

Drug Free DeSoto Task Force

Board Chambers September 3, 2008 11:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Attendees: Superintendent Cline, Pella, Story, Yost, Hrstka, Terry, Bremer, Goodman, Barnwell, Carter, Charlotte, & Fred, Hilaire, Smith, Harms, Keen

Follow Up Items:

- Bike-A-Thon Fundraiser Jason Story/Mr. Carter: More details in October
- Step Up to a Drug Free DeSoto: Story, Harms, Carter's; Jason Story Chair 2009. Decide on a date and advise the Chamber for posting in monthly newsletter: Mrs. Harms will verify the Health Dept. Date. Mrs. Harms will chair the 2009 Walk

Do The Right Thing: Be sure to bring nominees to the October meeting.

Youth Activities Report:

Turner Center Summer Dance: Low attendance.

Gang Activity Report: No Report

Task Force Members' Report:

Mr. Carter: Request an update report on young people using prescription drugs. Dottie Yost said these drugs are much easier to access. Mrs. Carter mentioned the over the counter drugs that teenagers are purchasing for abuse. See reports next month for survey results. Once received, report will be posted to our website. The report will include county, state, and national data. Mr. Carter asked about the report categories. Report results are broken down by gender, rural, urban, and single parent. This report is self reporting from students. There are two types of surveys available from the state. Our county takes the Drug and Alcohol survey. The other survey is Behavioral. The state normally picks which survey a county takes.

Mrs. Hilaire: DJJ referrals have been for theft. School district had one school vandalized over the summer.

Mrs. Harms reported the items for "Red Ribbon Week" should be delivered next week. Mrs. Harms will speak with Principal Terry about the SWAT Team to begin at DCHS. Mrs. Harms would like to take a few from this committee to a conference in March held in Daytona.

Prevention Conference to be held in Orlando; Mrs. Harms will inquire.

Mrs. Yost: “Too Good for Drugs” program 2nd & 4th grade levels. Individuals from the county will teach this program. There are ten 45 minute sessions per class. Mrs. Yost will be looking at a new program for Bullying.

Mrs. Harms: Hosting a table at First State Bank for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. These items will also be available at the Health Dept. and Sun Trust.

Superintendent Cline ask if there is anything the Drug Free committee can do for the schools? Principal Terry said the Coastal Behavioral Program has been a huge help.

Mr. Bremer indicated the Girls Scouts will be serving certain students needing additional counseling. This will be for 7th & 8th grade girls.

Dr. Goodman reported the experience they have been witnessing at DECC on young students taking very strong medication. Superintendent Cline suggested educating the parents on these drugs. Advise parents to ask questions; research before taking a prescription. Mr. Bremer indicated some are getting diet pills. Dr. Goodman said the school nurse has been a great help providing the parents with advice.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Board Chambers