**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\*\*\***