

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE

June 20, 2014

Circuit Courtroom Branch 2

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jon Bellows, Todd Christopherson, Greg Cianciolo, Paul Eisen, Christian Gossett, Gordon Hintz, Barbara Key, Melissa Konrad, John Matz, Linda Meier, Carol Morack, Tom Saari, Michael Schraa, Todd Timm, Bill Topel and Joe Yana
OTHERS PRESENT:	GinaMaria Opalescent, Annie Elmer, Nathaniel Shuda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Eisen commented about an article in the Appleton Post-Crescent that reported that Outagamie County had received one of the recent TAD grants. It was confirmed that Winnebago County receives notice when there are new DOJ grants available for application.

GinaMarie Opalescent, ESTHER, reported that the ESTHER leadership Board toured an Emergency Shelter. A volunteer they spoke with had commented to them that Drug Court had saved his life. In addition, ESTHER is planning a Public Hearing/Candidate Forum in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from meeting on March 14, 2014 approved.

STATUS REPORTS:

DRUG COURT:

There was a graduation on June 13, 2014 at which 4 people graduated.

The number of 18-25 year old opiate addicts is increasing. The Drug Court program does not allow participants to be on any type of medication. It was reported that the participants are responding well to the program.

There are currently 33 participants with 11 in Phase I, 12 in Phase II and 10 in Phase III.

SSTOP:

Statistics regarding the program were distributed prior to the meeting. It was requested that the comparisons among different states include more states. Gordon Hintz is continuing to work on the proposal to modify the penalty structure for 2nd offense OWI and SSTOP guidelines.

24/7 PROGRAM:

There are currently 87 participants with approximately 66 on the soberlink monitor and 21 reporting for a PBT twice a day.

The program has been expanded to include drug offenses with monitoring done through UAs at the jail. It is designed to handle 10 participants.

Violations of the 24/7 program result in a bail review in front of the circuit judge assigned to the case. This is believed to be more effective than additional bail jump charges.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVERSION PROGRAM:

No update available.

DRUG DIVERSION PROGRAM:

No update available.

STEP UP PROGRAM:

No update available.

RE: THINK

The next meeting for the Heroin Task Force is October 15, 2014 at 6:30pm at a location to be determined (probably Oshkosh North High School). This will be an evening meeting to try to attract more community members.

The 4 Pillars continue to meet to address particular issues (examples:)

Prevention

Middle School Curriculum

Walk/Run for Awareness on September 13

Treatment

Multi-County Detox Center

Enforcement

Harm Reduction

Training on the use of Narcan for 1st Responders and family members

Suboxone/Methadone Clinic

Needle Exchange Program

They will be applying for a renewal/extension of the Federal Grant from the Health Department. Letters of support directed to Federal Senators and Representatives, and DHSS are encouraged.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A committee met to discuss and review the efficacy of the Teen Court and VIP programs. Additional information and meetings will be held.
2. Sheriff Matz reported an incident of heroin in the jail. The county is looking into the purchase of a body scan machine to help detect substances.
3. A sub-committee has been created to work with Senator Gudex on proposed legislation to expand the use of the 24/7 program.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 19, 2014 at noon in Br. 2 courtroom.
(pizza – Todd Timm, soda – DA office, Custard!!! Rep. Schraa)