

DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ACT 07/30/2020

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**NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE
DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND CAMPUSES ACT MEETING
JULY 30, 2020
MINUTES**

The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act Committee met July 30, 2020, beginning at 10:30 am by Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic social distancing requirements by the Public Health. The following members were present: Sarah Patterson, Deron Clark, Scotty Holloman, Dennis Kelley, Candice Garcia, and Kelly Rueda. Marisol Arenivas and Danielle Chavarria were absent.

Sarah Patterson called the meeting to order by stating revisions to previous minutes. Upon a motion by Susan Fine, seconded by Deron Clark, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of December 19, 2019, as amended.

Under old business, Sarah reviewed and asked if the Committee had changes in the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act Biennial report for 2016-2018. No revisions upon this time.

New business, Sarah will get with Cathy Mitchell for the yearly Drug-Free notifications to students. Scotty will check with Human Resources on this year's employee notifications. Sarah suggested keeping a record of emails sent and adding the [Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act](#) link to these emails.

Kelly Rueda reported due to COVID, the information board would be moved to Housing. Ben Alexander's bulletin board will display Anxiety information. Deron will not have posters in Caster because of the construction and limited traffic. Hopefully, in the spring, signs will go into locker rooms. Kelly will be printing more posters for the information board and Caster.

Deron reported on August 10-14, the athletes would be in social isolation. During this time, they will meet on the drug and International SEVIS policies for Athletes. Susan Fine will create a survey to be emailed to students during isolation. Susan asked if athletes are provided with the penalties for breaking these guidelines. Deron stated most athletes, unfortunately, only care about knowing the consequences and, as a result, miss what the Committee advocates. Susan reported students and employees could find the [Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act](#) link under the Resources and Services menu and the Student Handbook section. Sarah mentioned the link could also be found in the Consumer Information webpage at the bottom of www.nmjc.edu. Deron suggested it would be beneficial to add it to the Athletics webpage too. Sarah proposed having its drop downlink and changing the name to Drug and Alcohol Resources on the Resources and Services menu and a link in the Personal Counseling webpage. Upon a motion by Deron Clark, seconded by Scotty Holloman, the Committee unanimously approved the changes to the website.

Sarah reported working on a survey for all NMJC students. The questions are broken down demographically by age groups, racial or ethnic groups, and gender. Do you currently reside on campus? Does your campus have a Drug and Alcohol policy, yes, no, or don't know? Have you received any information on Drugs and Alcohol and its effects on your body and brain, yes or no? Do you believe your campus is concerned about the prevention of Drugs and Alcohol abuse, yes or no? During the last 30 days, have you tried any of the following: beer, wine, liquor, marijuana, cocaine, designer drugs, tobacco, hallucinogens, or other illegal drugs? Sarah asked if we should add if students are international, athletes, or other groups. Kelly suggested not including these questions. Susan asked what the purpose of the survey. Sarah responded by needing to evaluate how we are doing, the effectiveness of our efforts, how many people use, and how we are improving. This survey will be implemented in the fall semester after October notifications. Upon a motion by Deron Clark, seconded by Susan Fine, the Committee unanimously approved the survey.

Dennis Kelley pointed out the new legal age for purchasing tobacco is twenty-one (21). Sarah suggested to Kelly printing Awareness posters with the latest legal age and also the effects on the body of smoking. Scotty made it aware E-cigarettes, and vaping does not fall under this law. Sarah suggested adding vaping to the Awareness posters and Deron's orientation meeting.

Sarah reviewed new goals and strategies to accomplish: 1) More tobacco and vaping awareness, 2) Adding the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act to the Athletics and counseling website, 3) Initiate a survey for the fall semesters, 4) Bulletin boards in Housing and Caster 5) 100% of employees Drug-Free signed acknowledgment policy, 6) Sarah and Danielle suggested adding something about drug and alcohol to the international student acknowledgment responsibility checklist. Upon a motion by Scotty Holloman, seconded by Deron Clark, the Committee unanimously approved the changes to the international list.

Susan mentioned having fewer disciplinary violations as a goal or strategy. Deron would like to go over 2019-2020 disciplinary actions for students with drug and alcohol violations to establish goals for the Athletics department. Dennis mentioned violations would be skewed due to students leaving early and Sarah having to close cases for 2019-2020. Sarah will meet with Marisol for a list of the Drug-Free events, with Scotty for any employee events, and with Deron regarding the speaker.

Upon motion by the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.