

**Special Alcohol Funds Advisory Committee
City of Manhattan
Harmon Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue
June 13, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary DeLuccie, Bill Meredith, Mark White, Brian London, Joan Smith, Julie Govert-Walter, Mary Meck-Higgins, and Matthew Schindler

STAFF PRESENT: Allie Lousch, Administrative Program Coordinator

PUBLIC PRESENT: Juan Rodriguez

Joan Smith called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Below is a general account of the allocation deliberations and members' comments per agency request:

KSU-Leadership Studies and Programs

- Not prevention related, unfocused goals
- No volunteer hours-mentors are drawn from leadership studies and other KSU disciplines to fulfill need for volunteer hours
- Collaboration?
- Good program, need to reconsider how to connect to Special Alcohol Fund mission
- Proposal duplicates other agencies' efforts
- *Requested \$30,000:* Committee recommended no funding

Riley County Community Corrections

- Is Riley County supplementing the costs of services?
- Strong proposal, good documentation, proven effective
- Offers direct services and intervention resources to wide swath of community
- Addresses youth not accepted in Teen Court due to recidivism, severity of crime, etc.
- Recommends that RCCC make a request to the County
- Bare bones program-all direct services and funds are used entirely for direct services, drug testing
- More youth will be offered services with a greater opportunity to impact re: intervention, prevention, and direct services
- *Requested \$5,000:* Committee recommended \$5,000 funding

KSU-Alcohol and Other Drug Education Service (formerly KSU-Academic Assistance Center)

- What percentage of funds comes from Kansas State University? Does that correspond with the percentage of students and Manhattan residents who directly benefit from this program?
- Bill Arck is a good community resource-a prevention presence in the community
- Bill offers four – five community presentations each year; community collaborator
- Counseling and intervention is for KSU students only
- Difficult to quantify measurable outcomes and efficiencies of the newsletter
- Re: request for assistant's wages-what does the assistant do that benefits Manhattan community?
- It is important to have K-State invest in K-State solutions
- \$8,400 proposal for Assistant who prefers not to present-one of the community pieces in proposal
- *Requested \$23,500:* \$4,200 for ½ of the assistantship + \$1,405 for newsletters =\$5,605 recommended

KSU-Counseling Services

- Special Alcohol Fund provided seed money for what is shown as an effective program, it would be beneficial to KSU if KSU would partner in the expense-would like to see this quality program continue
- Only reaches violators of KSU residence hall rules and only in 5-6 halls
- Students have options about how they address issues related to breaking residence hall rules
- This good and effective program does not reach the Manhattan community-citizens of Manhattan
- *Requested \$9,300: 20% potential impact on community=\$1,860 recommended*

Teen Court

- Good use of volunteers; jury is comprised of students/former defendants and judges are community volunteers
- Not co-funded from other sources including Riley County. Can the County fund?
- Great program-low recidivism rates
- 26 offenses of 78 cases heard were directly related to drug and alcohol, 33% figure does not show when alcohol/drug was contributing factor-just shows original offenses as drug/alcohol related
- Involves parents in intervention process-reaches more than just offender-looking for solutions
- Good collaboration with other agencies
- In order to complete Teen Court-all sanctions must be met-good follow through-community service
- *Requested \$48,472: Committee recommends funding Teen Court at \$24,236 in 2006*

Little Apple Task Force (LATF)

- All volunteer established local organization with clear goals; no salary request
- Attendance at town meetings is low
- Newsletter is excellent grass roots resource; addresses parent education re: substance abuse
- Can MARPC help publicize meetings?
- 90-95% of the money addresses needs in City of Manhattan
- Membership dues help fund LATF
- *Requested \$3,000*
- Since some of the newsletters are sent outside of the City of Manhattan; recommend to fund 2/3 postage and one-half of the printing costs=\$2,016

Manhattan Housing Authority (MHA)

- Need to develop more comprehensive effective programming
- Is "one strike you're out" policy enforced re: drugs and alcohol?
- High risk population
- Is funding \$600 for food at a social a reasonable expense of this funding stream?
- Need to send prevention messages
- Proposal and goals not specific and no confidence in measurable outcomes/returns on investment
- Can Committee recommend that MHA collaborate with MARPC or another agency to strengthen their prevention efforts and proposal?
- 260 public housing residents-potential to reach-collaboration with other agencies is needed to strengthen prevention programming
- Welcome baskets not perceived as effective
- *Requested \$2,800*
- \$1,400 recommended towards clear and obvious messages that drugs and alcohol should be avoided

Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc. (MESI)

- Hoping to expand intervention services-tertiary treatment/direct services
- One-on-one case management; facility in Manhattan
- Currently paying Regional Prevention Center for some services-is it possible for them to avoid the fee?
- Dollars are maximized – every dollar goes a long way
- Very well supported by community
- Currently pays \$150 for substance abuse pretreatment screening
- Addresses mental health issues; high representation of substance abuse related issues
- *Requested \$10,000: Committee voted to recommend \$10,000*

UFM

- Good program focus and follow through
- Good investment
- In 2003, Special Alcohol Fund Committee encouraged UFM to start a second group
- High-risk unique population
- More pre-post evaluation needed
- Effective use of volunteers and collaboration-KSU, City Attorney, Community Correction, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, USD 383
- Good intervention strategies; school success, social confidence building strategies, good mentor: student ratio
- *Requested \$27,000: \$20,500 facilitator's salary + \$1,500 program costs=\$22,000 recommended*

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Manhattan, Inc.

- Would like to expand in-school lunchtime matches-requiring more screens and background checks
- What is needed is longer term matches-research supports match longevity as key predictor of impact
- Venture Research showed that BBBS in-school mentoring did not get very favorable evaluation
- Committee prefers not to fund in school-would rather increase out-of-school funding
- Paying specifically for volunteer screening/background checks; cost of screening is same for in-school or out-of-school volunteers
- Need more local impact assessment-evaluation piece
- Use of college students as volunteers-good but unreliable
- Agency has many strengths-especially in long term mentoring
- 900 at-risk children in Manhattan community-definitely a need for this long term mentoring programming
- *Requested \$12,000*
- Pay for proposed out-of-school programming costs and add 50% to expand out-of-school programming=\$9,075 recommended

Boys and Girls Clubs of Manhattan of Manhattan, Inc.

- Appeared that a lot of funds requested for building upkeep
- 25% of scholarships go to Ogden
- Facility appears to be undersupervised
- Need local assessments-local statistics-impact
- Cost of summer program per child=\$300
- RE: USD 383 Collaboration: USD 383 reps had only heard of the proposal after the Boys/Girls proposal was written, approved by Board, and submitted-"last Friday afternoon"-a full month later
- SMART MOVES-well respected national initiative
- Ogden-Too Good for Drugs-accounts for 25% of initiative's cost of delivery-\$21,975 cost of delivery to Manhattan youth

- Is this prevention, intervention, or direct services?
- Not a true latchkey program because club members can come and go-Club cannot stop a member from leaving the premises
- Do they have to meet basic safety, food, and nutrition guidelines?
- Proposed school program seemed like a marketing proposal
- How are they counting participants-duplicated/unduplicated? Are participants counted if they only stay for a few minutes of the presentation?
- Not fund for ages 13 and over-D.A.R.E. and USD 383 School initiatives are addressing these groups
- *Requested \$30,554*
- Recommend fund two Smart Moves components for the younger children minus 25% of Ogden programming $\$7,898 \times 2 = \$15,796 - \$3,949 = \$11,847$ + and 75% of scholarship request $(\$3,750) = \$15,597$

Sunflower CASA

- Proposal: train 30 people to be observant and recognize the signs of substance use/abuse-increases awareness-prevention-intervention-resulting in direct services
- Impressive and needed program, but CASA gets involved after a lot of intervention resources have passed through the child's life
- Requesting money to accomplish what is already accomplished by outside services as far as screening for drug/alcohol
- 60% of originating families involved with drug/alcohol issues
- Works with other community resources well-good collaboration
- 87% of 160 kids from Manhattan; community resource referral, advocacy, facilitation, and monitoring-validates SRS findings
- CASA provides a protective function for the child in its home environment-a function that society has a responsibility to fill-facilitates links with other community agencies
- CASA will still serve same number of kids in the same way whether or not they receive Alcohol Funds
- Supervised parental visits and supervised exchanges between parents; advocates for the child in the realm of the adults and legal system
- These children emerging from drug/alcohol ridden environments need as many protective measures as possible, keeps kids from being lost in the system
- With CASA intervention-children endure fewer placement changes and more out of home care
- If CASA involvement helps keep a family from being less disrupted-this opens the door wider for drug/alcohol prevention
- *Requested \$14,500*
- Recommendation: 87% of proposal represents 130 kids in CASA from Manhattan; 60% of the cases alcohol related $\$14,500 \times 87\% = \$12,615 \times 60\% = \$7,569$

D.A.R.E.

