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## SYV Coalition to Promote Drug-Free Youth ACTION MINUTES

**Date:** July 18, 2009

**Members Present:** Bob Dullea, Chairman, Marc Bierdzinski, Michelle Bradley, Molly Carrillo-Walker, Sue Gionfriddo, John Greer, Jess Montoya, Dean Palius, Arcelia Sencion, and Cindy Stevens

**Staff:** Lois Craig, Mary Conway

**Opening:** Bob opened meeting at 4:05 PM and introductions were made. “Who Said What” game was played and Michelle Bradley won the prize. A letter of appreciation was sent to the Coalition from the Stardust Cruises Limousine Service applauding the work we do to protect kids from alcohol.

**Minutes:** Approved Minutes June 16, 2009  
(*Motion – Stevens, Second, Montoya*)

### NOTES

#### 1. Individual and Agency Updates –

- a. Bob reported that the Juvenile Justice Committee has been doing visitations at schools and collecting data on what schools provide after school care (10 currently)
- b. Debbie Weinstein had reported that the date for the Parent Forum was confirmed on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Back to School Night at the High School. The Coalition will collaborate together with Debbie on this educational presentation.
- c. Dean reports that PHP has hired a Drug and Alcohol Counselor for the High School to support youth and provide “Reconnecting Youth” curriculum as well
- d. Staff announced that a \$15,000 grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation was received for the After School “Seeking Success” program as requested.

| Action Item | Description       |
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|             | <b>None Taken</b> |

#### 2. Coalition Data Collections and Evaluation Presentation

- a. The Data Collections Work Group presented a power point presentation, educating the Coalition members on the recent High School CA. Healthy Kids Survey results and the Law Enforcement Data, regarding the alcohol related incidents in the SYV.
- b. The Law Enforcement Data received will serve as a more viable baseline for data for the Coalition work.

- c. Concerns for our 11<sup>th</sup> grade youth were shared regarding the increase in the percentage of 30 day use of alcohol binge drinking indicated in the CHKS.
- d. The perception of harm of these substances has improved slightly.
- e. The survey results also indicate that youth are trying, using and abusing ATOD at a younger age than the 2006 results show.
- f. Further discussion around the results and presentation took place.

| Action Item | Description  |
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| #1          | <b>Lois will do some revisions to the power point as suggested.</b>  |
| #2          | <b>Lois will follow up with Jess Montoya on scheduling a presentation to the Substance Abuse Committee at the Chumash Reservation in September regarding the CHKS.</b> |

**3. Coalition Retreat**

- a. The need for a Coalition Retreat was discussed.
- b. The retreat would afford the time needed to evaluate the CHKS results and to assure that our goals and strategies are in alignment with the current teen issues.
- c. The members will be polled through email to see what day and time may work best for a retreat.

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| #3          | <b>Mary will poll the Coalition members on the best retreat date and time.</b> |

**4. Policy Work Group SHO update**

- a. The Members were updated on the progress of the Social Host Ordinance.
- b. Sheriff Bill Brown recommended that the Coalition continue to pursue the SHO and not try to amend the I.V. Ordinance.
- c. Meetings are scheduled to continue to gather information and to formulate plan.

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| #4          | <b>Mary will attend a County Policy Task Force meeting to invite the Fighting Back Coalition to collaborate on the SHO</b> |

**5. Other Business –**

- a. Staff shared plans on the “We Don’t Serve Teens” campaign for July and August.

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| #5          | <b>Community Action Work Group Members will deliver materials to store and businesses week of July 24<sup>th</sup>.</b> |

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM

Next Coalition Meeting: August 18, at 4 PM at PHP

Respectfully submitted: Mary Conway