

Partnership for Drug-Free Communities Minutes
October 24, 2018
10:00-11:30 a.m. Anderson Hospital, Maryville, IL

Caroline Reynolds began the meeting with a welcome to all and asked for brief introductions from participants. There were 52 people in attendance.

Current Business:

- Caroline thanked everyone for completing the letters of commitment. She asked new attendees to complete one.

Guest Speakers:

- Tara Steele-Madison County Assistant State's Attorney and Mike Conrad-Special Agent MEGSI presented on the topic of Drug House Forfeitures. This included the steps involved in drug investigation:
 - Develop Intel-adopt cases from police departments- DCFS and probation/parole assist with referring cases and providing background information
 - Start investigation-social media, surveillance, trash pulls, knock and talk, confidential sources(and buys), agent buys, postal monitoring, controlled deliveries,
 - Develop probable cause-collecting evidence for a search warrant, Must remember the 4th Amendment of the US Constitution.
 - File charges-Madison County has warrant appointment with police and State's Attorney meeting together to review evidence, bond is set by a judge and defendant is arrested.
 - The goal is always to get a trial date set.
 - Bond hearings-bond keeps the individual accountable to show up to court
 - Completing discovery-everything is given to the defense attorney so they are aware of the information gathered as part of the investigation
 - Court proceedings
 - Preliminary hearing
 - Negotiations with defense attorneys
 - Motions
 - Plea or trial
 - Forfeitures-civil procedure not criminal.
 - In Madison County, two assistant state's attorneys dedicated to this.
 - Goal is putting drug dealers behind bars and dismantling their business.
 - Anything bought with drug money is fair game.
 - Owner occupied versus landlord/tenant occupied offer different challenges.

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Questions and comments:

- Janice Rushing mentioned the Evan Rushing Law which changed prosecution of drug dealers. She stressed the importance of getting involved to change policy to protect people. Tom acknowledged that he and his office tried to change the law and were not able to until the Rushing began telling Evan's story.
- Medical personnel overprescribing is an FBI case. The first call can be made to any law enforcement agency. The FBI will ultimately be the investigating agency.

Work Group Announcements

Education and Prevention- Kristin Grant provided the update for the group.

- The DEA Take Back Day is October 27 at the Madison County Government offices and the Partnership provided resource bags which will be given to each car dropping off medications. Kristin and Tom Gibbons were on a radio show discussing the importance of proper disposal of prescription medications and Take Back Day. The Take Back Day occurs two times a year with permanent prescription drug drop boxes located throughout the Madison County and St. Clair County communities.
- A brief meeting will be held after today's Partnership meeting. Please feel free to stay to learn more about the work group.
- **The next meeting will be following the November 28 Partnership meeting.**

Treatment and Recovery Supports- Chelsea Boyles provided the update for the group.

- There are posters with resource information available if anyone would like to take some to their community.
- The work group meets the second Tuesday of each month and is open to anyone interested in treatment and recovery. Join us and bring your lunch. Contact the work group coleaders for additional information at treatmentandrecoveryworkgroup@gmail.com
- **The next meeting will be November 13 at noon at the Maryville, Illinois Chestnut Health System office.**

Law Enforcement- Tom Gibbons provided the update for the group.

- Ongoing conversation about Narcan distribution and Fentanyl risk for first responders.
- Always open for increasing law enforcement involvement in work group.
- The DEA Take Back Day is used to highlight the importance of safe disposal of prescription medications every day. The highly publicized Take Back days are a way to communicate with consumers.
- **The next meeting is November 19 at noon at Madison County States Attorney's office over lunch. Contact Tayleur at tablaylock@co.madison.il.us for information and to be included in the numbers for lunch. (This is different than the usual schedule due to the Thanksgiving holiday.)**

Announcements:

Reminder from Amy to check out the Partnership for Drug Free Communities website at

<https://partnershipdrugfree.org/>

Illinois Youth Survey Data is posted on the Partnership website

<https://partnershipdrugfree.org/>

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, IL.

If there are any additions or corrections, please let me know. Denise Strehlow at denise.strehlow@bjc.org or 314-580-3767.