



## Enforcement Team

### Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 1:15-2:45 p.m.

**Present:** Dan Collins (Faribault Police Department); Troy Dunn (Rice County Sheriff's Office); Jeff Eckhoff (Northfield High School); Chelle Marquardt (Rice County Community Corrections); Dave Osborne (Morristown Police Department); Pat Parlin (Northfield Area Learning Center); Neal Pederson (Faribault Police Department); Zach Pruitt (Northfield Healthy Community Initiative); Scott Robinson (Rice County Sheriff's Office); Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative); Jason Schmitz (Lonsdale Police Department); Martha Schultz (Faribault High School); Dave Stensrud (Rice County Sheriff's Office).

#### **Minutes Approval**

The group reviewed and approved the minutes from December 2010 (Collins, Osborne). *Notes will be posted to the Enforcement Team webpage.*

#### **Updates:**

##### Faribault Police Department:

Dan reported that there were a few drinking incidents at the end of the year. There were a couple of charges of contributing; 4 to 6 minor consumptions were also dispensed. The Social Host Ordinance was passed by the Faribault City Council. One student from STOPS spoke to the Council in support of the ordinance. It seemed as if the work session before the meetings and having youth and adults speak in support were both helpful. The only resistance seemed to be the thought that this should be done at the state level.

##### Morristown Police Department:

Quiet as far as drinking parties at this time.

##### Rice County Sheriff's Office:

Nothing new since last meeting.

##### Rice County Drug Task Force:

Activity has not slowed down. Jesse Cordova and Scott were out in California last fall at "ground zero" for marijuana in the country. Scott really encouraged the group to fight with everything they have against any legalization of marijuana. He said they witnessed how the presence of marijuana really tears apart the fabric of the community. Scott commented that the ease with which people are able to get prescriptions for marijuana contributes significantly to the problem. Both Faribault and Northfield have connections to the marijuana operations in California. Scott also talked about the amounts of money and the violence that accompany marijuana dealing. The Drug Task Force is busy. There are stories of a big cooker coming into the area (meth). Scott suggested the Coalition have a "Choices Panel" of young people who can talk about the negative experiences they have had. Some people were concerned about how that message is interpreted by youth. Scott said he would be willing to help set something up. The monthly meeting of the task force is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1:30 at the Sheriff's Office and is open to the public.

##### Rice County Community Corrections:

They are hearing about a place in Northfield where there have been a lot of parties. Apparently there are many high school youth hanging out there. Several other youth from Northfield are either in treatment or back and doing well. There was a young person in Faribault who had a large amount of marijuana. Chelle also suggested that the Coalition find a way to work with the community-based sports organizations, including offering them education and some help with codes of conduct.

##### Northfield PD:

Not much to report on drinking parties. There was a medication disposal pick up yesterday.

Lonsdale PD:

Nothing new to report since the last meeting.

Northfield High School:

Jeff shared that the Respect Retreat for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students is coming up.

Rice County Attorney's Office:

No one present.

Northfield Area Learning Center:

Pat reported that the Northfield High School, Northfield Middle School, and ALC just did training for staff on cyber bullying and are working to inform both students and families. The speaker did a nice job talking about the issues and consequences, as well as offering practical advice.

Bethlehem Academy:

No report.

Faribault High School:

Martha mentioned that bullying remains an issue, although it appears to be becoming a bit less. The school is looking at bringing in a speaker about cyber bullying. Faribault High School also has the Respect Retreat coming up.

Discovery School:

No report.

**Social Host Ordinance Update**

*Faribault:* See above.

*Rice County:* We have a work session on February 1<sup>st</sup>, probably at 8:30.

*Northfield:* There is a work session on February 1, at which time Mark will talk with the Council. If anyone from the Youth Advisory Board is interested in supporting the work in Northfield, they should call Mark Taylor.

*Others:* Jason is waiting to present it to the Lonsdale City Council. Dave is waiting for County adoption, as he thinks it will have a greater chance of success at that point.

**New Initiative Ideas (including suggested use of Drug-Free Communities funds)**

Take It to The Box is an effort that has been successful and should be maintained. Dave said that the Community Center in Morristown would be a good location if the group is looking to expand to an additional drop box.

Re-publicize resources for people looking for help including the halfway house, treatment providers, self-help groups, etc.

**Strategic Plan:**

Zach explained that the Coalition had originally developed a strategic plan 5 years ago and it is now time to revisit and investigate revising that plan. Staff would like to have a couple of representatives from this Team participate in that effort. If interested, please contact Kathy or Zach. Jeff Eckhoff and Neal Pederson offered to participate.

**Next Meeting Date:**

***Wednesday, February 16, 2011***  
***Rice County Government Services Building, Room 3A***  
***1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.***