Campus/Community Committee on High Risk Alcohol Use
August 14, 2013 Meeting Notes

Present: Lori Reesor, Ken Vein, Laurie Betting, Nick Creamer, Jane Croeker, Deb Davis, Cara Halgren, Sarah Horak, Mike McMenamy, Mark Nelson (proxy for John Packett), Eric Plummer, Carrie Sandstrom, Don Shields, Sarah Shimek, Cindy Spencer, Bill Vasicek, Paul Waind, Sharon Wilsnack, (Col. Terri Bailey not in attendance)

Welcome and introductions
Committee members spent some time sharing their background and experiences with the topic.

Ground Rules
- Dissemination of information to constituent groups is the responsibility of each member and is important to keep education and information continuous.
- Committee will allow proxies as long as they continue to send the same proxy each time (if possible) and each member is responsible for conveying information to their proxy because introductions/recapping will not occur at beginning of each meeting.
- Meetings will be 4-6pm in Altru Board Room the second and fourth Wednesday of every month and will most likely be the same time frame in the spring. Agendas will be sent out prior to the meeting to the committee members. It is the responsibility of a committee member to forward appropriate information to their proxy.
- UND will host the website for the committee. The website will feature agendas, minutes, links to the City, etc. and it will be communicated to the committee when the webpage is live. Lori and Ken have been speaking at community and media events to promote the committee. Decisions will be made through informed consent.

Definition
High risk alcohol use is the excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages that increases the risk of experiencing negative consequences not only for those who are drinking but also for the community.

Expectations
Committee members shared their expectations of the committee’s work and any possible concerns they might have at this point.
- Consolidate efforts
- Raise awareness in community/make policy recommendations to appropriate groups
- Translate and sort the data we have
- Don’t use data in a negative sense (“everyone’s doing it”, generalizing the problem)
- Create places where it’s safe to talk about these issues outside of this room
- Keep open minds/listen to one another
• Respect others’ opinions
• Be consistent with data-driven decisions
• Have youth representation
• Address individuals’ responsibility
• Take into account the environmental influence
• Share information with others
• Take action
• Look at data/ideas from similar groups on this topic
• Use alternative educational programs for targeting minors/beverage industry
• Challenge UND to not tolerate the behavior (repeat offenders, stricter consequences)
• Sift through the data to ensure utilizing only good/reliable data
• Time commitment (the work this committee will do will be ongoing and will most likely be a 3-5 year process)
• Maintain patience with the process
• Provide affordable options for the community
• Do not duplicate practices/processes
• Dissect/evaluate the data
• Do not want it to be perceived that the findings/work this committee will do will fit into a report and be complete as the work/process is ongoing

Next steps - background information and updates
Committee determined a need for an inventory of what already exists on this topic, what committees already exist, who is doing what and what the recommendations have been. Want a compilation of that inventory to distribute to constituents. Look to other taskforces and look at what’s been successful (Lincoln, St. Cloud). Committee members suggested making a list of top ten things needing to be done in this arena, a need to change peoples’ thought processes/mentality, a need to look at cultural attitudes and how they differ, how to change environment/norms, and address the disconnect in the parenting role. Members suggested the needs of: keeping an open mind, being positive role models, realizing that personal beliefs are very individualized, promoting responsible use versus abuse, and the need for a way to target the UND audience since not all UND students came from Grand Forks schools.

Next meeting
Next meeting is in the Altru Boardroom on August 28th from 4-6pm. That meeting will largely entail learning about what information already exists on this topic and disseminating information from the different constituencies represented on the committee. Members were notified to send any information, resources, and feedback to Rachel Osowski Rachel.osowski.1@und.edu