



## Enforcement Team

### Meeting Notes

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

**Present:** Neal Pederson (Faribault Police Department); Dan Collins (Faribault Police Department); Troy Dunn (Rice County Sheriff's Office); Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities Grant); Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative); Kathy Cooper (Safe Communities Coalition); Jessica Wolf (Project Home); Zach Pruitt (Northfield Healthy Community Initiative); Dave Osborne (Morristown Police Department); Tori Stewart (County Attorney's Office).

#### **Minutes Approval**

The group reviewed the minutes from May 2011. Group approved minutes. (Troy moved, Dan seconded). *Notes will be posted to the Enforcement Team webpage.*

#### **Agency Updates:**

##### **Law Enforcement**

Faribault Police Department: had a party 3 weeks ago that resulted in first social host charge.

Northfield Police Department: No report.

Morristown Police Department: Nothing to report; 4 underage tickets written by a Lonsdale officer during Dam Days.

Rice County Sheriff's Office: No parties to report. Had the first fatal crash of the year recently.

Lonsdale Police Department: No report

**Drug Task Force:** others reported that they have lots of work, but no specific trends in type of drugs being purchased. Their cases continue to be prosecuted and are getting convictions.

**Corrections:** No report.

**Rice County Attorney's Office:** Seems like there have been a lot of people pleading out on the Adult Provider cases and judges seem to be sentencing more quickly. Tori requested a general victim impact statement be drafted that she can read when appropriate. There was a question about what cases get sent to the County Attorney's office. Tori said she only receives cases classified as gross.

#### **Schools**

No school representatives in attendance.

#### **Meeting with Judges Update**

Tori reported that she, Mark Taylor, Troy, Becky, Kathy and Chuck Walerius met with the judges recently. We talked about social host ordinances, underage alcohol consumption and telephonic warrants. Judges seem to be on board with the idea of telephonic warrants, especially for the ZAP cases. The judges had some other miscellaneous questions and seemed interested in the work of the Enforcement Team and the Coalition. They also talked about some alternative sentencing options like MADD panels for underage drinkers. Tori said that Judge Long had talked about the way that St. Olaf has sanctions that they apply in addition to the legal consequences. The judges also asked if we might also have some ideas of community work service projects for underage consumption.

Zach reported that Judge Neuville met with the Northfield Mayor's Task Force recently and spent about 2 hours with the group. Judge Neuville stated that he felt the schools should be doing more specifically with drug dogs. He is also

interested in drug courts as an effective model. There was discussion about the benefits of drug courts and some of the elements that make drug courts successful. Drug court models depend on high levels of accountability, well-coordinated interdisciplinary efforts and immediate consequences. Teams typically involved attorneys, law enforcement, the courts, treatment providers and corrections. There is a small group interested in traveling to neighboring counties in order to observe successful drug courts and examine contracts with defendants. Zach will keep us updated.

**Social Host Ordinance Update-** Dave said that Morristown was waiting for Faribault, Northfield and Rice County to pass ordinances. Dave said he will be gone for the next two council meetings so the soonest he could present to his council would be September. He thinks it will be a tough sell in Morristown and the council seems pretty unpredictable. Troy said he would be willing to talk to the council in Morristown in Dave's absence. Dave thought that having others be there might be helpful in making some headway. He anticipated that it would take at least two meetings to get things done in spite of the fact that he has already provided information to council members. Dave will be in contact with Becky when he gets things set up.

We will be able to use space at the County Sheriff's trailer at the fair. We will have information about social host and new Frisbees promoting the ordinance. Becky has developed questions to use on the spinner. Becky and Kathy C. would like to print a large banner using the poster design and hang it on the end of the trailer as well.

#### **Back to School Efforts**

We are looking at putting on a training around drug use identification for school and other youth providers. Zach mentioned that the ALC staff in Northfield is very interested. This will likely be on a date or dates prior to the start of school workshops.

#### **Alcohol Sales Training**

Becky mentioned that there have been a lot of calls recently about training. A training has been set up for Veseli although the contract is not complete yet. There is resistance building in Morristown to the yearly requirement and consideration being given to changing that to every three years. Becky also mentioned that in Faribault, the convenience store license holders are not required to complete the training. Dan said that the city is in for a battle on the club licenses, and others so they are not ready to look at changing the ordinance in that way at this time. Faribault's ordinance does state the license holders must train their employees annually.

#### **Future Meetings:**

Zach mentioned that the Provider Team would like to meet with the Enforcement Team and suggested that we might do that on the date of the August meeting (17<sup>th</sup>) at noon in Northfield at the NCRC. Lunch will be provided.

**Next Meeting Date:**  
***Wednesday, July 20, 2011***  
***Rice County Government Services Building, Room 3A***  
***1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.***