**Teen Advocacy Coalition**

**Substance Abuse Prevention Committee**

**June 8th, 2015 @ 1:30 pm**

**Raymond Timberland Library**

**Committee MEETING: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Gracie Manlow (TAC/DFC), Emily Popovich (TAC/TRL), Paul Hill (RFD), Sharon Block (PCHD/TAC) and Jon Ashley (PCSO)

* **Rx Dropbox**
  + The Dropbox has been placed and bolted outside Pacific County Sherriff’s Department!
  + Currently, there is a camera in the lobby of PCSO that is monitoring the Dropbox. TAC will still purchase a new camera, but this will work for now.
  + Discussion of having a sign announcing that the Dropbox is under camera surveillance was discussed.
    - Jon Ashley felt that if a sign was put up, we would be taking away the anonymity affect.
    - Also, if for some reason the camera were to stop working, PCSO and TAC could be held liable.
  + Currently there are drugs in the box.
* **Drug Disposal**
  + Sharon spoke with Loretta Osgard from LBPD regarding their disposal procedure.
    - Typically LBPD will put a large garbage bag inside the disposal container, so it is easier to collect drugs.
    - When full, Loretta will tie and tag bag with “Drug Take Back”.
    - The bag is stored in LBPD’s evidence department until 3-4 bags are collected.
    - Usually, after 3-4 bags are collected, Loretta and Casey (Wellspring Prevention Consultant), will take the drugs to Petland Cemetery for cremation.
  + Loretta Osgard informed Sharon that Petland will no longer dispose/incinerate expired/unused drugs.
* **Disposal**
  + Sharon informed the group that an alternated disposal method needed to be discussed.
    - If the drugs are not narcotics, South Bend Pharmacy will collect and dispose them.
  + The possibility of using one of the local or semi-local mortuaries was discussed.
    - Jon and Paul Hill informed the group that Stoller’s Mortuary does not have an incinerator.
      * Sharon will follow up with Ron Stoller regarding their cremation process.
  + Sharon presented various Drug De-Activation Systems.
    - This process includes using natural enzymes that will break down the drugs.
    - Some of the drawbacks included: separating the various types of drugs, disposal of the deactivated pills and if the person performing the procedure needs to have some kind of training or certification.
  + The group decided the best option was to explore incineration locations.
  + Sharon will talk to Heather and PCSO and see if the collected drugs can be stored in the evidence room while disposal options are explored.
    - Sharon will also ask Heather what PCSO does with any unused or expired medication no longer needed for evidence.
* **Take Back Event**
  + It was decided there should be some kind of ribbon cutting event to inform the public of the Dropbox.
  + There was discussion about holding the event at the Dropbox location site: Sherriff’s Department.
    - Gracie said there is usually more participation at the local grocery stores.
  + The idea of having the event on Friday July 3rd was brought up by Gracie.
    - Paul Hill also enthused that the stores will be busy because of the holiday and first of the month.
  + Jon did not think the Sherriff’s Department would be able to spare any officers during the holiday weekend.
    - Sharon will talk to all three chief regarding officer placement for the event.
  + Paul brought up the idea of partnering with the Willapa Harbor Festival in August.
    - Paul said TAC could partner with the Raymond Fire Department, who will have a booth at the event.
    - Gracie and Emily will be out of town due to a CADCA event.
    - Sharon will collaborate with Paul for the event.
    - Gracie will handle all promotional items prior to event.
* **Prevention Consultant Work plans**
  + Sharon will get the survey regarding Prevention Consultants in schools out this week.
    - There was brainstorming regarding questions on the survey.
  + Emily said it would be a good idea to include the Superintendents in the survey.
    - Gracie suggested that the principals be asked to forward the survey onto their faculty, so teacher input could be provided as well.
      * The questions for the survey will include:
        + Introduction about TAC and Prevention Consultants
        + Do you know about TAC?
        + Are you aware or have experienced the Prevention Consultants in your school?
        + Name one success from the Prevention Consultants.
        + Are there other times that it would be helpful to have the Consultants in the school? (classroom presentations, before school, etc.)
        + In what areas can we improve for next year?
  + The survey will help the committee draft the work plan for next year.
    - Jon said that he has never seen his work plan and would like to have a copy for next year.
  + Jon also gave an update that for next year, the county will divide up the consultant hours between 2-3 officers.
    - Due to the understaffed hours at PCSO, Jon does not always have time to get the 20 hours per month in.
    - Ryan Tully, who is on the Drug Task Force, will be one of the officers at Willapa Valley.
  + Jon said Willapa Valley will be having workshops during the first two days of school.
    - PCSO will give around 3 different presentations to students.
  + Gracie will talk to the Youth Arm/Peer Helpers about their thoughts on the Prevention Consultants.

**\*\*\*Next Meeting will be Monday, July 13th @ 1:30pm at Raymond Timberland Library\*\*\***