bluegrass Prevention Center)
Jan Chumley (Bluegrass Prevention Center)
M.E. Kobes (Bluegrass Prevention Center)
Bridgette Lester (City of Danville)

- I. Introduction and welcome to all officers and guests. Prevention Specialist Jessica Miller thanked everyone for coming. A reminder to sign in and have Chick-fil-a breakfast was indicated.
- II. Van Ingram was introduced along with the topic:
- III. **Consequences: Why are we here:** Van Ingram focused on the issue of Under Age Drinking, used PowerPoint presentation that highlighted consequences to communities with examples from Steubenville. Q and A followed
- IV. **Jessica introduced the "Toolkit" for Law Enforcement:**
 - a. Flash drive was given to all attendees as well as go over the content of the toolkit. A table of contents was provided in the folder that was passed out. A few of the resources were highlighted including the Class of 2015, an 8 min. presentation aimed at high school students that addresses multiple aspects of underage binge drinking. It was pointed out that there are multiple presentations on the flash drive for different ages as well as appropriate material for the community.
 - b. Donna Wiesenhahn spoke briefly about the Zero Tolerance program, indicating that one of the marketing, informational cards is included in the toolkit. Many officers were unfamiliar with the Zero Tolerance program so discussion included the statute number as well as a brief explanation of how the program works (under 21 who are cited for drinking and driving below .08).
 - c. The Incentive giveaway (Fatal Vision Goggles) were then presented to all offices represented, pointing out that there were different resources on utilizing these goggles included on the flash drive. Some officers shared the ways that they used the goggles in the past and with what age groups. All information was useful to those present. The hope of Bluegrass is that the goggles prove useful during April as Alcohol Awareness Month for the officers.
- V. **Update on Alcohol-related KY Ordinances and Proposed Legislation, and KAPA: Tara McGuire**
 - a. Tara McGuire provided a PowerPoint Presentation on how and why the Kentucky Alcohol Policy Alliance (KAPA) was started including references to 2012 KIP data showing Alcohol is Kentucky's #1 Drug Problem, nearly 3 of 4 12th-graders said alcohol was easy to get, and 25% of 10th-graders reported consuming alcohol in the last 30-days; 2012 ABC Governor's Task Force discussing Statewide Mandated Responsible Beverage

Server (RBS) Training in which as of Jan. 2014, more than 65 KY communities have passed RBS Ordinances (an Alcohol PES RBS Fact Sheet was provided and attendees were instructed to visit www.kyprevention.com/projects/rbs or consult information on their tool-kit to learn more about RBS and other alcohol-related KY Ordinances); August 2012 - U.S. District Judge Heyburn II Ruling which was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals but could have if kept “created the largest expansion of alcohol since the Prohibition”; and 2013 KY General Assembly passing Medical Amnesty (SB 13), and considering proposals to reduce drunk driving, alcohol outlet density and minor's access to alcohol.

- b. Tiffany Quarles also provided information from the KY ABC on the result of 2013 SB-13 and RBS. She discussed how currently, Kentucky has no state legislation addressing this issue, though server training is required if licensees have been cited and are requesting a reduction in or suspension of the fine and/or down time. As result of 2013 SB-13, the Kentucky Department of Alcohol Beverage Control is currently reviewing and working with communities throughout the Commonwealth to update their local alcohol ordinances. During the course of this review it is likely RBS will be added by some communities and discovered to pre-exist in others we may currently be unaware of.
- c. **Tara discussed** how if the Appeal filed by the KY ABC would have lost in the Judge Heyburn case, then ANY retailer could sell ANY type of alcohol. This includes grocery stores, dollar stores, convenience stores, pawn and gun shops—even truck stops! This expansion of outlet density could have meant up to 567 new packaged liquor licensees statewide and 101 in the Bluegrass Region, and research suggested increased alcohol outlets strongly correlates with increased crime, violence and excessive alcohol use.
- d. **She went on to discuss the activities of KAPA; such as, Kentucky Prevention Week held December 8-14th, 2013 in which** KAPA volunteers representing 93-counties (78%) signed up to meet with 130 of 136 (96%) KY Legislators (does not include two vacant seats), and provide education material on a public health issue effecting youth access to alcohol in Kentucky; and KAPA Day at the Capitol planned for February 27, 2014, in which everyone in attendance is invited to attend- registration and more information is available at www.kyprevention.com/projects/kapa/day-capitol/. KAPA Day at the Capitol is designed to provide an opportunity for community agencies and individuals to work together to meet with lawmakers in support of underage and binge drinking prevention in Kentucky. Joe Saunier with the Lawrenceburg PD (SRO at Anderson County High School) stated he planned to attend with other members of his department. Tiffany Quarles said she had made others at the KY ABC aware of the event.
- e. Tara distributed an Alcohol PES handout with the status according to the LRC of all proposed KY Legislation related to alcoholic beverages and/or alcoholism, and facilitated group discussion on the potential effect on law enforcement and communities related to underage access to alcohol and high-risk drinking from these pending changes.

VI. **Protect What We Value:** The new regional tagline was introduced that will be utilized on all correspondence. The Underage Drinking Advisory Board was instrumental in the development of this tagline (Thank You!). The tagline provides the continuity to all Bluegrass material and information as a recognizable phrase.

VII. **Evaluation and Wrap-up:** Attendees were asked to fill out an evaluation and to provide valuable feedback to Bluegrass Prevention as future meetings are planned. Results of the evaluation are:

- a. 100% indicated that there was expected use of the toolkit provided this day.
- b. 70% indicated either no use or being unsure about whether Zero Tolerance was being utilized
- c. Comments included needing more information about Social Host ordinances

VIII. **Next Meeting:** April 25th is next meeting at TBA location. Also, the June 12th date was announced for the UAD conference to focus on party dispersal and cyber monitoring.

