HEROIN AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUG TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2015
La Crosse County, Law Enforcement Center, 333 Vine St., Room 1615
1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Desmond, Megan DeVore, Vicki Burke, Pat Ruda, Tom Tornstrom, Steve Helgeson, Shawn Kudron, Vicki Burke, Joe Chilsen, Ted Thompson, and Troy Harcey

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tom Johnson, Keith Lease, Emily Whitney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregg Cleveland, Dean Whiteway

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Bliss, Brad Dinsmoor, Kate Noelke, Kallen Anderson, Bill Oldenburg, Jeff Trotnic and Leilani Powell

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

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Approved 1-29-15 meeting minutes. No public comments at this time.

Troy Harcey will now serve as a Heroin Task Force member and attended the meeting. Either Regina Siegel or Troy will represent the school district for the task force. Troy provided background on the school’s efforts in substance abuse prevention. Highlights include: 6/7th grade and high school health on substance abuse issues, working with practitioners on front lines, conduct the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, SRO’s or Student Resource Officers valuable, mental health issues is a major roadblock, what tools can we offer, most influential teacher is the parent but they may lack the skills, continue Rebuilding for Learning Summit – last one on Trauma and Youth, teachers are valuable front line who often recognizes problems first (and school counselors).

Drug Free Communities Grant Application by CESA
Al Bliss explained that CESA#4 is applying for a $125,000 per year, for up to 5 years, Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant, which is due March 18. The DFC grant focus is on alcohol, marijuana, and Rx medications. Al is involved with writing the application with the La Crosse County Prevention Network (LCPN) members. There will be collaboration among the Heroin Task Force and LCPN in Rx awareness and disposal.

DOJ Now Covering two Rx Disposal Days in WI / Impact on Our Drop Box Disposal for Covering Costs
WI Department of Justice media release indicated that WI would now have 2 times during the year (May and Sept) that they will collect prescription medications and pay for the disposal and transportation. This will save a lot of money for municipalities to find ways to pay for disposal. Although details are still being negotiated, there will be approximately 6 to 8 sites in WI to collect the medications. The drop boxes are still important and are the main means of Rx collection and local law enforcement would still need to transport the medications to one of the 6-8 sites (a site is likely to be located close to La Crosse in western WI). Due to the DEA Take Back Days being eliminated by Federal government back in October of 2014, communities, law enforcement and others pushed WI to cover these costs. Once details evolve, we can coordinate drop box collection and disposal to one of the sites.
Direction of Task Force and Action Planning to Include three Focus Areas
Mike led the task force through action planning/strategic planning direction for the task force focus in 2015. The three main focus areas will include 1.) Medication drug disposal, 2.) Prescription Drug Monitoring Program training and 3.) Prevention.

Action Items/Steps Identified

**Medication Drug Disposal**
1. Coordinate law enforcement drop boxes for DOJ disposal (est. in May and Sept) – Shawn Kudron
2. Continue discussion with Eric Bashaw from Gundersen on their drop boxes and about working together – Al Bliss
3. Continue discussion with Randy Nedrelo from Household Hazardous Materials on what they can take back (e.g. NO Rx medications, only OTC Over the counter meds accepted. – Al
4. Marketing and Promotion of Drop Boxes / Create Plan – Joe Chilsen

**Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)**
1. Contact and confirm availability of State PDMP staff for training in La Crosse County – Al
2. Contact reps from dental association, VAs, administration from Mayo and Gundersen, and Nursing Coalition (ask Leilani Powell) to setup PDMP training/increase prescribers who are registered and using it – Mike Desmond to check with Mayo, Tom Tornstrom to check with Gundersen, Al check with Dental Association of La Crosse
3. Support statewide level changes in PDMP – task force members

**Prevention**
1. Ask school district to present to the task force on substance abuse prevention in schools – Troy Harcey
2. Ask law enforcement to present DARE to the task force – Mike Desmond
3. Find expert on Meth prevention/treatment/law enforcement issues to present to the task force – Al
4. Consider other prevention activities – task force members

(Times lines for the above action items need to be established).

**Other items discussed:**

Leilani mentioned there is the Trauma Informed Care training and they will be bringing to La Crosse April 20. Troy will coordinate with Leilani on collaboration/sharing speakers.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 from 1-2:00pm 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 2:00pm.
The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting. (Two pages)

Al Bliss, Recorder