

2009 Legislative Subcommittee Objectives

Objective #1:

Increase GCADA's awareness and knowledge about legislative activity related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, to assist the Council in making an informed decision whether to support, oppose or take no action on a bill and/or recommend legislation.

Strategies:

- Identify and track legislation related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse on a weekly basis.
- Review and research related legislation, formulate policy recommendations, draft resolutions of support or opposition, and present recommendations to the Council for adoption.
- Establish appropriate measures to initiate and draft recommended legislation.
- Continue distribution of related public policy information to Council members.
- Sponsor presentations at two regular Council meetings in 2009 on public policy issues.

Objective #2:

Notify stakeholders as may be appropriate of positions endorsed by the full Council on proposed legislation related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse.

Strategies:

- Ensure the timely distribution of the Council's actions on policy and legislative positions to the administration, legislature, Alliance coordinators, substance abuse professionals and other stakeholders.
- Monitor, recommend and take further actions to educate stakeholders regarding the Council's position on legislation (i.e. press releases, legislative testimony, communication with legislative committee chairs and staff, etc.)
- Ensure the Council's official position on legislation is included in certain GCADA publications and presentation

Objective #3:

Educate legislators and other public policy decision makers about alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse issues.

Strategies:

- Sponsor an event, such as the Day of Advocacy, at the State House in coordination with other subcommittees of GCADA, other state agencies and constituent groups.
- Continue to send GCADA publications to legislators and public policy decision makers.
- Encourage advocacy teams and ongoing advocacy efforts.

