



## Enforcement Team

### Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 1:15-2:45 p.m.

**Present:** Neal Peterson (Faribault Police Department), Dan Collins (Faribault Police Department); Richard Cook (Rice County Sheriff's Office); Kathy Cooper (Rice County Safe Communities Coalition); Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities grant); Chelle Marquardt (Rice County Community Corrections); Pat Parlin (Northfield Area Learning Center); Zach Pruitt (Northfield Healthy Community Initiative); Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative); Jason Schmitz (Lonsdale Police Department); Troy Dunn (Rice County Sheriff's Office); Dave Osborne (Morristown Police Department), Tori Stewart (Rice County Attorney's Office); Mark Taylor (Northfield Police Department); Jessica Wolf (Project HOME), Tami Langlois (Bethlehem Academy), Linda Oto (Northfield Mentoring), Jim Severson (Discovery Public School),

#### Minutes Approval

The group reviewed and approved the minutes from July. *Becky will post the notes to the Enforcement Team web page.*

#### Agency Updates:

##### *Law Enforcement* –

Sheriff's Department – Troy reported that a large party was broken up in Richland Township recently. 12 citations were issued, he was unsure of whether anyone was cited for procuring. The youth involved scattered into the surrounding fields.

Drug Task Force – various people reported that there has been a resurgence of prescription medication buys lately. Also anticipating more activity around marijuana since it is harvest time for the plant.

Lonsdale Police – nothing new to report.

Northfield Police – experienced some incidents over the weekend related to Jesse James Days. College students have returned. There was a group of former Northfield residents that got arrested in a large marijuana arrest in California. The Drug Task Force will be following up with this incident to see if there are more local connections.

Morristown Police – fairly quiet. Dave reported hearing that an individual may be giving away a substance called “drink;” kool-aid laced with cocaine. Chelle confirmed that “drink” is the name.

Faribault Police – Neal reported that 8 citations were given at a large party recently; two individuals were cited for procuring alcohol. The department was able to handle the situation without utilizing neighboring agencies. *Take It to the Box* continues to be successful yielding 2,200 pounds of medication in the first year, with only one pick-up of controlled drugs. Neal stated that medications are being dropped off daily by community members. He has been contacted by Steele, Freeborn and Winona Counties interested in setting up their own medication take-back programs, as well as the city of Fairmont.

*Community Corrections* – worked Jesse James Days and did not experience any problems. Nothing new to report.

*County Attorney's Office* – Tori reported there has been a recent increase of procuring cases coming to their office. Melissa Reynolds, who sold during a compliance check at Roberds Lake Resort, pled guilty and was sentenced on 9/14. Sylvia Segovia's case is still pending. Once the new cases are charted, Tori and Becky will send out the list.

## **Schools:**

Bethlehem Academy – Tami reported that there are rumors of students using substances, which is unusual for their school during this time of year. They are considering bringing in the drug dogs sooner.

Discovery School – school year off to a good start, enrollment is highest it's been at 68. They have had contact with Faribault Police three times so far, but overall the school year is off to a good start.

Northfield ALC – Pat reported her school is also at full enrollment with 60 students. She has a few students who were cited for underage consumption recently. They are working with Sarah Shippy to determine what kind of support they need and some may be entering in-patient treatment. A former student suspected of dealing is now in jail.

Northfield High School- no one present to report.

Faribault Middle School- no one present to report.

Faribault High School – no one present to report.

## **Social Host Update (SHO)**

### Draft

Tori presented a draft for Rice County written by the county's civil attorney. He used a variety of ordinances from other communities in order to create something that will work well in Rice County. Tori talked about some features of the ordinance with special attention to the concern about people who did not know that a party was going on. The draft also includes information about reasonable steps a person could take to avoid being charged under this ordinance. The preference is that all of the ordinances (county and cities) are the same. One city that has not been included is Nerstrand. The Nerstrand City Council would also need to be approached. Becky raised a question about the listing of elements in Section 5; Tori said they prefer to have the listing as they will be required to go point by point proving each element but agreed that it could be stated differently to minimize confusion. One suggestion was that "a" and "b" be combined in the opening sentence then listing the illegal elements beginning with "c".

The group provided a few additional suggestions for clarifying the "prohibited acts" section and want to make sure that everyone can agree to the language put forth in the county version, so that there will be consistency in ordinances as they are adopted by municipalities. Both Faribault and Northfield will share this version with their city attorneys and provide feedback to Tori and Paul. Dave and Jason will wait to speak with their councils about SHO until a version has been finalized. The group agreed to review the draft and provide comments/feedback by October 15<sup>th</sup>. **If anyone has feedback, questions or suggestions, please contact Tori by October 15 ([tstewart@co.rice.mn.us](mailto:tstewart@co.rice.mn.us)).** We will review a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft at the next Enforcement Team meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

The ordinance will probably go first to the County Board which may happen in October followed by the municipalities as they are able to move forward.

### Educational Resource

Staff presented a recently designed booklet that incorporates the best information we have from Gordy Pehrson about Social Host Ordinances. The document can be shared with decision makers and community members. The information comes from the MN Office of Traffic Safety and attempts to answer questions that often come up in the process of adopting these ordinances. Gordy Pehrson from OTS also had some feedback on the document that will be included in the next draft. We will want to get this information to decision makers at the same time as the ordinance draft. **Please get back to Becky with any feedback by October 15, ([bky\\_ford@msn.com](mailto:bky_ford@msn.com)).** The group agreed that the lead person from each law enforcement agency should be listed as a contact on the information. Mark said he would speak with Gordy about Dundas' involvement.

### Community Support/Students

The group agreed we need to coordinate some support from community members and student groups. Sheriff Cook agreed that youth support could be a very powerful element to the SHO. Tami said her SADD students would be interested in this kind of work. Zach also reported that both Carleton and St. Olaf are supportive of a social host ordinance. Kathy C. suggested using *MADD Youth In Action* as a resource for training local youth on the issue and preparing them to appear before boards, councils, etc. Law enforcement can also meet with groups of youth to explain the ordinance and ask for their support.

### Next steps:

- a. Get comments on ordinance draft to Tori by Oct. 15
- b. Get comments on education piece to Becky by Oct. 15
- c. Mark will continue to contact Gordy (Dundas Police)
- d. Review both ordinance and educational pieces on Oct. 27 at next ET meeting
- e. Begin to garner support from community members/student groups

### **Other:**

Sheriff Cook mentioned that Shieldsville folks have been involved in Alcohol Awareness trainings for their temporary license. Sheriff Cook has asked the county auditor/treasurer to consider requiring training before they are granted a license.

The group also talked about young people who seem very willing to ride with someone who has been drinking after a Dateline television episode aired last week. People mentioned that there has also been a lot in the media about texting and driving. U of M students have a billboard related to the effects of binge drinking.

Chelle mentioned that synthetic marijuana is available at the local smoke shop. There is discussion about ordinances under consideration.

**Next Meeting Date: Focus on Social Host**

***Wednesday, October 27, 2010***  
***Rice County Government Services Building, Room 3A***  
***1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m***