



Enforcement Team

Meeting Notes

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

Present: Curt Benson (Northfield Mayor’s Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use); Samantha Bushey (Faribault Daily News); Dan Collins (Faribault Police Department); Kathy Cooper (Rice County Safe Communities); Christine Curtis (Rice County Community Corrections); Troy Dunn (Rice County Sheriff’s Office); Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities Grant); Anna Haubrich (Rice County Public Health); Heather Kuehl (Faribault Drug-Free Communities); Chelle Marquardt (Rice County Community Corrections); Yvette Marthaler (Rice County Social Services) Dave Osborne (Morristown Police Department); Tanya Paley (Steele County Coalition); Neal Pederson (Faribault Police Department); Zach Pruitt (Northfield Healthy Community Initiative); Jack Ranslow (Fountain Centers); Jason Schmitz (Lonsdale Police Department); Dave Stensrud (Rice County Sheriff’s Office); Tori Stewart (Rice County Attorney’s Office)

Minutes Approval

The group reviewed the minutes from September 2011. The group approved minutes. (Dunn, Collins). *Notes will be posted to the Enforcement Team webpage.*

Agency Updates

Law Enforcement

Faribault Police Department: Faribault is in the midst of its alcohol compliance checks. Take It to The Box remains very busy, with many individuals dropping off bags of medicines at a time. Taking many calls from people who are dealing with medications left after family deaths.

Rice County Sheriff’s Office: The department dealt with two juvenile parties last weekend. Twenty citations were issued (4 were under the age of 18; 16 were ages 18-20). They did not involve social host citations or adult provider charges.

Northfield Police Department: No report.

Morristown Police Department: No updates related to juvenile parties. The social host ordinance was defeated at the City Council meeting in October. It would likely be revisited if other small communities in Rice County would subsequently adopt it.

Lonsdale Police Department: The City Council has received information on social host. They have not yet set a public hearing.

Community Corrections: Chelle shared that many youth on their caseloads continue to struggle with marijuana use. A couple of youth recently admitted to use of K-2. Law enforcement was notified of a potential party around Faribault homecoming. If it did occur, the party was not held at the location that it was originally planned for, as police drove by the location several times that evening.

Drug Task Force

A number of investigations are underway. They hope to make some significant arrests in the coming weeks.

Rice County Attorney’s Office

Tori reported that her last outstanding case of providing/contributing to the delinquency of a minor has come to completion. Tori and Kathy have discussed that the sentences for these charges have not always been consistent. Part of this seems to be due to different recommendations from the prosecuting counsel.

Schools

No report.

Take It to The Box

Over 5,100 pounds of medication have been collected over the first two years of the program. The next pick-up is scheduled for early November.

Becky shared information from the Faribault and Northfield Student Surveys about youth use of prescription medications. The survey has been given annually to youth in grades 6, 8, 9, and 11. Among many other questions, the survey asks about their use of prescription medications, their perceptions of the ease of accessing medications, and (if they use them) where they get them from.

Cough Medicine Abuse

The group watched a short video about over-the-counter medication abuse from www.stopmedicineabuse.org. The video stressed the importance of parents, schools, community leaders, retailers, and medical providers working together to help address the misuse of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

The group discussed potential next steps. Suggestions included:

- Work with the local retailers to discuss the placement of cough medicines in their stores. Staff will draft a checklist/taking points for approaching local retailers. A list of the retailers will be sent out to the Enforcement Team. Law enforcement volunteered to sign up to approach retailers and go over the checklist. This will also be a chance to remind them about Take It to The Box and see if they need any materials to pass out with that.
- Include information about medication misuse in the Buckham Bulletin, the City of Northfield water bill, the Northfield Hospital community newsletter, the District One Hospital community newsletter, the *Rice County Report*, and Allina and Mayo health systems newsletters.
- Send a letter about the topic to local parents through the schools.

Social Host Ordinance Update

As discussed earlier, the ordinance did not pass in Morristown, but the group hopes that it can be revisited in the future. There has not been any news on the status of the ordinance in Dundas. Jason shared that he has introduced the concept of the ordinance in Lonsdale, but no hearing has been scheduled.

Tanya shared that Blooming Prairie is a community that could be consulted on this topic, as they are a small town that recently passed the social host ordinance. Tori mentioned that having a social host ordinance in Dundas would have been extremely helpful in recent cases.

Other

On November 15th there will be two opportunities to learn about youth and energy drinks. Jay Jaffee, from the MN Department of Health, will be presenting during the day in Northfield and during the evening in Faribault. Certificates of attendance will be available. Becky will send a PDF of the flyer for those who would like to help advertise the sessions.

Dan shared that the Faribault Community Action Team had a speaker at their October meeting who was arrested as part of the heroin arrests. He spoke about how he began his use by taking prescription drugs. The speaker emphasized the

important role of peer support in quitting his use. The speaker also noted that being arrested was an important intervention for him.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Rice County Government Services Building