



Enforcement Team Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 – 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Present: Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities grant), Dave Osborne (Morristown Police), Pat Parlin (Northfield ALC), Neal Pederson (Faribault Police), Zach Pruitt (Northfield HCI), Martha Schultz (Faribault Public Schools), Jim Severson (Discovery Public School), Bob Sletten (Rice County Sheriff's Office), Tori Stewart (Rice County Attorney's Office), Mark Taylor (Northfield Police)

Minutes Approval

The group reviewed and approved the minutes from August. The group decided that before posting each month's minutes on the coalition's website, the group will approve them. **Becky will post them to the Enforcement Team page.**

Agency Updates:

Law Enforcement –

Sheriff's Department – Bob reported that the Drug Task Force remains busy.

Northfield Police – Mark reported that there have been a few instances lately of underage drinking. **Mark will email Becky information about situations during the Defeat of Jesse James Days for a potential press release.**

Morristown Police – Dave reported that during the last round of compliance checks, there was one Morristown business that failed. An employee from the Last Call store failed to properly check the identification of an underage buyer. Dave provided the report and a copy of the city's ordinance to the Morristown City Council. The individual was sent a letter from the council and has been given 6 months to prove that all employees have received alcohol awareness training. No fine was imposed at this time. Tori commented that the Attorney's Office planned to continue to prosecute the individual.

Faribault Police – Neal reported no new updates for Faribault. The department remains very busy.

Community Corrections – No one present to report.

County Attorney's Office – Tori reported that there are a few cases pending involving underage consumption. **Tori will email the updated list to Becky for court monitoring. Becky will send it out to the group via email.** Tori also mentioned that an article about the county compliance checks ran in Saturday's *Faribault Daily News*, but that the failing business was listed incorrectly. **Tori will contact the paper and see if they will run a correction.**

Schools:

Discovery School – Jim reported that the school year is off to a relatively quiet start. Jim asked a question about Faribault loitering laws and the effects on the neighborhood of students hanging around. Faribault Police have stated that youth may congregate legally, but to call police if the group engages in criminal behavior. Pat commented that her school participates in service-learning projects throughout the year that directly benefit the surrounding neighborhood and has seen an improvement in their neighborhood relationships. They fund their service projects

through a mini-grant from the Northfield Healthy Community Initiative; the Faribault Drug-Free Communities grant has a similar mini-grant program for Faribault.

Northfield ALC – Pat reported that some of the ALC students are talking about “Salvia”. In researching the drug, she found that it is a green leaf with hallucinogenic properties similar to LSD, but that Salvia is not illegal. She said that kids are chewing it or smoking it to get high. Pat shared the information with her staff and instructed them to report any further information they hear. The group also discussed “Khat,” which is another plant that can be chewed and is very popular in the Somali culture. Unlike Salvia, khat is illegal. Pat also said there have been reports of minor consumptions coming in from late August and that there is some fallout from a fight that happened during Jesses James Days.

Pat also reported that she shared the Drugs 101 DVD with her staff and it was well-received. She requested 60 copies of the DVD be on hand during her schools’ parent/teacher conferences on October 19th and 20th. *Zach will get discs to Pat.*

Faribault Public Schools - Martha reported that 11th grade students took the HCI survey today during school. She also reported that her programs may be partnering with the Safe Communities Coalition to go into liquor vendors and put stickers on boxes of alcoholic beverages. The stickers include a message about the importance of not providing alcohol to minors. The Faribault High School also has an alcohol and drug counselor from Family Focus coming in each week, which is a very valuable resource; she also spends time at Discovery School and is on-call for Bethlehem Academy.

Drug Task Force

Bob reported that the Drug Task Force was busy investigating drug operations in Rice County.

Prescription Drug Disposal Update

Both take-back programs kicked off on September 22. Faribault is still waiting on their box. Drop-offs from community members remain steady. Both prescription and over-the-counter drugs have come in, including OxyContin.

ZAP – MIPH Grant Assessment

The group looked over a draft document outlining how an outside look of our ZAP program by the Minnesota Institute of Health might look. The assessment will involve Sheila Nesbitt (representative from MIPH) conducting interviews and focus groups with various stakeholders to gain understanding and insights about our ZAP efforts. The purpose of the assessment will be to:

- Highlight successes
- Identify challenges and obstacles
- Discuss future direction
- Make suggestions

The group is in favor of the proposal and would like Sheila to attend the next Enforcement Team meeting before she starts the assessment process. Sheila requested that the group compile a list of 20 individuals representing various agencies and different levels for the interview process. In addition to those involved with the Enforcement Team, the following people were suggested:

Rice County Sheriff’s Office

Blaine Smith
Randy Jackson

Northfield Police

Thad Monroe
Monte Nelson

Community Corrections

Jim Haas
Angela Brewer
Trace Martinez

Rice County Attorney's

Tori Stewart
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Courts

Judge Johnson

Faribault Police

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The group also expressed the need to seek youth perspective, including both youth who have been caught drinking under the ZAP initiative and those who have not. Interviewing school staff members was also suggested. ***Zach will contact Sheila and invite her to the next Enforcement Team meeting.***

Weed and Seed Grant

Zach reported that there is a significant possibility that new grant funds will not be available this year and suggested that it may not be a good use of Rice County Chemical Health Coalition members' and staff time to apply. Others in the group agreed that the application process is a lot of work with not a great likelihood of success. The group will continue to monitor the Weed and Seed grant postings for future opportunities.

Other

Zach mentioned that two community meetings for the proposed halfway house in Northfield will occur on:

Monday, September 28, 2009

Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Just Food Co-Op Meeting Room
516 Water Street S.

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Northfield Community Resource Center
1651 Jefferson Parkway

The halfway house will support six women recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. The Rice County Board and Northfield City Council have expressed support for this initiative.

Next Meeting Date:

***Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Rice County Gov. Services Building – Room 3A
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.***