



# Lane County Coalition to Prevent Substance Abuse

*Prevent substance abuse in Lane County by Coordinating, collaborating and linking people to effective resources.*



## LCCPSA Minutes Wednesday June 6 , 2007 Lane County Mental Health Building

**Who attended:** Anne Kraft-Oregon Research Institute, Don Hampton-Oakridge Westfir Together, Jennifer Bucholtz-Center for Family Development, Lois Harvick-Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Melanie Steed-Hildebrand, Rose Wilde-Department Human Services, Sharla Gilliam-Charter Network School, Toni Fudge-Whitebird and Lane Community College **Guests:** Joe Kosewic, Dan Dubach, Diane McCurdy, Dave Miller, Nick Crozier, Janice Gotchall, Kat Swanson **Chair:** Martin Klos, MD, **Staff:** Brinda Narayan-Wold, CA Baskerville, and Damien Sands all from Lane County H&HS **Total attended: 19**

### Prevention Coalition goals:

- Increase communitywide and individual assets and protections for youth that minimize youth substance abuse;
- Reduce the community-wide and individual risks that lead to substance abuse among youth, and among adults;
- Increase citizen expertise and capacity to be strong representatives in the field of prevention in Lane County.

### Minor In Possession in Lane County:

Martin Klos, Chair of the coalition said he wants the coalition to send a letter to all Chiefs of Police within Lane County. The letter would urge them to have their officers cite youth for MIP. The discussion around the room seemed to be supportive of this idea. We also talked about getting youth involved on this issue. There are other things to discuss about MIP such as effective party dispersal, equitably enforcing the law, managing MIP caseloads, etc. We will flesh out these ideas in July. Do you have insights, comments, ideas about MIP? If you are interested in this topic area, please contact Brinda at 682-3817.

### Autzen Stadium:

The coalition had a good strong conversation about where the coalition ought to stand on the issue of availability of alcohol during home games at Autzen Stadium. In summer of 2005, the coalition members stated they wanted to work on alcohol issues at Autzen Stadium. From this, a committee was formed (Autzen Stadium Task Force) and had been meeting for about one year.

**At issue is irresponsible fan behavior caused by drinking alcohol in excess in and around Autzen Stadium on home game days. Here are some of the current conditions that allow excessive drinking of alcohol to occur.**

- A City of Eugene Ordinance prohibits drinking alcohol on public property EXCEPT on game days. Only on game days on public property around Autzen Stadium, people are allowed to drink alcohol 4 hours before a game starts and 2 hours after a game starts.
- The U of O sells alcohol at the Moshofsky Center until the beginning of 3rd quarter. The Moshofsky Center is staffed with OLCC and Crowd Management Services. Even though alcohol is not allowed in the stadium, it is present in the stadium.
- There are too few police officers to effectively patrol the stadium with 55,000 people attending.

- When the football game starts, ticket holding fans can enter and leave the stadium at will.
- Additional parking occurs on private property around Autzen Stadium (at parking lots managed by Boy Scouts, Science Factory, Masons, ...). Each non-profit group charges people to park on their land. The usual customer tends to be season ticket holders. Because of this business transaction, the non-profits groups could be held liable if people were drinking on their property and caused hurt or harm or if a drinking person caused hurt or harm to a person parked in the non profit groups' parking lots.
- Most fans behave responsibly. Yet, fans who drink irresponsibly also behave poorly because they are intoxicated. This poor fan behavior has strong negative consequences within the U of O fan base and visiting fans, which has been well reported in the Register Guard.
- The Autzen Stadium Task Force is moving to heighten positive community norming, including outlining what is expected behavior.

**As you know, these issues are complex and our coalition, which stated its interest in Autzen Stadium, has not collectively stated its standard on the issue of alcohol availability at Autzen.**

**Thus, at the June 2007 meeting, each Coalition member and guest** shared his/her expectations about alcohol and Autzen Stadium. We did not reach consensus of what a coalition strategy was. Here the individual opinions summarized:

\_\_\_ Change the City of Eugene ordinance that only allows people to drink alcohol on public property during game day (4 hours prior to start of game and 2 hours after end of game)

\_\_\_ Enforce strict standards of conduct and enforcement in tailgating areas

\_\_\_ Look at tested effective policies, procedures and guidelines that other division one schools have implemented to reduce the problem at the U of O and surrounding areas

\_\_\_ Keep working with the Autzen Stadium Task Force and move for incremental change

\_\_\_ Ban alcohol from being sold/consumed at Autzen Stadium (alcohol does not belong on Universities)

\_\_\_ Separate beer industry from collegiate sports

\_\_\_ Do a pilot project of eliminating alcohol from one game

In order to reach a clear position, I am requesting a special meeting from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Wednesday July 11, 2007 so that the coalition can clearly state its objectives for both Autzen and other coalition issues.

Lane County Mental Health Building on 2411 Dr. MLK Blvd. in the Michael Rogers Room.

**Major topics of June's discussion:** 1. Youth perspective on attending coalition meetings, discussion and recommendations for improving youth and adult interactions at meetings. 2. What it would take for different coalitions to blend their energies to address common assets and risk factors.

**Over arching prevention goal:** Decrease 8<sup>th</sup> grade alcohol, tobacco, other drug and gambling use

**Coalition Vision:** A healthy community free from substance abuse where there is intergenerational interaction. We can work together, inspiring each other to believe in and to practice effective prevention.

**Coalition Mission:** Prevent substance abuse in Lane County by coordinating, collaborating and linking people with effective resources.

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