



Enforcement Team Meeting Notes

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 – 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Present: Dan Collins (Faribault Police Department), Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities grant), Scott Hanson (Bethlehem Academy), Dave Osborne (Morristown Police Department), Mary Nelson (Northfield Healthy Community Initiative), Pat Parlin (Northfield ALC), Neal Pederson (Faribault Police Department), Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative), Jim Severson (Discovery Public School), Bob Sletten (Rice County Sheriff's Office), Tori Stewart (Rice County Attorney's Office), Mark Taylor (Northfield Police Department), Simon Tyler (Northfield ARTech),

Agency Updates:

Law Enforcement –

Sheriff's Department - Bob reported that there were two underage drinking parties that were broken up using ZAP protocol in the last month. The first incident involved ten people being cited in Warsaw for underage consumption. Law enforcement was unable to identify an adult provider. Bob reported that when parents came to pick up their children, they did not seem upset by the fact that their children were consuming alcohol, but rather annoyed and inconvenienced because they had to pick up their kids.

Northfield Police – Mark reported a second incident involving a party on March 3 where 13 people were ticketed with underage consumption and 2 adults were charged with providing the alcohol. Mark and Bob noted that both of these parties involved youth from a variety of schools and towns, not just the immediate community where the party occurred. It appears that youth have a wider circumference of social connections.

Mark also brought up the fact that a newspaper editorial criticizing the ZAP effort was published in the Northfield News recently. Kathy suggested that Mark and Bob meet with the Northfield News to highlight the recent successes using ZAP protocol. Dave suggested that we get away from using language like “call out” and educate the public about how law enforcement agencies are utilizing ZAP in individual jurisdictions.

Faribault Police – Nothing new to report.

Community Corrections – No one present to report.

County Attorney's Office – Tori reported there were no new cases involving adult alcohol providers. She did say that in the recent methamphetamine manufacturing case that the jury came back with 3 guilty verdicts. Sentencing will happen in May and the judge will hear victim impact statements at that time. Kathy will contact attorney, Benjamin Bejar. Overall, it appears that the court monitoring work being done by the coalition is effective and that the victim impact statements are having an impact on sentences being handed down by judges.

Schools:

Bethlehem Academy - Scott reported that B.A. will be having an informational session for parents on March 30th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. B.A. is also planning a student day where 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12 grade students will heard from local presenters about the importance of avoiding drug/alcohol use. The drug dogs are scheduled to come in after these education events.

Discovery School - Jim reported that suspected marijuana use is up in his building. There has also been increased talk among students about underage drinking parties over spring break. Jim noted that many of his students aren't traveling over this break period and will have more free time. Jim also inquired about students who come to school under the influence of drugs with parents who ARE aware of their child's use. Tori and others recommended that a report be made to social services.

ARTech – Simon had nothing new to report.

Drug Task Force

Members of law enforcement reported that the Drug Task Force is very busy with different kinds of cases. Recently, there were two search warrants issued for “marijuana grows” in Faribault and 1 arrest in the last month.

Faribault Parent Group – DVD Feedback

Becky and Kathy reported that they met with a small group of parents on March 9 where they showed the nearly completed Parent DVD. The feedback was positive and parents indicated that if given a copy, they would share it with family and friends. They also mentioned showing it to students via health classrooms, etc. Kathy said she noticed two typos and that the audio for the testimonials was poor and would need to be redone. She committed to having it done by next month's meeting.

Data Tracking

Neal provided Kathy and Becky with the requested data. Becky inquired about the need to collect data on drug offenses by juveniles. It was suggested that she contact community corrections for those numbers.

Prescription Drug Disposal Update

Mark reported that Northfield may utilize a college intern to help with the initial start up process of the disposal program. He is working with architects for the new Safety Center on including a place for the disposal box. Two Northfield pharmacies are also interested in participating in the program. Dan reported that Faribault is also in the process of arranging for a disposal program. Faribault has budgeted for a “box” costing \$2,300. Faribault's box will need special parameters since it will stand in a public area. Dan anticipates being able to use grant funding to help offset the cost. Mary provided start up manuals for law enforcement agencies. She also mentioned that some states, such as WA, are creating legislation to get pharmaceutical companies to take back prescription drugs, but it could be several years before such a law is enacted in MN. Mark mentioned that there needs to be more education for medical providers and physicians about the issue of prescription drug abuse. Kathy stated that money from the Rural Flex grant is regional and will be used to educate doctors, first responders, pharmacists and community members about prescription drug abuse and the disposal program. The group agreed that starting the program

simultaneously in both Faribault and Northfield would be beneficial for the community education component. Mark and Dan both indicated that launching the disposal program in the fall of 2009 would be a manageable goal. Coalition staff will continue to work on the community education pieces and will start putting together a plan for unrolling that campaign.

Other Business

Bob and Dave mentioned the need for new co-chairs for the Enforcement Team. They indicated that it takes a minimal amount of time and effort.

Next Meeting Date:

Change of Date AND Location

***Wednesday, April 22, 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.
Gov. Services Building – Commissioners Room***