

WNY Consortium of Higher Education

Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention and Compliance Task Force
Compliance Group

Meeting Notes: February 12, 2015

Present:

- Brian Emerson, Villa Maria College
- Norm Pollard, Alfred University
- Lydell Fortune, Trocaire College

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was to prioritize our stated goals and brainstorm how we can fulfill them in ways that are practical to the group and the consortium at large.

Discussion:

- We discussed consolidating opportunities for training across WNY colleges to help reduce cost.
- It would be ideal to have some kind of training that was a summit style, with experts (either local or national), as well as opportunities to hear from other local resources related to sexual assault (i.e., police, prosecutors, etc.).
- We should keep an annual summit, but add on specific topics to build in-depth knowledge.
- We should check out SUNY resources – Joe Storch and Andrea Stag.
- A training session over the summer might be more realistic than shooting for April.
- We discussed the idea of using consortium partners for assistance with sexual assault investigations when necessary (i.e., conflicting interests of campus parties, etc.). We decided this was an interesting idea that should be discussed with a larger group.

Notes on a possible training session

- Theme: Policy Implementation, hold training in the summer.
- Update on current trends and potential legislation/OCR guidance, especially in relation to affirmative consent.
- Hold breakout sessions and round table discussion on:
 - Policy and handbooks
 - Examples of successful implementation
 - Best practices for investigating incidents
 - Training and cross training groups on campus

Next meeting will be March 12, 2015 at 9:00am. Details to follow.