Mansfield Community Campus Partnership  
Friday, April 3, 2009  
Mansfield Community Center Community Room  
3:00pm-4:30pm


1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes
   - The March 6, 2009 minutes were approved as presented.

3. Spring Off-Campus Outreach
   - Jim Hintz updated the group on the off-campus door-to-door visits. MCCP members have been going door-to-door to provide students information about expectations and tips on behavior as the weather warms up. Although some of these door-to-door visits have been delayed due to inclement weather, the largest apartment complexes, including Celeron Square Apartments, Carriage House Apartments, Clubhouse Apartments, Hunting Lodge Apartments, and houses on Hunting Lodge Road and North Eagleville were visited. A group will also be visiting rentals throughout Mansfield that have been problematic in the past. The focus of these visits is not specifically about Spring Weekend, but many students had questions about this topic. Questions included when to expect the police “push”, how to return to apartments afterwards, how to manage guests, and the identification card policy for Carriage House.
   - MCCP members discussed the best times and days to conduct the visits in order to reach the largest number of students. Jim explained that the time of day was selected by trying to balance work expectations and the most likely time students would be home. The group has gone out at various times in the past and regardless of the time there have always been a number of students who are not home.
   - Jim Hintz explained that the Off-Campus Student Services Office is co-hosting cookouts for residents of various apartment complexes with property manager of the complexes. The purpose of the cookout is to provide information about Spring Weekend. The UConn Department of Wellness and Prevention is also hosting a cookout at Husky Village to provide information to students involved in fraternities and sororities. The Department of Wellness and Prevention and Town Staff will be attending all the cookouts.

4. Student Behavior Concerns Related to NCAA Basketball Tournament
   - Julie Elkins explained the preparation for any issues related to the NCAA Basketball Tournament. She told the group that Chief Hudd and Major Blicker of UConn Police Department presented information to the Student Affairs Management Team. Student Affairs staff were asked to reach out to students they interact with to encourage a positive celebration. For example, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will be contacting fraternity and sorority members. The games will be shown in Gample Pavilion with messages from student
leaders, President Hogan and a video starring two high profile basketball players asking students to act responsibly.

- Julie Elkins explained that in the past video and pictures were publicly posted to ask for help in identifying individuals who were causing problems. This method yielded success in the past.
- Chris Ferraro and Tom Haggerty commented that if students are informed in advance concerning the consequences of their actions, they are less likely to act inappropriately. For example, students may not be aware that throwing items into a fire they did not start, could result in disciplinary action.

5. Spring Weekend
- Tom Haggerty updated the members on the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) activities. Students attending the USG sponsored Spring Weekend Rally will receive a t-shirt and “goody bag”. The “goody bags” will include safety information and other giveaways.
- Tom Haggerty asked if members had suggested topics for the Spring Weekend video that will be shown at the Spring Weekend Rally, sponsored by USG. Members suggested that students be told to not wear flip-flops, to consider warm clothing, to know the signs of alcohol poisoning, not to use fireworks, not to stand on friends’ shoulders, not to bring pets, not to throw bottles, to remember the good Samaritan clause and call for help if necessary, and not to allow inebriated friends to pass out alone.
- Dana St. Pierre inquired about whether UConn students received messages concerning the problems caused by uninvited guests during Spring Weekend. Julie Elkins stated that the “Take Back Spring Weekend” information campaign was an attempt to share this type of information.
- Jane Fried asked if any of the recommendations in the Board of Trustees’ Spring Weekend Report would be enacted for this Spring Weekend. She specifically stated that limiting parking and number of guests were good ideas and should be done. John Jackman commented that these types of recommendations take time to implement and he was unsure if there was time to enact them for this Spring Weekend. Julie Elkins explained that the budget crisis has been the main focus of the UConn administration. The recommendations have been discussed by various staff, but there are some challenges around the parking. Residence hall contracts would also need to be altered to restrict guests on campus. Julie expects a Spring Weekend Oversight Committee, one of the recommendations, to be announced in the near future.

6. TIPS Training
- Julie Elkins explained that she and USG members plan to reach out to local package store owners to encourage responsible sales over Spring Weekend. If time allows, TIPS training may also be scheduled for package store employees. TIPS (Training for Intervention ProcedureS) is an education and training program for responsible service, sale, and consumption of alcohol.
- Jim Hintz reported, on behalf of Liz Prince (Wellness and Prevention), that TIPS training will be provided for a UConn fraternity on Sunday.