



Enforcement Team Meeting Notes

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Present: Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities grant), Scott Hanson (Bethlehem Academy), Dave Osborne (Morristown Police), Neal Pederson (Faribault Police), Zach Pruitt (Northfield Healthy Community Initiative), Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative), Jim Severson (Discovery Public School), Bob Sletten (Rice County Sheriff's Office)

Minutes Approval

The group reviewed and approved the minutes from November with amendments. *Becky will post the amended notes to the Enforcement Team web page.*

Agency Updates:

Law Enforcement –

Sheriff's Department – Busy with weather-related and traffic situations. Not aware of any ZAP callouts. Drug Task Force has been busy.

Northfield Police – No one present to report

Morristown Police – Quiet in Morristown.

Faribault Police – Quiet in Faribault.

Community Corrections – No representative.

County Attorney's Office – No representative.

Schools:

Bethlehem Academy – Pretty quiet but looking at doing an educational piece for students during and day and for parents in the evening on a day in January. Will coordinate with Becky and Kathy. Two of the government classes visited the courts and saw that most of the cases are alcohol / other drug related. Scott commented that his students could see the correlation between crime and addiction.

Discovery School – Enrollment is up. Will be taking two weeks off at Christmas. Jim mentioned that one thing they try to pay attention to is kids who have lots of money and/or possessions that are unexplained. Tobacco use seems to be up.

Northfield ALC – Sarah Shippy is still coming and meeting with students. Have some students who have gone to inpatient treatment and are coming back. They see issues with both alcohol and drugs (including opiates). One student was arrested for felony drug possession. Pat commented that there is a perception among students that drug related criminal behavior is “no big deal” because of the delay in consequences. Seeing kids using prescription drugs as well as sales seems to be a trend.

The group also discussed youth who sell drugs tend to have a lot of expendable cash and will be seen with new items often such as cell phones and clothes. Yet these students do not have “jobs.” This makes recovery and leaving the business of dealing drugs difficult, because teens won’t make the same amount of money in typical jobs for young people. Something to be aware of.

Faribault Public Schools – No representative

Drug Task Force- Jesse Cordova is going back to the Drug Task Force representing Northfield. They are doing at least a couple of search warrants each week.

Compliance Checks

They are complete in Faribault; no alcohol sales and 3 tobacco sales. Mark said he would let Becky know when Northfield has completed their checks.

ZAP Assessment

Shelia Nesbitt from the MN Institute of Public Health has begun the ZAP key informant interview process. Thanks to the departments for providing names and contact information for officers. Feedback from Scott and Dave was that the interview was well structured and prepared.

Alcohol Awareness Trainings

There was a training last week in Faribault where we had 22 participants. Becky shared the new schedule. Becky is in contact with Brian Kringen about the possibility of offering a refresher to people who have attended many times. Approximately 300 people have been trained.

2010 Planning

Becky reminded the group of the discussion from the last meeting. Kathy mentioned there are funds available to help with costs through the DFC grant. The following ideas were generated:

- Members are interested in doing things in education...in the schools for students but also for parents.
- Pat mentioned that in Mower County they sponsored some focus groups to get input from youth. She emphasized that getting that kind of involvement from youth is important. There was some interest in bringing schools from a variety of schools in the county for time together. The need for input from young people was emphasized.
- Presentations for Latino families. (Jesse Cordova did a presentation to Latino families recently in Northfield.) The MN Prevention Resource Center also has a program called “Walk the Talk” that can be delivered in Spanish by a MPRC staff member locally. Other services for non-English speaking families are also challenging. Language and culture are both issues. Possibly explore cultural views of youth alcohol and other drug use as well as language and cultural available resources /need for chemical health providers
- Reminders to families about the resources that exist to support prevention, intervention and treatment services. Perhaps a follow up to the Drugs 101 DVD including information about treatment providers, insurance information, support groups, transportation, county assistance, etc.
- The group again talked about medical marijuana issues.
- Orientation or communication with new judges when they come on board.
- Funding for curricular materials for schools to implement. Capitalize on the schools that are willing to work with us.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Rice County Government Services Building – Room 3A
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m