

## PFS II Law Enforcement

### Regional Taskforce

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2013

#### Attendees:

Kevin Babcock (Powell Co SRO)  
John Branscum (Jessamine Co. Schools)  
Keith Broughton (Woodford Co. Sheriff's Office)  
Mitch Brown (Richmond PD)  
Mayor Ed Burtner (Mayor of Winchester)  
Steve Cambron (Kentucky DBHID)  
Jan Chumley (Bluegrass Prevention Center)  
Tracy Combs (Versailles PD)  
Jeff Farmer (Franklin Co. Sheriff's Office)  
Scott Harvey (Nicholasville PD)  
M.E. Kobes (Bluegrass Prevention Center)

Jason Parks (Lexington PD)  
Steve Newell (Kentucky ABC)  
Tiffany Quarles (Kentucky ABC)  
Connie Smith (Kentucky DBHID)  
Sharon Tankersley (Drug Free Lexington)  
Bryan Taylor (Anderson Co. Sheriff's Office)  
Sharon Turner (Woodford Co. ASAP)  
Donna Wiesenhahn (Bluegrass Prevention Center)  
Johnnie Woods (Kentucky DBHID)  
Sheriff Wayne "Tiny" Wright (Woodford Co. Sheriff)

- I. Introduction and welcome to all officers and guests. Director of Bluegrass Prevention Center, Donna Wiesenhahn, thanked Sheriff Wayne Wright from Woodford County for hosting the meeting and facilitating the enforcement discussion. Introduction of guests from the Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health and brief background on the new Partners for Success II Grant in the region.
- II. Barbeque lunch provided by Bluegrass Prevention Center for the meeting.
- III. **Common Themes:** Throughout the officer led group discussion the following issues emerged across all communities.
  - a. Lack of parental support for enforcement efforts. Need to build parent education of the issues surrounding underage drinking.
  - b. High violation times seem to be similar across county lines: football season, prom, spring break, graduation.
  - c. Rural areas are dealing with large parties that are promoted through a variety of social media outlets. Officers need a way to enforce the laws in these situations.
  - d. Common issue: not enough funds for overtime to target enforcement through compliance checks, road blocks, etc.
  - e. Need to address the acceptance of drinking by parents and educators. This acceptance makes it hard to enforce laws both inside schools and outside.
- IV. **Social Host Discussion**
  - a. Need more education on what this ordinance is for counties that do not have it on the books. The counties where the law is enacted often have issues trying to enforce it.
  - b. Officers expressed interest in having access to model ordinances for comparison. Bluegrass Prevention Center offered to relay this information to any interested officers because they have all ordinances from the region readily accessible. These will be made available at future meetings. Also contact information was provided for future consultation with individual communities and departments.
  - c. Discussed various differences/issues with social host ordinance vs. endangering welfare of minor citation.
  - d. Need party dispersal resources and training.

- e. “Pop-Up” parties are an issue at all levels across region. Have property owners renting to young college students and the students then host “rave” type parties. Often in abandoned properties and this can be grounds for various zoning or fire safety related citations. Officers discussed various ways that these type of issues can be shut down.

V. **Discussion of the Acceptance of Underage Drinking & College Campus Involvement**

- a. Many events are centered around alcohol and drinking: UK football, UK basketball, Keeneland, Derby. Absolutely necessary to get campus police in on this conversation because they see the brunt of UAD issues. Also need to bring in representatives from the Greek organizations on various campuses because they are able to build support or rally opposition for various policies.

VI. **Building New Partnerships:** Officers discussed the need to build collaboration and cooperation among law enforcement agencies across the region to better enforce existing laws. Several officers from ABC and other agencies offered to answer any questions about social host or other enforcement programs.

VII. **Parent Education Programs:** Across the region all officers emphasized the VITAL importance of parent education and the need to change the mentality parents have about “youthful memories” because the concept of a “party” has drastically changed since the 70s and 80s. Now parties are huge because of communication capabilities of youth (social media, text, etc). New dangers including increased accessibility of illicit drugs, etc.

VIII. **Positive Community Norms Training**

- a. Brief overview of positive community norms strategy to address underage drinking.
- b. Strategy corrects misperceptions of alcohol use among youth by using actual usage data from the Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) survey.
- c. Goal is to correct youth misperceptions that drinking is the “norm” and to establish that the healthy behavior is actually the norm for youth.
- d. Law enforcement can be great partners to make this strategy more effective in communities.

IX. **Tiffany Quarles, ABC**

- a. In depth review of compliance Checks and how ABC can partner with local law
- b. Review of how ABC can provide assistance to local law enforcement for complaints on non-licensed businesses providing alcohol.
- c. ABC can provide STAR training for law enforcement or local retailers.
- d. Contact Education Branch Manager, Tiffany Quarles; [tiffany.quarles@ky.gov](mailto:tiffany.quarles@ky.gov)

X. **Who Needs to Be Brought to the Table at Future Meetings?**

- f. County attorneys, judges
- g. Deans of students at the colleges
- h. High school counselors
- i. Superintendents
- j. Greek council members from colleges
- k. Court Designated Workers (CDWs)
- l. City mayors

XI. **Incentive Item Giveaway:** All enforcement attendees were given a box of alcohol indicator strips as token of appreciation for attendance. Incentive items will be given away at the end of each meeting and will progressively increase in value with each meeting.

XII. **Next Meeting:** Tentatively, the next meeting will be sometime in November. The information will be provided to officers and departments as soon as an exact date, time and location are determined. If your department is interested in hosting the next taskforce meeting please contact Jessica Miller or M.E. Kobes at 859-225-3296 or [jmiller@bluegrass.org](mailto:jmiller@bluegrass.org); [mekobes@bluegrass.org](mailto:mekobes@bluegrass.org)