



Enforcement Team

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 21, 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); Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities Grant); Tami Langlois (Bethlehem Academy); Chelle Marquardt (Rice County Community Corrections); Dave Osborne (Morristown Police Department); Pat Parlin (Northfield ALC); Neal Pederson (Faribault Police Department); Zach Pruitt (Northfield Healthy Community Initiative); Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative); Martha Schultz (Faribault Public Schools); Tori Stewart (Rice County Attorney's Office)

Minutes Approval

The group reviewed the minutes from August 2011. Group approved minutes. (Dave, Troy). *Notes will be posted to the Enforcement Team webpage.*

Agency Updates:

Law Enforcement

Faribault Police Department: No social host issues or underage parties since last meeting.

Northfield Police Department: No report.

Morristown Police Department: Quiet with respect to parties.

Rice County Sheriff's Office: Also quiet.

Lonsdale Police Department: No report.

Community Corrections: Use of Klonopin has popped up and there are suspicions about the source of the drugs. They are also hearing from kids that they are buying Buprenorphine on the street and they are reporting a high that is comparable and cheaper than heroin. There was a situation recently involving a young man giving someone Suboxone under the guise of a breath strip. Charges against him are pending.

Drug Task Force: They are getting more and more calls on marijuana grows in homes and on property. The task force is seeing more heroin sales activity and is responding aggressively. They are getting reports that the heroin is potent and even the dealers are warning their customers to be cautious.

Rice County Attorney's Office: Tori reported that Kathy Cooper has produced a chart showing some of the results of court monitoring. Colton Beuchler was sentenced yesterday for hosting parties as a second offense. He was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and pled guilty. They were not able to charge him with a social host violation since the party was in Dundas and Dundas does not have the social host ordinance. Tori said she just got a case from a party in Shieldsville in which the individual was charged with social host and providing.

Schools:

Faribault High School - There is some concern regarding the behavior of this year's 9th grade class. Homecoming is October 7th. Faribault Middle School has implemented new school climate/behavior modification program called SOAR.

Northfield High School - Jeff reported all the grades in his building are very positive and they are enjoying the new 9th grade class. One student admitted to getting involved in heroin over the summer and has gone to treatment. Homecoming is next weekend.

Northfield ALC - Pat reported that the ALC is pretty full. Sarah Shippy from Omada Behavioral Health Services is at the ALC three mornings per week and it helps to be able to follow students a bit better.

Bethlehem Academy- Tami said they have a great group of leaders this year in the senior class. It has been quiet this year compared to last year with regards to drugs and alcohol. Homecoming is October 14th.

Take it to the Box:

Zach reported that there is interest among many communities about the structure of our project and even interest from other states including New Jersey. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is also interested in replicating the program and TITTB logo statewide. The county collection efforts have netted over 5,000 pounds since the beginning of the effort two years ago.

Social Host Ordinance Update: Dave and Tori reported that the reception for the concept of the social host ordinance in Morristown was not good. The mayor appears opposed to the ordinance; there were others who felt the ordinance helps to create a police state and alleged that many elements of social host ordinances are unconstitutional. Two council members, however, are very supportive. The social host ordinance comes back to the City Council in October. It will likely to be a close vote.

Payable Juvenile Petty Offenses:

Chelle reported that youth with petty offenses that used to be handled on diversion are now payables. Corrections has received zero diversion cases in the past month. They used to get 5-6 new cases a week. In many instances, parents do not know about these incidences because youth can often take care of the fine themselves. The court is still dealing with many appearances, though, because the youth charged are coming to get more time to pay the fine or do the hours as an alternative. In all of those cases, when they are paid, the issue goes on the students' records. When they were doing diversion, those records were deleted when the person becomes an adult. Chelle said the probation officers are not notified of these offenses either, so often they don't know when a young person on their caseloads is violating the conditions of probation. Officers don't necessarily know when people are on probation. Chelle said they can provide a list of people on probation to the police departments and schools.

Drug Court:

It does not appear that there is any funding to support the establishment of a drug court. At least one of the judges seems interested in using elements of drug courts without fully implementing all of the components. There was significant concern on the part of meeting participants about using components of drug court without all the pieces in place.

Possible Projects for the 2011-2012 School Year:

No new ideas emerged.

Future Grant Funding:

Zach explained the cycles of federal Drug-Free Communities Grant funding and the expiration of Northfield's grant in September 2012. Next year, there will not be any other local proposal so it would be a good time to put forward a proposal from another entity in or around Rice County. Zach asked if there would be interest in pursuing something like that. There was a discussion about whether or not there is potential for applying for an additional grant and who might be the applicant. If there is interest, staff would be willing to assist with the application.

Other

In celebration of Recovery Month, the coalition is currently accepting Project Prevention Award nominations for individuals who are supportive of local substance abuse prevention and recovery efforts. There have been a few nominations received already. The deadline is Friday, September 30.

Applications for the Youth Advisory Board are coming in as well. Over 30 applications have been received from youth countywide. This is a very positive. It was suggested that sometime this year, the Enforcement Team and members of the Youth Advisory Board could meet together.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Rice County Government Services Building