MEMORANDUM

TO: Edinboro University Employees
FROM: Dr. H. Fred Walker, President

SUBJECT: Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

DATE: February 20, 2018

As a requirement of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989, colleges and universities must implement a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees.

Institutions are required to give notice to each employee of:
- The standards of conduct prohibiting the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by employees on institutional property or at any of its activities.
- A description of applicable local, state or federal legal sanctions for unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol.
- A description of counseling, treatment, or re-entry programs available to employees.
- A clear statement that the institution will impose penalties for violation of its standards of conduct and a description of those penalties "up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution."

The attached documents support these requirements. This packet contains a copy of the Executive Order for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Policy on Substance Abuse in the Workplace, and an outline which details standards of conduct and legal sanctions related to alcohol and drug abuse, the minimum penalties involved, and the health risks. A listing of facilities that offer rehabilitation and assistance is attached. These documents are also available on the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Human Resources and Faculty Relations Office website: http://www.edinboro.edu/departments/hr/employee_benefits/employee_benefits.dot, select “Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.”

Thank you.

Attachments

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I. Standards of Conduct

The University's policy statement on a drug-free workplace addresses more than just the use of controlled substances. Standards of conduct at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania also prohibit the unlawful manufacturing, distribution, dispensing, and possession of controlled substances, as well as the abuse of alcohol on University property or at University-sponsored functions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This policy puts employees on notice that, as a condition of employment, each employee is expected to abide by the terms of this statement.

Any employee found in violation of this agreement may be referred to the State Employee Assistance Program (SEAP) and/or disciplined in an appropriate manner or referred for prosecution. Discipline may be in the form of a written warning, suspension, or termination.

II. Legal Sanctions

The legal ramifications of misuse of alcohol and controlled substances (drugs) are serious and varied, depending on the circumstances involved. The penalties are determined by examining each individual case. A person can be arrested or "cited" for violations ranging from summary through felony offenses:

- Summary convictions may carry a sentence of up to 90 days imprisonment.
- Misdemeanor offenses may carry a sentence of up to 5 years imprisonment.
- Felony offenses may carry a sentence of up to 10 years imprisonment.
- In general, a person 18 years of age or older who is convicted in any court of this Commonwealth of a violation of The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, shall be sentenced to a minimum of at least two years of total confinement if the delivery or possession with intent to deliver of a controlled substance occurred within 1,000 feet of a public, private or parochial school or a college or university or within 250 feet of a recreation center or playground or on a school bus.

Along with or instead of imprisonment, the following fines may be imposed:

- Summary offenses up to $300.00.
- Misdemeanors up to $10,000.00.
- Felonies up to $25,000.00.

All sentencing is as prescribed by law. Some offenses carry special sentencing guidelines that may vary from the above.

A few examples are listed below:

1. **Public Drunkenness**—A person is guilty of a summary offense if they appear in any public place manifestly under the influence of alcohol to the degree that they may endanger themselves or other persons or property or if they annoy others in their vicinity.

2. **Simple Possession**—A person in possession of small amounts of marijuana may be imprisoned for 30 days and fined $500.

3. **Possession**—A person in possession of an illegal, controlled substance, including marijuana in excess of the simple possession limit, may be imprisoned for up to 15 years or fined up to $250,000, or both.
4. **Intent**--A person who delivers or intends to deliver a controlled substance may be imprisoned for 15 years and fined $250,000.

Forfeiture: Note that assets found in close proximity or that can be directly linked to sales or distribution of illicit drugs can be subject to forfeiture such as cars, cash or weapons.

Second subsequent offenses, distribution to individuals of a certain age, and distribution to individuals within certain property lines (ex: 1,000 feet of a school, college or university) may also increase penalties.

Beyond imprisonment and fines for offenses, violators may acquire a criminal record that could affect their employment opportunities for the rest of their life.

5. **Corruption of Minors** -- Whoever, being of the age of 18 years and upwards, by any act corrupts or tends to corrupt the morals of any minor less than 18 years of age, or who aids, abets, entices or encourages any such minor in the commission of any crime, or who knowingly assists or encourages such minor in violating his or her parole or any order of court, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree. This offense is sometimes used against persons furnishing alcohol to individuals under the age of 18. The fine and penalty could be as high as $10,000 and 5 years imprisonment.

