



Enforcement Team

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Present: Gary Braun (Recovery School of Southern MN), Chelle Marquardt (Rice County Community Corrections), Jessica Wolf (Project HOME), Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities grant), Jeff Eckhoff (Northfield High School), Neal Pederson (Faribault Police Department), Richard Cook (Rice County Sheriff's Office), Zach Pruitt (Northfield Healthy Community Initiative), Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative), Martha Schultz (Faribault Public Schools), Jim Severson (Discovery Public School), Tori Stewart (Rice County Attorney's Office), Pat Parlin (Northfield Area Learning Center)

Minutes Approval

The group reviewed and approved the minutes from April. *Becky will post the notes to the Enforcement Team web page.*

Agency Updates:

Law Enforcement –

Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Cook will not be running for another term; he is due to retire in January. Sheriff Cook said his department is busy and they are down several positions. The office has spent and continues to spend a lot of time on the Brittany Landsverk case.

Northfield Police – no one present to report.

Morristown Police – no one present to report.

Faribault Police – Things are picking up with the warm weather but have not utilized ZAP protocol for larger parties. The parking lots are becoming gathering places for youth with increasing numbers. Becky mentioned that The Crux church is trying to organize something on Friday and Saturday nights as a way of giving kids something to do.

Community Corrections – Chelle reported that they have been busy with kids not following through with conditions of probation as the weather has warmed up. They are still seeing Adderal and pot use among youth on their caseloads.

County Attorney's Office – Generally crime is up with adults, too. Regarding provider cases, Brandon Smith was arrested on a warrant and has been held in jail. He is scheduled to be sentenced this afternoon. Neal mentioned that they had sent a case to the County Attorney's office recently. Christine Long will probably be on the bench in July and John Cajacob will start in August.

Schools:

Bethlehem Academy – no one present to report.

Discovery School – Jim reported that they will graduate about 10 students on June 3rd, their biggest class yet. Things have been unusually quiet. There was positive feedback from the students on the Mock Crash and those who participated in the *Spotlight On Youth* event held in Faribault.

Recovery School of Southern MN- Enrollment continues in the low 20's. Graduation will be June 24th but the school will have a more traditional calendar for next year. They are doing a raffle to try to address some of the financial issues. Gary mentioned that they just finished a promotional video that we will share at the next meeting.

Northfield ALC – Will graduate seniors on June 2nd; some will also walk through graduation with the High School. Things seem pretty quiet; it appears that more young people have come to the realization that they need some help with their chemical use. A number of students are involved in treatment at Omada.

Northfield High School- Prom went well and they are preparing for graduation, which is June 5th. The school hosts a pre-graduation lock-in for all seniors in hopes to minimize the number of students who may celebrate in unhealthy ways later on. They will be doing a seat belt check next week as well. There may be a focus on texting and driving next fall. There will be some attention paid to the use and misuse of Facebook, including cyber bullying and the possible effects on a person's future. There has been an adult male posing as a high school student as a way of recruiting students to attend underage parties or dances. Jessica mentioned that the CLIMB Theater is a good resource for addressing a variety of topics in a school setting, including bullying. Zach suggested that parents also need to be educated about current trends in social media.

Faribault Middle School- no one present to report.

Faribault High School – no one present to report.

Drug Task Force- Sheriff Cook reported that the Drug Task Force is running operations about 5 times/week. They have been busy with some marijuana grows and a person dealing meth among other things-. There are plenty of opportunities for drug investigations. He hopes that Rice County is gaining a reputation as a place where drug use and drug related activities aren't tolerated.

Social Host Update- Sheriff Cook mentioned that he had been contacted by a local newspaper reporter regarding social host ordinances. Kathy updated the group that there are 47 social host ordinances currently in place around the state of MN. Tori recalled that the charges that might come about because of a Social Host ordinance are currently covered in Rice County through the "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" charge. She did say that that charge does not address situations where 18 – 20 year olds are cited for consuming alcohol. There was support for moving toward a Social Host ordinance at the Town Hall meeting in Northfield. The Safe Communities Coalition is also supportive of this effort. The group suggested that perhaps Paul Beaumaster and/or Meredith Erickson could be invited to come to the next Enforcement Team meeting and discuss Social Host. The fact sheets and information about Social Host will be shared with Enforcement Team members and the County Attorney's Office.

ZAP Assessment Action Steps

Increase Communication to the Public – Chelle mentioned that many of the kids that she works with don't know what ZAP is. It might be time to increase the visibility of ZAP in the community. Materials we have developed could be refreshed and used again. Something could be included in end-of-the-year mailings for parents and youth. It was also suggested that an electronic copy of the materials be circulated as well. Publicizing ZAP protocol successes and those people charged with providing alcohol could also bring attention to the initiative.

Increase Communication Among Coalition Members - Sheriff Cook suggested that we could create a ZAP distribution list. Becky said that it would be helpful to push that information out further than the ZAP officers or the Enforcement Team. Part of the challenge is getting communication out about parties that are prevented.

Streamline the Search Warrant Process –

Increase Efforts to Gain Reports from School Staff – Zach suggested that coalition staff can help to regularly remind school staff.

Further Investigate Providers – it was suggested that a new social host ordinance may help in this area.

Meeting with Pharmacists

This was discussed at the last meeting; we checked in with some sources about a time to do this and got no consensus on a time for doing the meeting. We are looking to report on the Take It To The Box efforts as well as to learn about any new concerns that have emerged. This would be mostly a listening session similar to what we did with the alcohol license holders a few years ago. We will attempt two meetings this summer....one in Faribault, one in Northfield.

2010 Priority Areas---Looking for Ideas

- **Parents**
 - Mailings from schools to parents as a vehicle for information. Information could be shared this way.
 - Conferences are an opportunity to share information with parents.
 - Perhaps an approach about general parenting education and support instead of identifying the alcohol and drug issues directly.
 - Using different strategies like Pure Performance which focuses on athletic performance.
 - Social host ordinance.
- **Schools**
 - Curriculum support should be helpful; having student involved has been good.
 - Seems that prevention work should be happening during the middle school year.
- **Youth**
 - Opportunities for youth and adults to have dialogue (Spotlight on Youth style event)
 - Student involvement in selecting curriculum and programming

Next Meeting Date: Focus on Social Host

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 (Tentative)
Rice County Government Services Building
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m