



Advocating for evidence-based policies and practices
to prevent and reduce alcohol-related harms.

OMAHA COALITION MEETING
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
9 a.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of the November 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes
(please contact PEM staff with corrections)
- III. 2019 in Review
- IV. Additional Discussion/Announcements
- V. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date: **January 22nd, 9 a.m. @ National Safety Council**

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Policy Work Group Meeting – January 22nd at 10 a.m.

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and practices to prevent and reduce alcohol-related harms.

PROJECT EXTRA MILE

OMAHA METRO AREA COALITION MEETING MINUTES November 13, 2019

- I. Call to Order: Project Extra Mile Executive Director Chris Wagner called the meeting to order at the National Safety Council, Nebraska at 9 a.m.
- II. Welcome and Introductions: Welcome and introductions took place around the room. Coalition members in attendance: Ryan Wiesen, Jim Timm, Jennifer Weesner, Sharona Crittenden, Teri Speck, Alan Reyes, Travis Shepler, Don Hoes, & Senator Robert Hilkekmann. Staff members in attendance: Chris Wagner and Katy Kitrell.
- III. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved. No additions or corrections were made.
- IV. Guest Speaker: Travis Shepler, Nebraska Game and Parks, Assistant Administrator
 - a. Travis Shepler spoke about challenges facing the Game and Parks Commission since the Commission allowed alcohol back in state parks in 2010. Shepler explained how primary focus of conservation officers has changed drastically since then. DUIs and BUIs have increased by 65% since the ban was lifted. Game & Parks works with HSO at least once a year to focus on alcohol-impaired driving and boating. He noted that alcohol-related harms do not always stay in state parks, especially if there is an impaired driver.
- V. Focus Area Updates:
 - a. Policy
 - i. Chris Wagner spoke about his presentation to the Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) on evidence-based strategies for reducing binge drinking.
 - ii. Wagner summarized testimony that was given during the interim study hearing regarding LR 98 that looked at the Special Designated Licenses (SDLs). Wagner recommended that local control of these licenses be preserved as well as urging mandatory training of personnel for all SDLs.
 - b. Enforcement
 - i. Compliance checks will be expanding into Washington, Dodge and Cass Counties over the next fiscal year. Chris Wagner highlighted a successful meeting with the Plattsmouth Police Department.
 - c. Awareness
 - i. Chris Wagner mentioned a media article regarding Reign Lounge, an establishment that has received criticism from multiple neighbors. The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission took the Omaha City Council's recommendation to require Reign to submit a long form application, which they will have 30 days to resubmit.

- d. Youth
 - i. Katy Kitrell updated the group on her efforts to restart the PEM youth group and asked for any help in identifying partners.
 - ii. Project Extra Mile's youth group flyer for the December meetings was provided in the packet and was mentioned to the group.
 - iii. Kitrell mentioned youth scholarships that were still available for the Recognition Dinner if any members knew of youth who would be interested in attending.

VI. Additional Discussions/Announcements:

- a. Project Extra Mile's Recognition Dinner will be November 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Jimm Timm asked for an update on GoPuff's liquor license application. Chris Wagner and Ryan Wiesen noted that the license was approved. GoPuff had reapplied after receiving their initial license due to a change in their business model, but Wiesen believed they had been approved for their 2nd application. Wagner mentioned Project Extra Mile's opposition to the license, and that ensuring that the business is following the law will be difficult to enforce. Discussions with law enforcement have occurred to develop a strategy to add these alcohol delivery businesses to compliance checks in the future.

- VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date: The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 11th at 9 a.m. at the National Safety Council, Nebraska. *Our final coalition meeting for the year will be a potluck Christmas celebration. Please join us as we celebrate 2019 and look forward to 2020.*