



Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

Jeffrey Barbee, Neon Cactus
Kevin Booker, Purdue Police
Jen Bushore, Criminal Justice Institute
Carol Casey, Bar Berry Liquors
Sheila Cochran, Neon Cactus
Tom Cooper, TC's
John Copeland, Indiana State Excise Police
Tony Hawkins, Dean of Students
Dave Heath, Alcohol Tobacco Commission
William Jaffe, Purdue HTM department
Emily Kinder, Purdue Student
Kevin Kraft, Scotty's
Jim Lewis, Indiana State Excise Police
Tammy Loew, Student Wellness Office
Nancy Maylath, Student Wellness Office
Ashley Meadows, Purdue Student

Jan Mills, West Lafayette Mayor
Sandy Monroe, Office of the Vice President
for Student Services
Ken Nickos, Where Else?/Wabash Yacht Club
Katrina Olek, Purdue Student Government
Coral Potts, Neon Cactus
Derrick Raymer, Where Else?/Wabash Yacht Club
Dave Rollings, Where Else?/Wabash Yacht Club
Amber Simons, Purdue Worklife
Erin Sparks, Center for the Advancement for
Transportation Safety
Dan St. John, Village Bottle Shoppe
Adam Toering, Jake's
Dan Towery, MADD
Randy Weida, Jake's
Jim Westman, PUSH

Jim Lewis, Indiana State Excise Police:

Jim asked attendees to discuss the most popular possible fake IDs that are surfacing in their establishments. They discussed CA, MD, IN, "new" WI, TX. In addition to those, Jim mentioned that his office is seeing MN, CA, lots of IL, TX and MI. The Illinois IDs are scanning right now. With Little 500 occurring a week before Purdue's April 23 Grand Prix, there will be more excise officers available during Grand Prix week. They will be doing a server training in the middle of March. He mentioned there will be a sign-up at the next meeting.

Jeffrey Barbee, Neon Cactus:

Jeffrey mentioned that they are planning an event at the Neon Cactus to kick-off Grand Prix. They will invite the major distillers to the event.

Dave Heath, Alcohol Tobacco Commission:

Dave mentioned that there is an alcohol bill being crafted now that changes bartender permits from 2 years to 4 years; the price will go from \$30 to \$60. There are 100,000 bartender permits in Indiana, and right now, 50,000 are renewed each year. The tobacco certificates will change from 1-year to 3-year certificates (the cost will increase from \$50 to \$150).

They are looking for funding sources so that they can hire more excise officers. Dave is also in the process of meeting with the officers at the districts around the state.

Dave also spoke about the Responsible Alcohol Server Training bill. There are a few changes that he'd like to see in the bill. The current bill reads that the ATC will notify servers that training is about to expire—they don't have enough personnel to do that. It will be up to the server to renew his/her certificate upon expiration.

Alting and/or Klinker have introduced this bill for the last 3-4 years. University prevention experts around the country support server training in campus communities as an important strategy to reduce high-risk behavior.

Emily Kinder, Ashley Meadows, Purdue Students:

Through a Communication Department class, Emily and Ashley are working on designing an alcohol-poisoning project with the Student Wellness office. They talked with the bars about participating in an educational campaign once the project is completed. In their research, Emily and Ashley are discovering that students are worried about getting into trouble if they seek medical attention in alcohol-poisoning situations. Emily and Ashley encouraged the bars and police officers to work together to ensure that students receive the help they need in alcohol-poisoning situations without fear of consequences

Jan Mills, Mayor, West Lafayette:

Jan reported on a meeting held on Purdue's campus to discuss some of the increasing problems in the Village area during football weekends. Some of the issues that surfaced during that meeting: occupancy limits seem to be exceeded; very intoxicated patrons are out on the streets when the bars close. Specials cause students to move from one location to another and young alumni seem to engage in high-risk behaviors. During football weekends, police work from Thursday night to Sunday with few breaks. Officers must accompany intoxicated persons to the hospital until the BAC level drops to an appropriate level, taking officers off of patrol for several hours. In addition, anyone who refuses a breath test at the police station must go to the hospital.

Participants at the bar coalition meeting discussed how recent alumni and people from other schools or out-of-state engage in problematic behavior. Involving the Alumni Association in the discussion will be important.

There seems to be an increase in designated drivers, especially among the Greek population. However, the wait for a taxi can last up to 45 minutes. Some of the students suggested increasing the times for the late-night rider on Thursdays.

Some other challenges: Since all the bars close at the same time, intoxicated patrons are out in the Village area at the same time. Some discussed some strategies disperse the crowd from the Village area in a timely manner at that time.

In addition, after discussing liability issues when intoxicated persons leave establishments, attendees discussed the challenges of recognizing intoxication and cutting off bar patrons.

Some recommend that police officers park cars with lights flashing in front of busy sites and increase and hire off-duty police officers as detail officers outside establishments.

The mayor concluded with a comment about the challenges of continuing to address high-risk behaviors when people are not taking responsibility for their own actions.