HEROIN AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUG TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2013
La Crosse County, Law Enforcement Center, 333 Vine St., Room 1615
1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Helgeson, Shawn Kudron, Tom Tornstrom, Vickie Burke, Monica Kruse, Emily Whitney, Keith Lease, Mike Desmond, Dean Whiteway, Laura Runchey, Barbara Dalton, Emily Lodoen, and Pat Ruda

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Gregg Cleveland, Megan Devore, and Ted Thompson represented by Pat Ruda

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Bullard-Cawthorne (Dane Co), Cheryl Wittke (Dane Co Safe Communities), Al Bliss, Stefani Nolte (WXOW), Natalie Carlisle, Bruce Kerr, Jane Klekamp, Ahmed Elhindi, Tom Johnson and Ge Vang

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Bullard-Cawthorne (Dane Co), Cheryl Wittke (Dane Co Safe Communities), Al Bliss, Stefani Nolte (WXOW), Natalie Carlisle, Bruce Kerr, Jane Klekamp, Ahmed Elhindi, Tom Johnson and Ge Vang

CALL TO ORDER
Mike Desmond, Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Reviewed and approved Nov 21st meeting minutes. (Motioned for approval by Vicky, Shawn 2nd)

Mike asked for any public comments at this time. (None)

Introductions and welcomes were made to Dane County Safe Communities staff. Lisa Bullard-Cawthorne, Health Education Coordinator for Public Health Madison and Dane County presented at the meeting. Lisa serves on the Dane County Drug Task Force. Cheryl Wittke is the Executive Director for Safe Communities in Dane County and joined us by phone.

Highlights from Dane Co / Safe Communities

In 2011, the Madison Police Chief asked the Mayor of Madison to address the heroin and opioid issue as a public health issue. Various data was pulled and reported about the increase of heroin and opioid abuse. Safe Communities was a natural fit for taking on the heroin problem. Lisa compiled an assessment and burden report as a starting point to help guide six selected strategies. Cheryl had been the Executive Director for Safe Communities and would lead the initiative. The strategic plan was distributed and can be viewed at the following link:


A 10 minute video was viewed called “Safe Communities: A Coalition of Partners Saving Lives” addressing the heroin epidemic in Dane County. (See video at the following link):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=7bOgx_ACKk4

Additional highlights included establishing medication drop off disposal sites at 12 locations through their “Lock it Up” campaign, provision of a “Scope of Pain” training for physicians and other prescribers including dentist, production and use of various educational and awareness materials, a Parent Addiction Network web site that covered sober living and how to navigate the criminal justice system and treatment support. Lisa and Cheryl also shared the importance of focus group information collected from those in recovery to add to their strategic plan.

Chief Molitor from the Green Bay Police Dept will be presenting Dec 19th about their task force efforts in Brown County.

Both Rep. Nygren and Jill Billings will also be attending the Jan 30th task force meeting. (Please note this was changed from Dec 19th).

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 19th from 1-2:30pm at the Law Enforcement Center Building, 333 Vine Street in La Crosse in room 1615.

TRAVEL REQUESTS (INFORMATIONAL) AND TRAVEL REPORTS
None presented.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting. (Two pages)

Al Bliss, Recorder