

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE

DATE: September 18, 2009

TIME: Noon

PLACE: Judge Woldt's Chambers

PRESENT: Christian Gossett, Mark Habeck, Randy Hopper, Barb Key, Carol Koch, John Kuech, Chris Linde, Mike Olig, Harvey Rengstorf, Eric Sparr, Bill Tedlie, and Scott Woldt

Lunch provided by Sen. Hopper.

Soda provided by Judge Woldt.

- Motion by Harvey Rengstorf to accept minutes from meeting from 06/19/09. Seconded by Christian Gossett. Motion carried.

- Update on Drug Court:
 - ◆ Graduation ceremony planned for 10/30/09 – expecting 3 participants will be graduating.
 - ◆ Discussed inviting Chief Justice Abrahamson or Governor Doyle as speaker/presenter at next graduation.
 - ◆ UAs have transferred from being done by Probation and Parole to Options Treatment Center. Sheriff's Office still administering them on the weekends.
 - ◆ Have Policy and Procedure manual updates for Drug Court Team to review before bringing to Safe Streets Committee.
 - ◆ Discussed progress of independent evaluation by Professor Stark. Wisconsin Circuit Court Access' Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP) technicians were contacted in order to pull needed data. Expect to see results within the next 6 months.

- Update on SSTOP:
 - ◆ Current participant numbers distributed.
 - ◆ Program brochure updated to reflect information related to commonly asked questions about program. Motion by Carol Koch to accept proposed changes. Seconded by Mark Habeck. Motion carried.
 - ◆ Discussed legislation to expand SSTOP program statewide.
 - ◆ State Assembly unanimously passed a bill that included bringing the SSTOP program statewide. A similar bill will be going to the Senate.
 - ◆ OWI legislation is expected to dominate the next session.

- Update on Day Report Center (DRC):
 - ◆ Current numbers of participants discussed – running in the 70+ people/day range. Nearly all are from the courts since there has been difficulty in finding job placement for unemployed inmates.
 - ◆ Feedback that the Public Defender’s Office is hearing is that their clients see value in the assistance that is being provided by the DRC and it has been well received.
 - ◆ Request to have DRC representative from Family Services attend next Safe Streets meeting to get their perspective on how program has been working.

- New Business:
 - ◆ Discussed a grant that the District Attorney’s Office is pursuing which would create a misdemeanor diversion program focusing on drug offenses.
 - ◆ Grant could provide up to \$80,000/yr for up to 3 years. Funds can be used to create, retain, and/or expand positions to facilitate diversion program.
 - ◆ Submission deadline is Oct. 28, 2009.

- Next Meeting:
 - ◆ Friday, December 11, 2009 @ 12:00 in Judge Woldt’s chambers. (Lunch: DA’s Office and Soda: Todd Timm).