

Advancing Our Community Coalition
October 9, 2008

In attendance:

Chris Baumann – SAFV, Paulette Moreno – STA Social Services; Ryan Kauffman – Community Schools; Kayla & Matthew – AOC facilitators.

SAFV has received a prevention grant specifically focused on preventing non-healthy relationships. A requirement of the grant is to have a community prevention plan - they are inviting other agencies working on prevention strategies to join their two-day retreat: Thursday afternoon, Nov 13 and Friday morning, Nov 14.

Tlingit and Friends Bike Club hosting a ride and celebration of first year on Saturday, Oct 11.

The schools' new tobacco policy is among the most comprehensive in the state; they are providing alternatives to suspension, including cessation classes. Recently had a student who was caught, is interested in quitting and the VP directed it toward Ryan for cessation program.

Minor Consuming – no second meeting, partly because of how oddly it ended. Build-up to that meeting, in planning for it, seemed like there was confusion about the system, but in the meeting when everyone was there, the feeling was more that it's all fine, and the system works seamlessly. Facilitators came out of that meeting with one identified need – to create a brochure that walks you through the system. Brochure prototype created and shown at AOC meeting today, but City Attorney said not to circulate it because the legislature has made some changes to that language and they're still trying to figure out what that means for enforcement, or maybe if they'll end up rewriting it. Another issue – police enforcement on MCs. May be a deeper issue around how police interact with youth, may need training for them.

Idea: What about the youth themselves – bringing them together, those who have had MCs and have them talk through it, what's happening with the police, what they know/understand about the process. Why is there a problem with MCs, what's happening to you as you go through this process? Andy Lee would be the contact with STA to help with this, also Jessica Perkins with the Tribal Court.

Community Indicators – Kayla & Matthew are starting the process to update the report.

This is a YRBS year, and Sitka is part of the state survey.

New Assembly – need to have some discussion about how to place AOC in a way to help influence policy, specifically re: non-profit funding and the CHNCS. Maybe have an AOC open house, invite Assembly members, introduce what AOC is/does and spend time talking about issues of importance to us.