Committee and Work Group Updates

Executive Committee
- Worked closely with the Wellness Network Leadership Team over the summer to write the 2014-2017 Wellness Network Strategic Plan.
- Looking forward to implementing new strategies to influence health promoting policies on campus this fall.

BeVocal - Bystander Intervention Committee
- Awarded start-up funding by the Student Services Budget Committee for 2014-2015.
- Developed a style and content guide to assist with program incorporation across campus.
- Designed educational/promotional postcards, T-shirts, and buttons to be distributed to campus partners and students.
- Trained 35 staff and 25 students as campus content facilitators in order to begin the infusion of BeVocal content with student organizations and departments.
- Presenting at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference in November and the Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors Conference in December.
- Awarded funds for 2014-15 calendar year as part of a 1.4 million dollar UT Systems package to promote bystander intervention at all UT academic institutions.

Communications Committee
- Worked alongside webmaster to make our site mobile-compatible; the desktop version of the site is fully compatible with mobile devices, and a simplified version of the site made especially for smart phones.
- Web traffic so far in 2014 (through September) has increased approximately 10% compared to 2013. After the homepage, the “Resources” and “About Us” pages continue to be the most frequently visited pages.
- Individual webpages were created for each committee/work group. The pages serve as a place to provide detailed information about the work being done in the committees and upcoming meeting times.
- Dedicated new space on the homepage to highlight events, initiatives, etc.
- Met and surpassed last semester’s goal of achieving 150 Facebook likes. We currently have 160, which is up 23% from last semester.
- Continuing to collaborate with Member Engagement committee to promote brown bag lunch sessions and create communication materials for prospective and new members.
- To join this committee, contact Jessica Hughes Wagner at j.wagner@uhs.utexas.edu.

Hazing Prevention Work Group
- Working to implement recommendations published this summer by UT System’s Task Force on Hazing and Alcohol.
- Working to develop content for Wellness Network website.
- Continuing to promote available training for faculty and staff on how to recognize hazing on campus.
- To join this committee, contact wellnessnetwork@uhs.utexas.edu.

Healthy Dining Workgroup
- Finalized healthy snack and beverage criteria for vending machines.
- Participating in the RFP process for a snack vending machine contract.
- Finalizing Healthy Meeting Guidelines, including healthy food choices, sustainability and physical activity.
- To join this committee, contact wellnessnetwork@uhs.utexas.edu.

High-Risk Drinking Prevention Committee
- Developed a strategic plan for the committee, including long- and short-term goals, to tie in with the Wellness Network Strategic Plan.
- Established a partnership with the Downtown Austin Community Court Managers.
- Developed plans to conduct an environmental scan of tailgating behaviors prior to the November 8th football game.
- Continuing to promote the renamed Student Amnesty for Alcohol Emergencies.
- To join this committee, Jessica Duncan Cance at jdcance@austin.utexas.edu or Matthew Olson at m.olson@uhs.utexas.edu.

Member Engagement Committee
- The next Member Engagement Committee meeting will be Friday, November 21, from 11AM – 12PM in SSB 3.406.
- All are welcome to attend.
- November’s Brown Bag Lunch is Monday, November 10, from 12-1PM in Mezes Hall (MEZ) 2.124. Wellness Network is looking forward to hosting the Healthyhorns Peer Educators as they give a student perspective on healthy eating on and near campus.
- Hosted the New Member Meet and Greet prior to the Fall 2014 All-Member Meeting, and planning to host new member events throughout the year.
- To join this committee, contact Frances Nguyen at f.nguyen@uhs.utexas.edu.
Mental Health Promotion Committee

- As a new committee, began meeting biweekly as of September to lay the foundation for what is within the scope of mental health promotion.
- Created an environmental scan to determine what campus resources and projects are already addressing student mental health.
- Continuing to brainstorm the parameters of the committee’s first project.
- To join this committee, contact Katy Redd at kredd@austin.utexas.edu or Jody Miller at jody.miller@austin.utexas.edu.

Faculty and Staff

- Onsite wellness screenings return! Stay tuned for more information.

Students

- Student Government’s SafeRide program has been providing sober rides home for about 200 people per weekend.
- The uRide 24-5 initiative has been implemented to provide students a safe ride home after late-night studying at the PCL.