Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership (MCCP)
Mansfield Town Hall, Council Chambers
October 13th, 2011 4pm-5:30pm

Present: Jim Hintz, John Jackman, Kevin Grunwald, Ashley Trotter, Derek Debus, Morgan Miller, John Sobanik, Meghan Kelly, Shannon Wannagot, Donna Korbel, Brendan Gauthier, Richard Cournoyer, Daniel Dinunzio, Ethan Senack, Nancy Silander

1) Welcome
2) Minutes
3) Donna Korbel, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

Donna has worked in disability services for many years, first as a rehab counselor in the state system. Her background has given her a variety of work around disabilities, rehab and addictions. Wellness & Prevention Services at UConn is undergoing many changes within the next few weeks. There will be a new Director, Program Advisor and Outreach Coordinator. The office will also move from South Campus to the 2nd floor in Northwest. This is an area that is mainly occupied by first year students and should be easily accessible to those students as well as other students who would like to stop in. This location will be a place where people can go to get information about help, substance free events, etc. Close to 400 students seek out CSD accommodations with about 300 students dealing with either ADD or ADHD. Programming and collaboration efforts with off-campus students will continue to grow as well as prevention strategies. The Peer Mentor Model that will be used with graduate students working on upcoming programs is similar to a train-the-trainer model.

Sgt. Richard Cournoyer- As far as prevention efforts, is your staff interested in going out with the police to see what is going on during these weekends?
Donna Korbel- There is a long history of working with the police on weekends and especially Spring Weekend. The staff stays involved through the Students Concerns Committee on campus that tracks all students who have been transported and reaches out to see what their needs are. Collaboration with the UConn police and local hospitals is also in place.

John Sobanik- Are there any thoughts on education requirements for first year students or a mandated training?
Donna Korbel- That will be a part of the new Program Advisors tasks.

Ethan Senack- From experiences of living in residence halls, UConn makes a great emphasis on education and awareness around drinking and drug abuse.

Donna Korbel- About 80% of students participates in First Year Experience classes (FYE) and Residential Education. This is a very important component of work that is constantly evolving. With the new staff it will be possible to look at all aspects of wellness and prevention and engage everyone who wants to be involved. Looking at evidence based practices and growing trends such as prescription drug abuse are amongst a few things that will be discussed. You can make no assumptions on preexisting education when a student comes to
college. Students need to be informed by what is on campus, what the expectations are and what their resources are. It is important to get that message across.

4) New Resident State Trooper, Sgt. Richard Cournoyer
Sgt. Cournoyer has been the Resident State Trooper with the Town of Mansfield since August. Sgt. Cournoyer has been out and about introducing himself to students and speaking with them about their concerns and other various issues. One observation made by Sgt. Cournoyer in speaking with students was that students felt they had nothing else to do in the community rather than get together and party. Sgt. Cournoyer feels that the new Nuisance Ordinance has been a helpful tool and that infractions help curve behavior and hold students accountable for their actions. Celeron Square and Hunting Lodge Apartments have been better this year because of their great management and Carriage House is a “work in progress.” Sgt. Cournoyer hopes to become a part of UConn’s Freshman Orientation and hopes to help set clear expectations from the beginning for incoming students.

Jim Hintz- The Connecticut State Police have been great about sending UConn reports and UConn is handling every case with Community Standards.
Derek Debus- The Nuisance Ordinance has shown effective in the responses from students.

5) Updates
   a. Town-University Relations Committee – Discussions around a railroad collation were held. There is a memorandum of agreement that was to be signed at the end of October by a number of the local municipalities in whose jurisdiction the tracks are located, including Mansfield.

   b. Quality of Life Committee- There is a meeting tonight at 7pm. Last meeting EDR gave a tour of the new downtown to committee members. It was a tour of the perimeter since it is a construction site.

   c. Healthy Campus Initiative Grant Update- Off-Campus Student Services employees are working on the campaign and will host a launch event in November. Focus groups were held with a good attendance and brainstorm around initiatives took place. The theme for this launch is driven by student ideas and input.

6) Fall Weekend Issues- It has been an active fall and not all of the off-campus MCCP visits were able to take place due to lack of volunteers.
John Jackman- As accountability has increased at Celeron and Carriage House Apartments, students have ventured out to other areas. It is important to keep increasing the behavioral expectations.
Jim Hintz- 105 Hunting Lodge Rd. was visited by Sgt. Cournoyer, Ashley Trotter, staff from Fraternity & Sorority Life and Derek Debus. It was made clear to the residents that this was their last warning and anything from here on out would be addressed with the University.

John Sobanik- Would a four hour class on alcohol and party hosting that was mandated by the university be beneficial to students?

Ethan Senack- Students already go through a mandated online training.

Meghan Kelly- Making students sit through a four hour class is not beneficial, they learn all about DARE and other programs before college.

Daniel Dinunzio - Will look into updating the MCCP information and meeting times on the Town of Mansfield website. Are there any updates on the Marijuana laws and decriminalization in regards to UConn’s Student Code of Conduct?

Jim Hintz- No matter how the law changed, it is still illegal and therefore breaks the Student Code of Conduct.

Daniel Dinunzio - Giving students’ language and terms that they can relate to as well as statistics that they can identify with would be beneficial.

7) Other- Next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10th, 2011.

**MCCP Mission:** The mission of the Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership is to provide a collaborative, ongoing partnership between Mansfield residents, students and the University of Connecticut to improve the quality of life for all members of the community.