

Minutes Red Wing Chemical Health Council November 10, 2010

Present: Dave Borgen, Katherine Cross, Evan Gough, Pam Horlitz, Kjursten Langer, Stacy Larson, Susan McCammon, Jo Seton, Tim Sletten,

Sticker Shock: 2,800 stickers were distributed in the local liquor establishments- and the program was a huge success. There was an article in the Republican Eagle October 30/31. The students and chaperones reported that this was a good experience. It was suggested we do this again- maybe close to Graduation, discussion suggested we mix up the campaigns and do something quarterly.

Holiday Stroll: The group agreed they will not participate in the stroll this year. Stacy suggested an ad and brought a suggestions- Susan McCammon suggested the letter be in the Santa's Letters section of the December Newspaper.

Budget: Stacy will check on our fund balance to help us plan ad and other promotions.

Promotion: Tim Sletten suggested we promote our mission statement and what we have accomplished, increasing the awareness of what is going on and the opportunities to join us. Dave Borgen attended a social media presentation and wondered if we should have a Face Book page for the Red Wing CHI- discussion led to this being better youth to youth rather than our group. Target does not exist in Red Wing- due to funding and contractual issues. We discussed that a "stand alone" group like Target may be more beneficial than adding chemical free activities to another group (for example Student Council). The important goal is to have a group that is sustainable when this grant is gone. Suggested we review our current funds and consider allocating funds to be used as a stipend for a Target leader. Student participation is key to this success.

Where are kids during school hours? Tim shared information about recent issues, theft and criminal behavior by youth that should/could have been in school. It is important that we all be aware of youth in the community.

Pharmacy Board information was sent to all for this meeting- it has been suggested that we do a blitz on the adding synthetic Cannabinoids to the controlled substance list. Pam will send an e mail from our group and also ask each member to send their own e mail as well to cody.wiberg@state.mn.us Tim suggested Pam write a letter to the editor encouraging other citizens to comment on this as well, Stacy and Jo offered to assist and edit the letter. The following e mail was sent and each of the council members is asked to send their own message as well

Please be advised that at our November 10th meeting the Red Wing Chemical Health Council, voted to express support for the proposed rule adding synthetic cannabinoids to Schedule I.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our comments in regard to this proposal.

Dave Borgen	Tim Sletten	Matt Traynor	Meg Walch
Pam Horlitz	Kris Blaney	Katie Ericson	
Susan McCammon	Lisa Hanson	Kjurstin Langer	
Stacy Hartmann	Ellyece Hammer	Emily Baldwin	
Jo Seton	Katherine Cross		

The SAFE Box is now available, Tim said they are getting drugs in, and one additional need is to have baggies for those pills that come in large jars that do not fit into the box. The posters should be available soon and will be distributed. Pam will invite the hospice staff to meet with Tim and Pam and discuss the use of the safe box for medication distribution and suggest policy revisions that would use the SAFE Box. PIIC health fair- suggested we do a safe box drug drop at the health fair next year- you must have an officer there to do this.

There may be a possibility to put a short note or reminder on a memo line on City Water Bills. Pam will find out what the policy or availability may be for this.

County Information Stacy shared an article that was in the Beacon and highlighted the CHI presentation to county commissioners. The meeting promoted the Social Host law, Drug Safe, Seller Server training and the Sticker Shock campaign. It was suggested that Kjursten ask other councils to support a county side Social Host ordinance and that we would ask Scott McNurlin to bring it forward to the County Commissioners.

Early Release Dave Borgen mentioned the need for Early release programming, it was suggested that the ELC and CHI jointly sponsor a program at TBMS- bringing an eagle, or the raptor center or something. Jo is on the ELC Board and will make contact with them. (update: *Re Tim's idea for CHI to partner with the ELC on an event/events at TBMS, Jason Jech (ELC Director) says: "Yeah- let s do it. Skiing right from the school would be a natural and they have gear that we should be able to utilize. I would be nervous about sledding just from a program standpoint. Let me know what more I can do. Jason" I suggested the Dec 17th early release)*

In the News: Punch Drunk Four Loco- is available for \$2.50 a can and one can is equivalent to a six pack of beer and 2 shots of coffee. It has been banned in Michigan. The issue with this is also the marketing and attracting youth with beverages. We will keep our eyes out for this in our community, at this time we do not believe it is being sold locally.

Stacy is working with Anchor Promotions and some of the items that are currently on special. At the previous meeting coloring books, removable tattoos, etc for purchase for future events were discussed.

Suggestions and future scheduling to keep on the agenda:

October- Sticker Shock

November- Letter to editor related to synthetic Cannabinoids

December- Ad in Santa's Letters,

January- Mission & Accomplishments

? When- need to do a Not in My House letter or ad

June- Sticker shock

June agenda to put together the ad for the Community Ed brochure- ¼ page ad- looking for volunteers- when we meet... for august publication

Next MEETING: December 8, 2010.

Recorded by: Pam Horlitz