

**ECSAAG Alcohol Sub-committee
Meeting Notes for December 13, 2005
11:00 – Noon
EISD**

Present: Mike Blanksma, Gary Owen, Dan Curran, Alaina Hosek, Joel Hoepfner, Sara Lurie

Sara Lurie showed the Methamphetamine GIS Map and asked the group to brainstorm the kind of data we would like to map to show the scope of alcohol related problems in our county. The following items were identified in this exercise:

Availability

Alcohol Vendors including Bars/Restaurants and retail outlets in the County
Liquor Commission and other Law Enforcement Agencies Alcohol compliance check citations for 2005

Underage Youth Problem Behaviors

Retail Fraud charges for youth stealing alcohol
Olivet College Alcohol Violations
School S/A violations
MIP Arrests (identify male and female separately)

Other Consequences

Emergency Room Admissions related to alcohol
Accidents and fatalities related to alcohol
OUIL Arrests (identify male and female separately)
911 Dispatch calls related to alcohol
Deaths related to alcohol
Treatment admissions for alcohol separated by youth and adult

All data will need to be at zip code level in order to map, separating youth from adult and male from female is also desirable. This information will be reviewed with the data committee to discuss coordination in obtaining data for the mapping project.

The subcommittee discussed the development of a composite that would show the costs of alcohol problems in our county. Several different options were identified regarding a focus in approaching this. Mike Blanksma suggested we focus on the age group that we have data to show has the greatest incidence of

drinking and that is 18-34 year old males. He indicates that this is the population that he sees consistently in his jail group. The committee used his experiences to develop a possible composite subject:

Male (we will attempt to obtain an average age in the jail group over the past year)

High School Graduate, but lack of career skills, not job qualified, trouble maintaining employment or working minimum wage jobs

Early on-set of alcohol use/abuse/dependence

Has young children

Has a significant other although they are not married

Has not had significant treatment experiences before

Grew up in an alcohol abusing family

Has a poor driving record

We will continue to work outlining the agencies and costs related to this composite at the next meeting in January.