6. **Purchase/Consumption/Possession or Transportation of Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverages**

-- A person commits a summary offense if he/she, being less than 21 years of age, attempts to purchase, purchases, consumes, possesses or knowingly and intentionally transports any liquor or malt or brewed beverages. For the purposes of this section, it shall not be a defense that the liquor or malt or brewed beverage was consumed in a jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction where the citation for underage drinking was issued. Violation of this offense can put an individual in jail for up to 90 days and carry a fine of up to $300.00. Loss of driving privileges for up to a year may also occur.

III. **Health Risks**

The abuse of alcohol, controlled substances, and other illegal drugs has ravaged families, infiltrated our cities, our schools, our workplaces, and our highways. Illegal drugs are sold and used in violation of the law. They harm users physically, emotionally, and financially.

*Prescription drugs are determined to be safe, effective, and legal only when given under the direction of a licensed physician and taken correctly. If used improperly, you can become physically and psychologically dependent on some prescription drugs.*

The following is a description of the health risks associated with the use of some well-known illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. Information on the use of other drugs can be obtained from local drug and alcohol treatment centers or your Pharmacist.

**ALCOHOL**

Alcohol is a drug classified as a mood-altering substance. The occasional user of alcohol, or even the first-time user of alcohol, may experience some of these common effects:
Increased risk of injury and irresponsible behavior; blurred vision; reduced hearing acuity; impairment of balance, coordination and motor skills; impaired perception, judgment and memory; exaggerated emotions; increased belligerence; decreased concern about the consequences of one's behavior; and, an inability to recognize impairment.

Alcoholism is a progressive disease that eventually can lead to serious physical problems such as stomach and internal disorders, liver disease; and, damage to the brain, pancreas, and kidneys. Alcoholism is, however, a treatable disease and the abuse of alcohol can be controlled. A person does not have to be an alcoholic to have problems with alcohol.

Each day persons die from alcohol-related accidents and suicides. On the job, alcohol accounts for absences, accidents, tardiness, turnover, and low productivity costing the American industry billions in lost revenues.

If you believe you have a problem with alcohol, please contact Alcoholics Anonymous, where a 24-hour emergency service is maintained. The telephone number in Erie is (814) 452-2675; the telephone number in Meadville is (814) 337-4019; the telephone number for Mercer County (Sharon) is (724) 342-0162 or you can contact the State Employee Assistance Program at 1-800-692-7459.

The latest research on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a condition that causes retardation, low birth weight, and limb abnormalities, has led doctors to suggest that pregnant women should drink NO alcohol during pregnancy since NO safe limits have been identified.

Help prevent yourself from over-drinking by following a few simple rules: eat when you drink, set limits and drink very slowly, designate a driver when you drink, and please don't mix drinks and drugs.

ANABOLIC STEROIDS

Anabolic steroids are a group of powerful compounds closely related to the male sex hormone testosterone. Currently, legitimate medical uses are limited to certain kinds of anemia, severe burns, and some types of breast cancers. Steroids, when taken in combination with muscle-building programs, may contribute to increases in body weight and muscular strength. Steroid users subject themselves to more than 70 side effects ranging from liver cancer to acne and including psychological, as well as severe physical reactions. Liver, cardiovascular, and reproductive systems are most severely affected. Other symptoms are increased aggressiveness and combativeness, jaundice, purple or red spots on the body, swelling of the feet and lower legs, trembling, darkening of the skin, and persistent unpleasant breath odor.

COCAINE

Cocaine is a drug that can kill. It produces a very short-lasting stimulation; its high is intense. Cocaine (and in particular "crack") is one of the most powerfully addictive drugs known to man. Crack is a very rapidly addicting form of cocaine. Addiction often becomes apparent within a matter of weeks. Cocaine, which can be snorted through the nose, smoked, or injected, is a strong stimulant to the central nervous system and the brain. Physical changes stimulated by cocaine may cause seizures, cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest or strokes.

