



Capacity-Building Committee Meeting Minutes March 6, 2007

Attendance: Paula Hendricks, Nancy Molina, Priscilla Ortega, Sandra Santa Cruz, Liza Marron, Clarissa Woodworth

Please note: these minutes may not necessarily reflect the actual sequence of discussion.

Paula is concerned about the coalition's regional prevention partnerships. She feels that our last two meetings have been focused on Alamosa concerns (Key Informant Interviews and CPP process) and wonders what's going to happen to the partnerships we've built if we fail to address regional concerns. **She is not sure if we'll be able to stay as we have been, because of focus on Alamosa-based programs.** Nancy echoed Paula's concern. She thinks it's possible other coalition members are feeling this way also and that these concerns need to be addressed.

Priscilla acknowledged Paula's concerns and explained that grant-driven requirements have necessitated the focus on Alamosa County in this particular phase of the grant. Some of our CPP partners (Charlie Valencia, Ileen Rivale, Sandra Colley) have said that been that they have learned and benefited from their participation in this process. (CPP applications are due in March.) Priscilla assured the Committee that we definitely want to get back to making all of our prevention partners know that their concerns are important. Priscilla reminded the Committee that DFC and ADAD focus on the coalition as a whole and the multiple county representations.

The Committee discussed the possibility of restructuring our meeting schedule in such a way that could enhance both regional and local meetings during the year, i.e.: quarterly regional meetings and local meetings interspersed. Sandra added that quarterly regional meetings could be "mini-conference" style that included trainings and presentations. Other ideas: Bi-monthly Coalition meetings interspersed with committee meetings every other month.

Priscilla thought it would be beneficial to our coalition if Arden could share the benefit of her experience around coalition-building with our membership.

Clarissa said that Lucia brought up that we're taking away from other county work and suggested we compare plans after county plans develop.

Paula said that all too often "**fundere fracture us**" and thinks we need to go back and look at what we said at our Strategic Planning meeting last August.

Liza said the value of participating in a coalition was that she was able to find out about available resources and take ideas back to her work in her county that didn't have resources. She appreciated the professional mentoring, networking and collaboration

The Committee discussed upcoming officer elections. Presently, Paula Hendricks, Rick Needham and Liz Tabelaing-Garcia have been nominated for co-chair positions. Ideas included having co-chairs from 2 different counties (Alamosa and another county); more of a mix – male/female, Hispanic, non-Hispanic; stagger co-chair elections every 6 months

It was decided to bring these matters to the attention of the coalition at our next meeting, but to raise the issue to the **Coalition membership in an email** before coalition meeting.

The Committee discussed the value and possibility of an upcoming Cultural Responsiveness training. Potential trainers might be Arden, Mitch Garcia or Jose Reyes.

The Committee decided that unless the membership decides differently, we will keep coalition meetings every **2nd Wed month.** The next SLV Coalition agenda on April 11, 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will include:

- Elections
- Discussion of meeting structure
- Round Robin
- Committee Reports

The following SLV Prevention Coalition meeting is scheduled on May 9.

Next Capacity Building Committee
Friday, April 6, 8:30 am

Adjourned 11:03

Minutes submitted by Sandra Santa Cruz.