

Drug Free DeSoto Task Force

Board Chambers May 7, 2008

11:00 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Superintendent Cline, Pella, Burns, Yost, Dubbert, Miller, Hrstka, Keen, Hillarie, Morgan, Goodman, Aument, Harms, Barnwell, Smith, Rae.

Do The Right Thing:

This program needs to be advertised again and throughout the county. Suggestions

- Announcements made monthly at Chamber Breakfast
- Flyer addition in Chamber Monthly News
- Email Principals
- Brochure explaining the program with application attached
- Brochures provided to the Ministerial Association
- Run application in newspaper

Movie Night Changed to Movie Matinee:

DFD to sponsor drink and popcorn for one month beginning Wednesday, June 11, 2008. Provide advertisement of the Movie Matinee by newspaper, last day of school flyers, perhaps McDonalds, Wendy's, and Sonic will hand out flyers with each order.

Drug Treatment for Youth Report:

Mr. Dubbert reported 150-180 students tested. Rob Tabor indicated to Mr. Dubbert via conversation that the community is taking advantage of the services Coastal Behavioral has offered. Mr. Dubbert also mentioned how smooth this process has been. Mr. Cline reminded the committee these students are picked randomly by a computer at DeSoto Memorial Hospital. Positive results are handled by pulling these students from extra activities, and we provide help to the student.

Cathy Miller asked if you have concerns about a student is there any way to throw their name into the pot? No, per Mr. Cline because we chose the hospital control random selection as per policy. If there is a situation that you pretty much know or indication of being under the influence of drugs, the parents are notified and they can take them for testing. If they choose not to test, we move forward with the assumption the student is under the influence of drugs. Parents and students signed the form at the beginning of the year agreeing to this process. Mr. Hrstka mentioned that perhaps DFD could offer some sort of assistance. Mrs. Harms suggested working out an agreement with the hospital that DFD pay for test (voucher) for those unable to pay. Blood testing is more accurate than urine. We will pursue with the hospital regarding the vouchers.

Task Force Members' Report:

Mr. Dubbert reported that he and several others on this committee are working on updating the Three Year Plan for DeSoto County. Meeting monthly for an hour; one more meeting before summer break. Call Mr. Dubbert or Cathy Miller for meeting information.

Cathy Miller will have a supporters meeting regarding Teen Court next week to bring supporter up to date. Teen Court needs referrals.

Next week is a DJJ meeting and Superintendent Cline will speak on behalf of the DFD committee. FSC 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Mr. Hrstka reminded the committee of Project Graduation; volunteers needed.

Mrs. Yost reported that the HOSA will be attending the National Convention in Dallas

Mrs. Harms back to school Health Fair July 19th at DMS. Tobacco Free Florida joined with Cartoon Company and made a comic book. Visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com for more information.

June 27, 2008, in Lee County is the 7th Annual Drug Abuse Conference

Health Dept has applied for a Wellness Grant and hopes to receive it.

Sheriff Keen commented that the Gang Brochure has been provided.

Lt. Aument reported the trend at this moment is prescription drugs. Perhaps add a comment to flyers to emphasize the importance and safety of having prescription drugs. There is a big increase in the sale of prescription drugs in our county. Many theft reports recently regarding prescription drugs.

Special thanks to the Sherriff's Department for bringing the drug dogs to DCHS. Sherriff Keen thanked Superintendent Cline for the freedom to search our schools without a major conflict.

Mrs. Yost asked if there has ever been a collection point for old prescriptions to be destroyed. Putting them down the drain isn't safe for our water system. See DMH for a system.

Next meeting Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Board Chambers