While the high from cocaine is generally well understood, less well known is the withdrawal or "crash" which can include fatigue, irritability, paranoia, and severe depression. These symptoms escalate as the frequency or dose increases.
Crack is a prepackaged, smokable form of cocaine. Its effects last only a very short time before another "hit" is needed. The drug is quickly addictive. The term "crack" refers to the crackling sound made when the mixture is heated.

CLUB DRUGS:

Ecstasy was synthesized in 1914 by a pharmaceutical company as an appetite suppressant. It was never marketed. It has been "re-discovered" in recent years and goes by several different names: MDMA, ADAM, XTC, X, the "love drug" and the "hug drug." Initial symptoms include jittery feelings, teeth-gnashing, sweating, blurred vision, and an increase in pulse rate and blood pressure. These latter two symptoms have implicated seizures and cardiac irregularities in some individuals. Repeated use produces tolerance and can produce exhaustion or a crash similar to that of other stimulants.

LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) or "acid" is a powerful hallucinogen. LSD saw its heyday in the late 1960s and early 1970s and although it did drop out of favor for a while, it could be making a comeback today. It has potentially destructive effects. Users experience changes in perception, thought, and mood. Visual hallucinations often occur. Most effects experienced are unpleasant and scary, cause paranoid feelings, extreme anxiety and panic. Flashbacks-spontaneous recurrences of the LSD experience without recent ingestion of the drug-can occur. PCP is sometimes marketed as LSD and is cheaper, easier to make, and potentially lethal. PCP or "angel dust" is particularly dangerous because it acts as an anesthetic/stimulant/depressant and hallucinogen all at once. Higher doses can increase heart and blood pressure, fear, sweating, nausea, a blank stare, and disjointed ways of walking. If not immediately fatal, the effects of high dosages can last for days.

Roofies, Ruffies, R2, Roche, ZRope or Rib--Roofies and the other listed street-named pills are common slang used to refer to a new breed of "date rape" drugs presently being used. Most of these are derived from the prescription drug Rohypnol, hence the names. Rohypnol contains the controlled substance Flunitrazepam, which is commonly used in sedatives/sleeping pills in other countries around the world. When mixed with alcohol, this drug induces a synergistic effect, producing dis-inhibition and amnesia. Flunitrazepam is approximately 6-10 times as strong as Valium and it is still produced in other countries in a colorless, tasteless pill. Lethal overdose is unlikely, however, continued use will result in physical dependence. Withdrawal symptoms range from headache, muscle pain and confusion to hallucinations and convulsions. Seizures may occur a week or more after cessation of use.

PCP (angel dust) acts as a combination anesthetic, stimulant, depressant and hallucinogen all at once. It is dangerous, and high doses can cause muscular rigidity, convulsions and coma, which can last for days. It can also be fatal.

PMA (Death, Mitsubishi Double-Stack) may be mistaken for Ecstasy, and low doses produce the same effects. High doses are potentially lethal, especially if taken with alcohol or other drugs.

HEROIN

Heroin is an illegal opiate drug. Heroin is primarily taken by injection and has become a force in the spread of AIDS due to the use of contaminated needles. Symptoms of heroin use may include shallow breathing, pinpoint pupils, clammy skin, convulsions, and coma. Use during pregnancy can cause stillbirths and miscarriages. Heroin use has increased in the past several years replacing Cocaine as the drug of choice in several areas of the Country. It is highly addictive and can become a user's only motivation.
ICE-METH or METH
"Meth" is the short term name of an illegally made substance, methamphetamine. "Meth" is a central nervous system stimulant. Health hazards include tremors, dizziness, nausea, irregular heartbeat, psychosis, organ damage, malnutrition, and the general breakdown that occurs when the body is pushed farther and faster than it is able to go. Short-term effects include increased blood pressure, rapid heartbeat, muscle weakness, trembling, nausea, chills, hyper-ventilation, and impairment of motor coordination.

MARIJUANA
Contrary to many people's beliefs, marijuana is a harmful drug. Marijuana smoke contains more cancer-causing agents than cigarette smoke and can also cause chronic lung disease. It impairs short-term memory and logical thinking. Use of this drug also lowers the body's immune response having special implications for AIDS. Marijuana smoking during pregnancy may cause birth defects. Marijuana impairs the ability to perform complex motor tasks, such as driving by interfering with visual perception and motor skills. Heavy users sometimes demonstrate apathy, loss of energy, confusion, and memory problems.

