

Rice County Chemical Health Coalition  
**Enforcement Team**  
June 17, 2009

Present at the meeting: Hallie Anderson (volunteer), Kate Langer (Rice County Community Corrections), Neal Pederson (Faribault PD), Jim Severson (Discovery PS), Gary Braun (Recovery School of Southern MN), Pat Parlin (Northfield ALC), Dan Collins (Faribault PD), Jordan Taylor (Intern), Zach Pruitt (Northfield HCI), Jeff Eckhoff (Northfield HS), Richard Cook (Rice County Sheriff's Office), Mark Taylor (Northfield PD), Linda Oto (Northfield after-school programs), Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative)

1. Introductions

2. Agency Update

- a. Neal reported that Faribault has not had responses to large parties but several underage consumption tickets have been issued. Northfield is in much the same situation according to Mark.
- b. Kate reported that they have been seeing a lot of benzo use among their juvenile probation cases....most notable is the use of roofies. They are also seeing the use of ecstasy and some kids selling adderall.
- c. County Attorney's office- no representative.
- d. Jim reported that they are currently serving mostly 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are behind in their coursework. He reported that a couple of his students were cited for underage consumption and wondered if the adult provider had been identified. The students told Jim that the parent had provided the alcohol. Dan said he would check on it. Gary reported that their graduation is next weekend and they expect to graduate 9 students. They are also selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser. Pat said they are also up and running with summer school with about 70 students. Sarah Shippy has been working with students at the ALC and started a group this year. Next year, they are contemplating additional groups to support kids who are trying to be in recovery. Jeff reported that they are in "recovery mode" at NHS! They had some vandalism at NHS and are working with those students on restitution. Had a handful each of drinking, drug use and OTC drugs situations of kids using in school

3. Updates

- a. Working on powdered cocaine and meth cases now. There are a number of active investigations. The Task Force is busy and feels as if they have pretty good intelligence about what is going on. However, there are always surprises. Use is pervasive but they try to prioritize situations that

are the most damaging. They are also aiming their efforts at mid and upper level dealers. Hard to get cooperation outside of the community in places like Minneapolis and Chicago so the focus is keeping chemicals out of Rice County. Kate asked about a form of marijuana called *Koosh*. She also mentioned something called *Beesters* which she said is mostly ditchweed.

- b. Continuing to move forward on the community education. Good cooperation on the parts of the law enforcement agencies, both hospitals and others. We plan to use the disposal boxes as an opportunity for education about safe use, safe storage and safe disposal. The plan also includes display in conjunction with the Sheriff's exhibit at the Fair. People will be able to enter a drawing by pledging that they will work toward safe use, storage and disposal. Northfield is seeing an increase in prescription drug use and students are reporting that these drugs are easy to get. Pat commented that her experience is that parents don't know about this issue and need to be informed. The slogan we will be using is "Take It To The Box". Both agencies are looking at early fall to kick off the disposal box....both communities at the same time.
  - c. Kathy reported about the completion of the DVD. Jeff suggested that it might be good to be shown at Parent Teacher conferences. Dan announced that the FPD will have an open house on June 30 from 4:00 to 7:00.....the video can be shown there as well.
4. Alcohol Ordinance
- a. The group looked over the synopsis of the various ordinances. No action was suggested at this time.
  - b. Paul Beaumaster is willing to pursue a social host ordinance. Sheriff Cook reported that they will be talking about moving forward on this at a meeting next week. There seemed to be agreement about having an ordinance that is consistent across the county. Sheriff Cook will report on the discussion from their meeting. Dan reported that Faribault is nearly finished with compliance checks. Mark reported that Northfield also completed their checks. Law enforcement officers supported emphasizing that sellers/servers can retain the license of someone underage who attempts to purchase and notify law enforcement.
5. Weed and Seed Grant Opportunity
- a. Zach described the opportunity for a weed and seed grant based on the cooperation of law enforcement in the county. There seemed to be support for looking into to see if we would qualify. Zach and Kathy will follow up. Law Enforcement chiefs will check with the U.S. Attorney to make sure we have that support.

6. ZAP Stakeholders Conversation
  - a. Robyn Wiesman from the MIPH (our grant manager for the ZAP project) is interested in getting back in contact with stakeholders in the ZAP project to check in and then provide a summary of the program's successes and what the future might hold. She is willing to meet with the Chiefs and other stakeholders with no charge to the Coalition. Sheriff Cook commented that it is important to evaluate our efforts. Dan suggested September might be a good time to do this review of the program. He thought it would be good to check in with the schools, in addition to various members of law enforcement departments such as patrol officers, supervisors and school liaison officers. Perhaps we should try to get time with the judges, too.
7. Other-Nothing to report.
8. Next meeting- July 15<sup>th</sup>

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