

TASK FORCE:
(SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS)

ACTION MINUTES

(December 4, 2007)
(Buellton, CA)

Attendance: Lori Crestfield (Probation), Annette Martinez (SBRNET), Tami Contreras (Delta High School), Angela Collins (Santa Maria High School), Mauricio Calderon, (SBRNET), Deborah Hartman (DSS-CWS), Freya Schultz (DSS-CWS), Amy Ratliff (People Helping People) and Thom Allena (MPN Project Facilitator)

1. Introductions/Agenda Review/Review of Task Force

- a. New and existing members introduced themselves and we reviewed our agenda and the structure of the Meth Prevention Network and the mission and strategies of the Safe Neighborhoods Task Force.

2. Discussion of Meth Distribution and Usage Issues

- a. Mauricio gave us an overview of the current meth distribution strategies both at the regional and community levels. He reported that users are continuing to be more creative. We learned from Tami and Angela that they are not seeing a lot of meth at the schools. Kids who use meth are seen as outsiders by the overall school community. There is a larger preference for marijuana, alcohol and prescription drugs.

3. Review and Discussion of Short Term Strategy

- a. We reviewed our current strategies and the group elected to focus on developing a short-term strategy of: Expand Drug Endangered Children (DEC) education to include all mandated reporters including: CWS, probation, police, teachers and others. It was recommended that in an effort to implement a part of this strategy within 60 to 90 days that we would explore developing a DEC training for school staff and implement the strategy within a single school district. The following ideas were developed:
 - 1. Our potential target audiences for the training would be K to 12 teachers, administrators, maintenance staff , counselors, clerical, family resource centers and child care providers.
 - 2. The training would be a half hour long and would include an overview of what DEC is and what people can do about it.

3. We would explore the feasibility of implementing this strategy within the 26 schools within the Santa Maria School District and would be presented as part of each school's monthly or weekly staff meeting.
4. The training delivery strategy would involve a train-the-trainer approach. Teams of two trainers consisting of DAs, Law Enforcement, Probation and Public Health would make presentations to each school.
5. One obstacle includes: Getting schools to give time to this as their meeting agendas are often with many concerns, often mandated by state and federal authorities.
6. A secondary audience would be police officers.
7. One outcome measurement of this strategy's effectiveness would be to look at numbers of referrals to agencies from school personnel.

b. Action items included:

| Action Item | Description | Completed |
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| #1 | Contact Megan Baldwin regarding existing DEC training protocol. (Lori will contact Eric to Contact Megan) | |
| #2 | Contact SMSD superintendents Jeff Hearn and Dave Francis to discuss strategy feasibility (Tami) | |
| #3 | Research DEC best training practices with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Freya) | |
| #4 | Review DEC protocol to determine training sections (All task force members) | |

4. Hot Off the Press – New Things Learned!

Meth is now showing up in liquid forms and being added directly to other liquids, such as alcohol.

5. Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 8th from 10AM to Noon at the SBRNET conference room in Buellton.** For directions contact Annette Martinez directly at (805) 686-2555.