AMPHETAMINES (uppers, speed)
These can cause rapid or irregular heartbeat, tremors, loss of coordination and death from heart failure or stroke. Heavy users are prone to irrational acts.

MUSHROOMS
There are a number of plant materials that have LSD-like effects. These fall under the heading of mushrooms or "shrooms." These include psilocybin and mescaline. They can cause dizziness, lightheadedness, abdominal discomfort, numbness in the mouth, nausea, vomiting, shivering, facial flushing, sweating, and fatigue. High doses can produce low blood pressure, cardiac depressions, slowed respiration, and headache.

OXYCODONE (Oxycontin)
Oxycodone is an oral narcotic pain reliever similar to morphine. The active ingredient oxycontin is habit-forming and it can be abused just as morphine can be abused. It is a "Scheduled" drug so possessing it without a prescription, sharing, or misusing it is illegal. The medication comes in different doses and use of these high strength (80mg and 160 mg) tablets by someone who is not regularly taking narcotic medication can cause shallow, very slow breathing, which can be fatal. The tablets are designed to be taken whole and the narcotic is time-released into the system. Tablets that are crushed or chewed can release dangerous and lethal amounts of oxycontin into the blood stream.

Users may experience constipation, lightheadedness, stomach upset, dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, and flushing. Symptoms exhibited may include cold clammy skin, low body temperature, noticeably slowed breathing, slowed heartbeat, deep sleep and loss of consciousness. Allergic reactions have included all of the above plus rash, itching, swelling and trouble breathing. Alcoholic beverages may increase the effects of this drug and may aggravate the problems created by the narcotic on the respiratory system.

FENTANYL
Fentanyl is an opioid 30 to 50 times more potent than heroin. An overdose of Fentanyl can stop a person's respiration very quickly. People have overdosed on fentanyl often as a result of using heroin that has been laced with this much stronger substance.
SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS OR SPICE OR K2
These are chemically related to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, and are sometimes called “synthetic marijuana” or “legal marijuana,” but actually the effects can be considerably more powerful and more dangerous than marijuana. Users can experience anxiety and agitation, nausea and vomiting, high blood pressure, shaking and seizures, hallucinations and paranoia, and they may act violently.

IV. TREATMENT PROGRAMS

As a PA State System of Higher Education Employee, you have access to the State Employee Assistance Program (SEAP). This SEAP is designed to help you and your family deal with personal problems by providing a free and confidential personal evaluation. A SEAP counselor will help identify your needs and refer you to an appropriate community service.

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**Hospital Related Facilities:**

**UPMC Hamot**
Web: [www.upmc.org](http://www.upmc.org)
201 State Street, Erie, PA 16550
Emergency: (814) 877-6000

**St. Vincent Hospital (Allegheny Health Network)**
Web: [www.saintvincenthealth.com](http://www.saintvincenthealth.com)
232 West 25th Street, Erie, PA 16544
Behavioral Service Help
Emergency Department: (814) 452-5354
Mental Health Crisis - Ask for On Call Assessment: 452-5000

**Millcreek Community Hospital**
Web: [www.lecomhealth/community.hospital/](http://www.lecomhealth/community.hospital/)
5515 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16509
Phone: (814) 864-4031
Geriatric/Child Behavioral Health Unit (814) 868-8363
Adult Behavioral Health Unit: (814) 868-8270
Emergency Department: (814) 868-8344

**Alcohol and Drug Stepping Stones Unit**
Web: [www.mmcchs.org](http://www.mmcchs.org)
Meadville Medical Center
1034 Grove Street, Meadville, PA 16335
Phone: (814) 333-5810
24-hour Crisis Line: (814) 336-4357

**Corry Memorial Hospital**
Web: [www.corryhospital.com](http://www.corryhospital.com)
965 Shamrock Lane, Corry, PA 16407
Phone: (814) 664-4641

**Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center**
Web: [www.erie.va.gov](http://www.erie.va.gov)
135 East 38th Street, Erie, PA 16504
Phone: 1-800-274-8387 or (814) 868-8661

