



Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, July 22, 2009

PLACE: Family Justice Center
9309 North Florida Avenue
Tampa, FL 33612

TIME: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

12:00-12:05p Welcome, Introductions, Sign-In (Mark Ware)

12:05-12:20p Speakers: Yvette Guereca and Amber Hannah
University of South Florida Students
“The Effects of Treatment on Female Offenders with
Prescription Drug Abuse”

12:20-12:30 Speaker Q&A

12:30-12:55p Prescription Drug Monitoring Bill Update (Mark Ware)

Focus Group for PSA with Purdue Pharma (Andrew McFarlane)

Prescription Drug Law Enforcement Update (Rep from each County)

12:55-1:00p Meeting Summary, Next Steps (Mark Ware)

****Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 26 @ Noon****



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Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Meeting
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Attendees

Sonya Bufe – The Centre for Women
Kristi Campbell – Home Instead
Sue Carrigan – HCADA, Executive Director
Gina Firth – UT
Yvette Guereca – USF-FMHI
Amber Hannah – USF-FMHI
Lisa Hilko – LiveFree!
Lea Kerr – Home Instead Senior Care
Marci Lippincott – Goodwill

Teresa Miller – StopRxDrugAbuse
Kathleen Moore – USF-FMHI
Genie Short – PIP, HCADA Chair
Ellen Snelling – TAC, Co-Chair
Officer K Walter – Temple Terrace PD
Mark Ware – FL Attorney, Clerk of Court*
Scott Young – USF-FMHI
Lisa Assetta – HCADA, Assistant
*HCADA Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Chair

Opening (Genie Short)

- Genie started the meeting with an update about Operation Medicine Cabinet (OMC); Sonya Bufe/Centre for Women reported there have been 24 calls since OMC took place
- Kristi Campbell/Home Instead advised she is working with HCSO and Plant City to find additional ways for citizens to drop off prescription drugs; they are investigating using the mailboxes at HCSO substations where police officers could pickup for proper disposal (Marion County is doing this)
- Kristi is looking for connections at hospitals and hospice as well as support and volunteers; Sonya and Sue Carrigan offered to assist

Speaker: Yvette Guereca and Amber Hannah/USF Students – “The Effects of Treatment on Female Offenders with Prescription Drug Abuse”

- Kathy Moore/USF-FMHI introduced these students that are learning about prescription drug abuse as part of USF’s Summer Research Intern program; they both worked with a mentor and explored behavioral health topics
- These students are also to present on Scholar Research Day at USF on 7/27/09 from 1-4 pm at the Westside Conference Center
- They interviewed 16 female offenders enrolled in WeCan!, the Pinellas County Adult Drug Court’s federally-funded substance dependence treatment program initiated in 2008
- Their presentation included information and statistics about prescription drug abuse in Florida and specifically in the Tampa Bay area, along with their project methodology, outcomes, findings, and conclusions
- Yvette and Amber also shared personal testimonials about their involvement with the program
- WeCan! Treatment is available at Operation PAR and WestCare Gulfcoast Florida

Focus Group for PSA with Purdue Pharma (Andrew McFarlane)

- Tabled to the next meeting as Andrew was unable to attend today’s meeting



Prescription Drug Law Enforcement Update (Rep from Each County)

- NOPE Candlelight Vigil – Ellen Snelling informed that NOPE is to hold a state-wide candlelight vigil on 10/29/09 for those that have overdosed on prescription drugs; Ellen is to research further and then provide more details
- National Night Out – Temple Terrace is to hold this anti-drug/anti-crime event on 8/4/09 at the Family Recreation Complex on Whiteway in Temple Terrace; Ellen and Officer Walter talked about this annual event that demonstrates the police/community partnership in the community
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Task Force – the Governor of Florida is to appoint a task force to help implement the PDMP; Mark said HCADA would write a letter of recommendation for anyone in the PDA Task Force that wants to apply

Other Items

UT (Gina Firth)

- Gina asked for help with college students in the areas of prescription drug abuse prevention and awareness; she suggested forming a subcommittee to help find ways to get the information out
- Students (in no particular group) know the drugs are dangerous, addictive, and illegal but they are using anyway
- UT is making their drug and alcohol policies even more visible and are trying to inform students about prevention but they have limited funds and staff to address this issue
- Gina is open to new ideas such as RA programs in the dorms (suggested by a task force member) and is to send an email to initiate a meeting at UT on this topic
- Sonya recommended getting providers involved as this is a big issue with other universities as well; there may also be grant money available to help
- UT's Wellness Task Force gave Gina permission to develop and present a Lunch and Learn to faculty

Law Enforcement Attendance/Participation

- PDA Task Force members noted that many representatives from law enforcement haven't attended recent meetings since the PDMP was passed and members stated they would like them to continue to be a part of the task force
- It was suggested we could send an email to law enforcement members on the task force and find out what agenda topics they would be interested in, including the crime prevention aspects related to prescription drug abuse

Next Meeting Date and Agenda

- The next regular meeting of the task force is scheduled to be held at Noon on Wednesday, August 26th at the Family Justice Center (prior to the HCADA General Membership Meeting)
- The speaker at the August 26th meeting is to be Sergeant Tom Bobrowski/USFPD regarding Drug Recognition Experts (DRE's)