- Requesting \$60,000 to cover salary and portion of DARE coordinator/middle school DARE officer
- Asking that other local entities help fund proven local program
- Special Alcohol Committee requested middle school DARE officer a few years ago so that DARE did not lapse when the students needed the positive peer/information the most
- Does RCPD have funds for community education?; seven DARE officers are paid for by RCPD; 10 weeks of seven classes of one hour a week-70 hours with 10 prep hours-80 hours
- Needs qualitative assessment-all agencies need to begin using assessment and measurement tools
- 4,000 contacts-3rd and 8th graders in Manhattan
- Mentoring, opening communication between coming-of-age youth and police, good community collaboration

- National data suggests at least 30% reduction in drug/alcohol use among school children exposed to DARE-does this include children with DARE in the middle school or with just the traditional DARE offering for younger aged children?
- *Requested \$69,092*
- Committee recommends that the Commission commit to DARE coordinator/middle school DARE officer salary and have other local entities fund the "extras"-Committee recommends \$59,092

Regional Prevention Center of Northeast Kansas

- Collaborates and serves other local agencies
- Youth as Resources: recruiting at-risk children to serve on board and get involved in youth-directed service programming
- Committee would rather fund more direct services to children rather than fund salaries
- Funds were requested for two positions for people delivering services on behalf of agency
- Good community resource-many other requesting agencies mentioned ongoing collaboration
- Trains other agencies and service providers about drugs/alcohol
- Prevention Center serves as resource agency to other local agencies
- Kansas high meth-producing state-plenty of meth trafficking
- *Requested \$62,080*
- Committee recommends to fully fund Meth project and related programs and 50% of Youth as Resources programming; \$23,306 + \$19, 387=\$42,693?

USD 383

- Fund MHS Prevention Coordinator-captive audience-coordinates prevention activities in MHS and other Manhattan schools-current coordinator earned proven record of prevention effectiveness and relating to students
- \$32,000 for Coordinator position; she states that she sees more work than one person can manage
- Counselors and Coordinator are on-site each day in the schools-developing ongoing mentoring/resource relationships-5,200 children and their families potentially impacted
- Without the Special Alcohol funding, USD 383 would not be able to provide the prevention, intervention, and direct services/counseling for children at risk, or after-school activity busses
- Committee requests measurable outcomes: number of students counseled, number of students in activities, and number of students attending monthly SADD and TNT, etc. meetings
- *Requested \$112,000*
- Suggest fully fund Prevention Coordinator position and 75% of Social Workers salary (accounts for percentage of USD 383 students in Manhattan) \$92,000 + bussing for after-school prevention programming = \$101,519

Manhattan Area Risk Prevention Center (MARPC)

- Proposal included purchase three sets of *Too Good for Drugs* curricula
- MARPC strictly a volunteer organization generating 600+ volunteer hours; all agencies receiving Special Alcohol Funds are required to attend collaboration meetings (quarterly)
- MARPC hosts monthly collaboration meetings and a multi-resource website-helps to avoid duplication of services and communicates available resources
- Great program-hope to see stronger and continued coordination between agencies and the services individual agencies provide
- Recommend not fund Too Good for Drugs curricula-duplication of services with other available curricula
- Value of the MHS produced calendar is not \$6,000, the cost of the 2005 calendar
- Would like to fund website, mock car crash, mock party, speaker Alex Correa, support staff, training, coordination and evaluation/assessment/measurement workshop; monthly meetings bear no cost
- *Requested \$26,300*

- Recommends \$12,380 for programming + \$5,000 to assist in coordinating agencies with drug/alcohol prevention services=\$17,380

Committee reviewed allocations and voted to forward recommendations to the City Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allie Lousch
Administrative Program Coordinator