**University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Presbyterian**
Web: [www.upmc.com](http://www.upmc.com)
200 Lothrop Street, Pittsburgh PA 15213-2582
Referral Service
Phone: 1-800-533-8762 or (412) 647-2345

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**County Crisis Services**

**Crawford County Network of Care**
[www.crawford.pa.networkofcare.org](http://www.crawford.pa.networkofcare.org)
Phone: (800) 315-5721 or (814) 724-2732

**Crisis Services of Safe Harbor Behavioral Health**
Phone: (814) 456-2014 or 1-800-300-9558

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**Other Local Resources:**

**Alcoholics Anonymous:**
Phone: (814) 452-2675 24-Hour Line
Meadville, PA
Phone: (814) 337-4019

**Alcanon Club of Erie**
926 East 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507
Phone: (814) 455-6648

**Al-Anon**
1-888-425-2666

**Behavioral Health Services of Sharon**
(Regional Health System)
2375 Garden Way, Hermitage PA 16148
Phone: 724-983-5454
Crisis Hotline: 724-662-2227

**White Deer Run/Cove Forge Behavioral Health System**
1921 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505
Phone: (814) 452-2991 Assessment - Outpatient Drug Rehab or refer to Inpatient in Williamsburg PA 24hr hotline – 866-769-6822

**Crawford County Drug & Alcohol**
Downtown Mall, Meadville, PA 16335
Information 814-724-4100/Crisis 814-724-2732

**Esper Treatment Center**
(Methadone Maintenance)
25 W. 18th St., Erie, PA 16501
Phone: (814) 459-0817

**Family Services of NW PA**
Web: [www.fsnpwa.org](http://www.fsnpwa.org)
5100 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16509
Phone: (814) 866-4500 or 1-800-634-2560
Other Local Resources Continued:

Glenbeigh Outpatient Centers
Web: www.glenbeigh.com/erie
4906 Richmond St., Erie, PA 16509
Phone: (814) 864-4226
24-hour: 1-800-234-1001 Glenbeigh Hospital
(Ashatabula)

Gaudenzia website – www.gaudenziaerie.org

Gaudenzia Erie – Dr. Daniel Snow
For Men
361 West 5th Street, Erie, PA 16507
Phone: (814) 456-5758

Gaudenzia – Community House
For Women & Children
521 W. 7th Street, Erie, PA 16502
Phone: (814) 459-5853

Gaudenzia Erie, Inc. - Crossroads
Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services
Residential and/or Detox Location
414 W. 5th Street, Erie, PA 16507
Phone: (814) 459-4775

Outpatient Locations: Referrals-Call First
Erie, PA
141 West 11th Street, Erie, PA 16501
Phone: (814) 459-6304

Corry, PA
45 East Washington Street, Corry, PA
Phone: (814) 664-2120

Edinboro, PA
Ghering Health & Wellness Center
Phone: (814) 732-2743

Edinboro University of PA

Outpatient Facilities Cont.: Referrals-Call First
Girard, PA
259 East Main Street E., Ste. 3, Girard, PA 16417
(814)774-0430

North East, PA
6 East Main Street, North East, PA 16428
Phone: (814) 725-5125

Pyramid Health Care
Web: www.pyramidhealthcarepa.com
2409 State Street, Suite C, Erie, PA 16503
Phone: (814) 456-2203
24 hour: 1-888-694-9996

Safe Harbor Behavioral Health
1330 W. 26th Street, Erie, PA 16508
Phone: Clinic 814-459-9300
Crisis 814-456-2014

Solutions Et Al, Inc. – Drug & Alcohol Program
150 East 8th St, Suite #4, Erie PA 16501
Phone: (814) 838-2282

Turning Point
Web: www.turningpointtreatment.com
4849 US 322, Franklin PA 16323
Phone: (814) 437-1750
24 hour: 1-888-272-8922

National Drug and Alcohol Helplines

AABACO Addiction Treatment Services
Phone: 1-800-737-0933

AA Alcohol Abuse & Addiction
Phone: 1-800-851-3291 (24/7)

A Addiction Care—Detox/Rehabilitation Options
Phone: 1-888-243-3869

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