



High-Risk Drinking Prevention Action Team – Minutes

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Attendees: Joanna Bernklau, Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil, Jennifer Eddy, Jeannie Pittenger, Joyce Smith, Katie Wilson, Denise Wirth, Tom Wirth, Amanda Erickson, Michael Jaeb

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow up
Welcome and Announcements	Sarah to take minutes	
Approval of minutes	September	Approved
Policy Planning	<p>The Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project, Julia Sherman, was contact for additional information on sober server and impaired server ordinances in Wisconsin. She suggested that the action team find several locations that already require absolute sobriety or limit server BAC, large chains (TGIFridays, Olive Garden, Longhorn, etc) are a good place to start. Second, don't go for absolute sobriety - make it clear you understand that servers at a brew pub must be able to describe the new brew or waiters the wine. She is unaware of an official policy statement from the Tavern League on sober server, but mentioned local chapters generally take a two-tier approach: unnecessary burdensome regulation and server BAC should be limited to .08.</p> <p>On September 25, Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project sent out the following email and the article was shared during the meeting. "If your community doesn't have a sober server ordinance, ask your police if impaired servers are a problem in your community. Applause for our colleagues in Green Bay! This is a successful demonstration of the value of educating local elected officials about the alcohol policies that can reduce alcohol-related problems."</p> <p>The action team reviewed numbers from the 2012 Eau Claire County Bar Policies survey and conversed about the capacity to complete the full survey again. The team suggested possible next steps and points to remember:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact bars that mentioned they had a sober server policy in 2012 and ask if they have a written policy and why the policy is beneficial? 2. Contact bars that did not have a sober server policy in 2012, but now have one in place. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have interactions with law enforcement decreased since the policy has been established? 3. Contact a few bars and ask them the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What do you think are the benefits of allowing employees to drink while working? b. What might be some risks with allowing employees to drink while working? 	<p>Article, Should bartenders be allowed to drink on the job?</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. How do you handle bartenders who are underage? d. Do you see any benefit in changing your policy? 4. Contact all licensees to collect up-to-date data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many bars in the city/county allow employees/bartenders to drink alcoholic beverages while working? b. Does the establishment have a written policy stating whether drinking alcohol during a shift is allowed? 5. How many bars in Wisconsin have a sober server or impaired server ordinance? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What processes did other county use and the effectiveness? b. Who are the stakeholders? 6. Do the establishments with sober server or impaired server ordinances have less calls/interactions with law enforcement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Could we cross-reference the list from 2012 and law enforcement calls? 7. What is the perspective from the city council leaders about using data from 2012 to make a case for sober server or impaired server ordinance? 8. Set up a phone call/meeting with Marathon county (review message map) or Green Bay to review the strategic framework they used and discuss lessons learned. 9. Discuss potential sober server and impaired server ordinances with the City Attorney and learn about their perspective. 10. Review City of Eau Claire Ad Hoc Neighborhood Safety and Relations Task Force members to increase capacity and understand various perspectives (Power mapping exercise). 11. What do we really need to move forward? Data? Stories? Do city leaders and community members already believe this is a requirement? What does it matter if the data slightly changed from 2012 – what are we going to do with the information. 12. What have we learned from the previous ordinance change? <p>The team will review ordinances from other communities and contact law enforcement and Assistant City Attorney before next meeting. Also, review handouts that will be sent by Healthy Communities within the next week.</p>	<p>Katie reach out to law enforcement</p> <p>Marisa connect with Assistant City Attorney</p> <p>Ask a couple people what their thoughts are on sober server ordinance with a .04 BAC</p> <p>Sarah DP send out Sober Server and Impaired Server Ordinances in Wisconsin, Letter of recommendation to city leaders, message maps, and survey information.</p>
<p>Updates</p>	<p>Alcohol Environment Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Excessive Intoxication Ordinance Diversion Program University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Voices in Prevention Action Team</p>	<p>Discuss at next meeting</p>
<p>Communication/Outreach</p>	<p>Social Media Posts Environmental Scan Women’s Giving Circle – approximately 85 in attendance</p>	<p>Discuss at next meeting</p>
<p>Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov, 8am-9:30am</p>		