

ECSAAG Data Sub-committee
Meeting Notes for January 12, 2006
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
EISD

Present: Jeanne Wright, Ronda Rucker, and Polly Brainerd

Initially we discussed the resolution we want to take before the County Commissioners. Jeanne had already reviewed the resolution that was passed by Charlotte City Council. She thought it was fine to use the same draft for the Commissioners. Jeanne suggested going before the Human Services Committee. They meet right before the Eaton County Human Services Collaborative meetings at 8:30 a.m. Jeanne will contact John Fuentes to see if we can get on the agenda for the committee meeting. We will approach them with the resolution and also discuss the issue of the open house party ordinance.

We looked over the Indicator Framework and discussed what additional data we wanted to include in our data set. We added several other indicators that were outlined in the Join Together publication A Community Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Indicators Handbook, 2005 edition. We also included a few indicators that the Alcohol sub-committee asked us to include for their mapping project.

We went through the Indicator Framework and listed the source and contact person for each piece of data. Our next step is to take this Indicator Framework to the large group and get their approval for using it as our baseline data set and agree that these are the data we'll collect annually. After the ECSAAG approval, we'll take the Indicator Framework to the Collaborative and seek their approval and assistance in collecting the data. Upon approval from the Collaborative, we'll approach Bob Sobie from Information Systems to get assistance on the county data. We also want his input on what year we should begin our baseline data set and find out what is a realistic and appropriate starting point and put a plan in place for collecting it annually.

We agreed that if at all possible, we want the data broken down by age, gender, and zip code.

We began to discuss the indicators that are we are most interested in and will tell us that we are achieving the outcomes we desire. Our initial discussion included a decline in youth use, delay in age of first use, increase in people accessing treatment, decreases in arrests involving alcohol, decrease in norms and laws favorable to drug use, decrease in attitudes favorable to antisocial behavior and drug use. We decided to get input from the large group at our next ECSAAG meeting.

Finally, we tabled the agenda item to explore the risk and protective factors we are most interested in assessing until our next meeting.

Next meeting is 2/14 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.