### Monthly Re-Cap

Suzanne gave a welcome to the committee for the new academic year. She reviewed the committee’s goal from the previous meeting to engage in conversations with the Academic Deans and updated the group on the status of scheduling those meetings.

### New Business

Suzanne presented information regarding the Tobacco and College Health Workshop grant that was shared through Kelley LaFleur, APRN, in Student Health Services, and the forthcoming conference to be held at UConn. The conference will have representatives from colleague institutions such as Yale, Southern, and others.

Suzanne began discussion on planning for the 2nd Annual AOD Call to Action Conference set for March/April of 2019. She presented information on Thomas Workman, Ph.D. as a potential keynote speaker for the conference. The group reviewed several areas that Dr. Workman has presented on including:

- Student Organizations and High-Risk Alcohol Use – Edgework and College AOD Use
- Creating and Sustaining an Effective Campus Community Coalition
- Media and Strategic Communication for AOD Prevention

The group discussed these topics as well as the goal of the conference. There was a question whether the goal would be for the coalition or as student education/outreach.

A suggestion was made that Dr. Workman’s work on peer acceptance and peer enforcement would be better suited for the goal of the conference. The committee discussed the need for a continuum on alcohol use within student organizations rather than focusing only on something that could potentially only apply to high-risk users, a small subset of UConn’s population. The high risk topic could be part of a larger presentation.

The group discussed if next year’s focus might be on environmental strategies, addressing things such as policies and other items that effect every student on campus.
The group discussed a desire to see more model programs from other schools, and the possibility of bringing people from these programs and areas to UConn. It was mentioned that, since the goal of the coalition is to be built from the ground-up, that more outreach to students should be done and they should be allowed to share their stories and own the initiative, making them more empowered to want change in the community. Suzanne touched on the goal of having a student group meet once a month.

The group discussed a potential date, and determined March was favorable but identified the final date might need to be adjusted depending on speaker availability.

The group discussed faculty involvement in AOD prevention. The Senate Student Welfare Committee was mentioned as a potential avenue for outreach. CHIP was discussed as a potential source for information regarding faculty research and individuals who are interested in this topic. A discussion occurred regarding other areas where research and education on AOD Prevention occur on UConn’s campus.

The group adjourned.

Next Meeting Date  October 2, 2018