**Short answer to the following question:**

1. **The primary focus of this position is to implement alcohol and cannabis educational sessions to students on and off campus. What do you believe would be effective ways to disseminate this information to students in a meaningful and engaging format.**

There are a number of way to implement effective alcohol and cannabis educational sessions to students on and off campus. I think one of the most important ways to do this is to make this education a part of campus life throughout students time at OSU. An effective way to do this would be partnering with other departments like UHDS and New Student Programs and Family Outreach to help educate students as they arrive and move onto campus. One example of a program might be partnering with the Resident Directors and Resident Assistants to create a first year education program that is engaging, inclusive and fun.

While working at the Career Development Center we constantly focused on ways to outreach to busy students in an engaging manner. This position allowed me to see methods that were effective and those that did not have as much success. The ones that tended to be successful had a direct benefit to the student or were held in a way that students could gain the information without a large time commitment.

Finally, the content and outreach itself should be fun and engaging. As an Instructor I have worked hard to develop engaging courses. I also pay close attention every class and have a number of activities prepared to re-engage students should I feel their attention is waning. There are many ways that this information could be presented in an engaging way that still highlights the importance of these issues.

1. **In past decades, Alcohol and Other Drug prevention took an abstinence approach. This is not the approach that we take within Prevention and Wellness, and we feel that that is a very important feature of our program. Please share your thoughts on the effectiveness of an abstinence approach, and why we might not use it. What would an alternative approach be?**

I feel strongly that when focusing on alcohol and drug prevention it will be more effective to take an educational approach. Taking an abstinence approach might result in more harmful behavior like binge drinking. By utilizing an educational approach we can inform and educate students about safe practices that will help them during college and also throughout their whole life.

A successful alternative approach might be to set campus wide goals and work with other departments to meet these goals. For instance, we could work with the START Program to provide basic education to incoming students, the Residence Halls to lower underage drinking incidents or the Corvallis Police Department to lower DUIs. By focusing on desired outcomes we could develop a comprehensive campus wide program that works towards meeting these goals. An initiative like lowering the number of incidents of students driving while impaired might take a much different approach then one encouraging and promoting campus activities that do not involve alcohol consumption.

I also think it is important whenever possible to set measurable goals. I worked personally with the Dean of Student Life to analyze demographic and financial data for the Career Development Center. This data allowed us to make more educated decisions on how best to allocate our resources and to find the demographics of students we were not reaching. I think it would be important to take this same approach as we work to create a fun, inclusive and safe campus environment for all students.