HEROIN AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUG TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2015
La Crosse County, Law Enforcement Center, 333 Vine St., Sheriff Dept. Conference Room
1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Desmond, Megan DeVore, Vicki Burke, Pat Ruda, Steve Helgeson, Shawn Kudron, Joe Chilsen, Ted Thompson, Gregg Cleveland, Laura Runchey, Chris Eberlein, Joella Striebel, and Troy Harcey

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tom Johnson, Monica Kruse, Jason Larson, Tim Candahl

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Whiteway, Tom Tornstrom, Emily Lodoen

OTHERS PRESENT: Anneliese Skoda, Rita Von Haden, Leah Myers, Avrie Schott, Jeff Trotnic, Kurt Weaver, Stephanie Greenwold, Sue Chulyk, Rachel Garbers, Al Bliss, Brad Dinsmoor, Bill Oldenburg, and News 8

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

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Approved 3-26-15 meeting minutes. No public comments.

Joella Striebel, Substance Abuse Counselor for Coulee Council on Addictions was appointed to serve on the task force. Al Bliss was appointed to co-chair the task force with Mike.

Rita Von Haden from Coulee Council on Addictions provided an overview of the Too Good for Drugs program. The curriculum focuses on marijuana, alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, and prescription drugs and is taught over a 10-lesson period for grades K-5. It is listed on the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices curriculum. A letter and lessons are sent home to the parents to reinforce learning. In Holmen and West Salem, the program is part of the curriculum and meets the Wisconsin State Health Standards. In addition, Rita leads a class called Prime for Life, a substance abuse program targeting those who have received underage drinking citations. Coulee Council on Addictions is looking at providing the program to other schools in La Crosse County.

Officers Kurt Weaver and Leah Myers gave a presentation about the DARE program taught in La Crosse County schools at the 5/6th grade level. DARE has law enforcement officers complete an 80 hour training program. The GREAT program, which is more gang/violence orientated is taught in the 4th and 6th grade levels. Every 5th grader in La Crosse goes through the DARE program at public schools. DARE is the only national program that is led by law enforcement. Officers also serve as resources for the elementary schools as a SRO or School Resource Officer. DARE curriculum focuses on alcohol, drugs and tobacco and is also listed under “Keepin’ it REAL” as a NREPP or National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices curriculum. Leah shared that the program “Truth about Drugs” is a curriculum for 8/9 grade. DARE and GREAT are also taught over the summer and more at risk youth participate.

Lt. Avrie Schott of the La Crosse Police Dept. shared that they will collect medications from the 7 law enforcement drop boxes for the Department of Justice May 18th collection date. The task force will work on promoting the drop boxes for the collection date through media releases/interviews.

Onalaska Police Chief Trotnic shared information about meth labs, clean up and how legislation has helped remove meth labs nationwide. Captain Kudron shared that La Crosse has one trained officer and one fire dept staff trained in clean up of meth labs. La Crosse Fire Dept. Chief Gregg Cleveland will present during the June 25 meeting on cleanup of meth labs.
Dr. Chris Eberlein spoke about SBIRT or Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment and if the three campuses have this screening. He stressed on how Rx drugs especially like Adderall were misused. Al will check with Kate Noelke from UWL, Sue Danielson from Viterbo and Ge Vang of Western Technical College.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28 from 1-2:00pm at the Law Enforcement Center Building, 333 Vine Street in La Crosse in room 1615.**

Jon Baudek from the School District of La Crosse will present at the May 28 meeting on health curriculum. In addition, Investigator Tom Johnson, MEG Unit (Metropolitan Enforcement Group) of the La Crosse County Sheriff’s Dept. will speak about the meth problem from a law enforcement standpoint.

**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