



Enforcement Team

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Rice County Government Services Building, Room 3A

Present: Gary Braun (Recovery School of Southern MN), Dan Collins (Faribault PD), Kathy Cooper (Safe Communities Coalition), Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities grant), Chelle Marquardt (Community Corrections), Dave Osborne (Morristown Police), Pat Parlin (Northfield ALC), Neal Pederson (Faribault Police), Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative), Martha Schultz (Faribault Public Schools), Jim Severson (Discovery Public School), Bob Sletten (Rice County Sheriff's Office), Tori Stewart (County Attorney's Office)

Minutes Approval

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

Agency Updates:

Law Enforcement –

Sheriff's Department – Quiet. No ZAP activity.

Northfield Police – No one present to report

Morristown Police – Little activity.

Faribault Police – anticipating drug disposal on Thurs. 8:30. Neal estimates another 150 pounds of drugs have come in. He mentioned that Double Impact is hosting a breakfast on Sunday at the Eagles to raise funds for the mock crash to be held this spring.

Community Corrections – Chelle reported that they are seeing kids drinking alcohol and that the abuse of cough syrup is still big among Rice Co. youth.

County Attorney's Office – Tori reported that things are relatively quiet, they haven't had any new provider cases since December. Tori also mentioned that one of their attorneys has been deployed and their office is currently dividing up the remaining case load. She also reported that Judge Wolf has been coming back as a retired to judge to fill in for Judge Johnson since his retirement. Judge Borene will retire April 1st and no one anticipates that the state will fill the two vacancies anytime soon.

Schools:

Bethlehem Academy – No one present to report.

Discovery School – Jim reported the school is at it's highest enrollment in the history of the school....62 students. Dr. Reznikoff, Addiction Specialist, will talk with his 11th and 12th graders on Friday, 1/29. Jim stated that over Christmas break he had a few kids get ticketed for underage consumption in Waseca. He expressed appreciation of the CD counselor that provides services 1 day a week and feels there are many students at Discovery that benefit from seeing the counselor.

Jim also reported that he has had several students attempt to harm themselves in recent weeks and the group agreed that suicide attempts and suicidal ideation have been more prevalent as of late. Kathy C. suggested the community bring in the Yellow Ribbon campaign which engages parents, school staff, and students around the topic of Suicide Prevention. Dan C. also referenced FACES (Faribault Area Chaplain Emergency Services) as a community resource of which Jim Zotalis is the chair. Craig Breimhorst was also mentioned as someone who has a lot of experience in the community helping families deal with loss. Dan and Chelle confirmed that their departments are dealing with a teen suicide every 3 or 4 months. Pat recalled that in Red Wing when there was a string of teen suicide their community held a forum with adults and kids to teach youth that it's okay to tell if someone they know is going to harm themselves. Both S.A.V.E and D.A.W.N were mentioned as quality suicide-prevention programs.

Northfield ALC – Pat reported that kids with chemical dependency issues are being identified more quickly because of the presence of a CD counselor. Currently there are two groups running at the school: a recovery group for kids coming out of treatment and another group for kids staying sober on their own. Students seem more willing to self-examine own use and are requesting help.

Faribault High School – Martha reported that there are several initiatives related to prevention going on in the schools currently. In the coming weeks 6th, 9th and 12th graders will be participating in the MN Student Survey, a Department of Ed. Survey conducted every 3 years that ask students questions about their health, risk behaviors, school safety, and protective factors. Martha offered her assistance to the private and charter schools if they intend to participate. She also mentioned that STOPS will be hosting the 5th Grade Lock-In again on Feb. 27 where high schoolers will conduct educational workshops on drug awareness. The High School will also be hosting a Respect Retreat for all 9th grade students on Feb. 3 off-site to build self-respect and respect for others. Martha is also currently working on a system to build communication about issues related to student drug use among FHS leaders that can be shared at Enforcement Team meetings. Also, the MOST of US social norms campaign is going well at the Faribault Middle School and Feb. 17 is the next lunchroom activity day.

Recovery School of Southern MN – Gary reported their enrollment numbers remain in the low 20s. They currently serve 1 student from Rice Co. In recent months Gary and the school's board have been working on a long-range strategic plan to engage community members in the school's mission. They have formed a "Patrons Club" which asks individuals to contribute \$100 for 5 years in an attempt to stabilize the school's finances.

Drug Task Force- Busy. Recently 42 pounds of high quality marijuana was confiscated and 5 arrests were made. Apparently the people charged with transporting the drug grew it LEGALLY in California under the legalized medical marijuana and brought it to MN with intent to sell.

Compliance Checks

They are complete in Faribault, Dan and Becky are trying to organize some recognition for those who passed at the next Faribault City Council meeting. Northfield will be conducting their checks again soon.

ZAP Assessment

Shelia Nesbitt from the MN Institute of Public Health has finished the ZAP key informant interview process and is into the process of analysis. She is requesting some data from all law enforcement departments for the report: Under 18 consumption, 18-20 consumption, and provider cases. Those present agreed to find information from 2005 – 2009.

News from Albert Lea and Austin

Recent news articles were shared from surrounding cities. It appears that the pairing of social host and ZAP-type laws are beneficial. The group commented that the social host ordinances are a hard sell to officials because of situations where the owner of the property may legitimately not know that underage drinking is going on, i.e. landlords who own property in a college town, or farmers who own multiple acres not connected with their homestead. Bob mentioned that recently his department was able to prevent a large underage party by visiting the homeowner ahead of time. The resident became angry, but ended up not hosting the party. The group commented that Rice Co. lack of social host doesn't deter law enforcement from doing their job.

DFC Year 3 Input

Kathy is seeking input for Year 3 of the Faribault Drug Free Communities Grant. The application is due Feb. 24 and she would like coalition partners to help formulate the plan for Year 3. Please get your ideas to Kathy ASAP. Kathy C. suggested alcohol.edu as a possible resource.

2010 Planning

The group reviewed several areas of interest generated by Enforcement Team members during November and December meetings. The group had a chance to discuss and then vote on their top 3 priorities for 2010. The Top Three areas/activities identified were:

1. Schools – engage schools in implementing ongoing research-based curricula. Invite elementary schools to participate in Enforcement Team meetings.
2. Conduct a focus group with youth – invite youth from across the county to participate in a focus group to gain insight and ideas about their perceptions, behavior, and ideas for prevention, enforcement, etc.
3. Parents – organize parent education sessions and make information available at parent/teacher conferences. Target parents of young children.

Next Meeting Date:

***Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Rice County Government Services Building – Commissioners Room
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m***