

RDMC Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Anitra Highland, Claude Shipley, Gregory Yevtich, Keith Wilson, Dan Gilbertson, Yolanda Bogan, Tanya Tatum, Tiffany Lawson, Amy Magnuson, Emily Cain

Introductions:

Bruce Grant, Chairman

Dan Gilbertson, Tallahassee Concerned Vendors

Sgt. Anitra Highland, TPD

Keith Wilson, Intern @ FDLE

Greg Yevtich, FDLE

Claude Shipley, FL Veterans Foundation

Emily Cain, Coordinator, DISC Village, Inc.

Yolanda Bogan, FAMU CAPPSAHH Program

Tanya Tatum, FAMU

Amy Magnuson, FSU

Tiffany Magnuson, FSU

Updates:

Red Ribbon Update

- Godby is still working towards certification
- The status of their application is unknown
- No other schools are currently pursuing certification
- Desoto Trail Elementary is the only school in Leon County that is certified

Florida Coalition Alliance – Bruce Grant

- This alliance is made up of 34 coalitions statewide
- Susan Woodford is the head, stationed in Jacksonville

- Working on ensuring funding, legislation and working with DCF on Prevention efforts throughout the state
- Most money is being allocated towards interventions instead of prevention
- There is an allotted amount of money but it is not going to coalitions
- Treatment providers are taking as much of the money as they can

TCV– Dan Gilbertson

- Community training going to happen within the next few weeks on IDs
 - o Teaching the work, social, and legal responsibility of properly reading someone's ID
- Looking to possibly get a member of the TPD to help with the presentation on IDs
- Teaching workers not just how to view it but what questions to ask about the ID

*** Dan will be sending out information once the training date is set

Law Enforcement – Sgt. Anitra Highland

- Shared that everything we hear in the news about the shooting, drugs, and alcohol, she is hearing it too: after the fact
- Gun violence is very prevalent in the everyday, they are being removed off of the streets; a gun violence squad is being assembled
- Gang problem in Tallahassee, a gang response unit is already in place
- Just remember that it is important to be mindful of your surroundings
- Also, keep in mind that no matter what is said in the media, the actions of the police department are dictated by another's actions

FDLE – Greg Yevtich

Emerging trends

- Information will be sent out to coalition
- 4 new variations of a synthetic LSD are posing a threat in Florida
 - o This drug is way more potent, too strong for some to even handle; absorption rate is extremely fast; use stopped for a period of time
 - o Entrepreneurs got a hold of the drug, published the positives and how it can be used, now others are using it again
 - o There have been no local incidents
 - o Information will be going out to all Leon County officials soon
 - o A good question that was raised, “Do the hospitals have this information?”

Butane Hash Oil

- Numbers are rising in southern Florida
- A new technique is being used called blasting making the substance extremely flammable and highly concentrated

Methamphetamines

- Meth bust in Killearn recently
- A large amount but no real lab
- Most large quantities of meth are made outside of the United States

Packaging on Edibles

- Unmarked packaging on marijuana edibles creates a great number of unknowns

4 Synthetic Drugs: Scheduling

- Making these strains illegal, chemical compositions

- Emergency scheduling is needed in this case
- Only good for 2 years then must go through legislation

FSU – Tiffany and Amy

- Alcohol EDU is being scheduled for the incoming Spring students, Freshman and transfer students
 - o 70% completion last semester, 6,000 Students
- Resident Assistants received a brief Motivational Interviewing training
 - o Used to help with high risk drinking and drug use behavior
 - o Survey was taken to see how the training would help, a pre and post test
 - o RA’s are the ones who are directly involved in providing incident reports on the students that violate the handbook of student conduct
 - o More surveys will be sent out to various groups that directly impact incoming students on a regular basis
- Ordinance work is continuing with the coalition
 - o Looking to add more enforcement on laws that are already in place and then adding new ones that will help keep the underage drinking number down
 - 25% of students at FSU, under the age of 21, are drinking in bars
 - o Spring survey will be going out to gather more data on alcohol and other substance use
 - o There has been an increase in Marchman acts, every semester there has been an increase

*** Bruce would like data on this topic

presentation to be sent out to the correct people

FAMU – Tanya Tatum

- In the progress of benchmarking assessment of best practices for alcohol prevention
- Alcohol EDU will be starting in the Fall semester and will be administered to all incoming Freshman and Transfer students
 - o Looking for trends among the incoming students

FAMU – Yolanda Bogan, CAPPSAHH Program

- Principal investigator of this grant
- Collaborating with community partners to prevent AIDS/Substance Abuse
- Community Needs Assessment
 - o Will be done with 500 FAMU students, all ages
- Will share more once the assessment is complete

Roundtable:

Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey, 2014

- Original study was done February of 2014 with a sample of 1,425 middle school and high school aged students; 6th through 12th grade
- The 30 day used information is most prevalent
 - o Past use -> 18.4%
 - o Marijuana -> 9.8%
- Alcohol abuse is Leon County's number one threat for underage youth
- The state wide survey consisted of 65,917 participants
 - o Keep in mind the comparison of state to county
- Wanting to take all of the information provided within the FYSA Survey and condense it down into a slide show

Veteran's Issue

- Veterans often times suffer from PTSD, regular substance abuse, homelessness, which keep them from reintegrating into society
- The 211 line is available to veterans
 - o A hotline number to build that connection for services
 - o \$150,000 has gone into the pilot to get it started in surrounding counties
 - o Next step is to work it into legislation to make it statewide
 - This will take about \$2 million
 - Hoping to get DCF on board

Changes in Prevention at DISC Village, Inc.

- Sofia Castro is no longer the Prevention Supervisor
 - o She is now the head of Suicide Prevention at DCF
 - o Sindie.castro@myflfamilies.com
 - o 850-717-4429
- Dodi Dhein is now the Prevention Supervisor, the previous Prevention Specialist at Godby High School
- We are in the process of hiring two new Prevention Specialists, one for Godby High School and the other for The Success Academy at Ghazvini Learning Center

Next Meeting: TBA