**Teen Advocacy Coalition**

**Substance Abuse Prevention Committee**

**August 17th, 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), Sharon Block (PCHD/TAC), Rob Verboomen (Raymond Police Department)

* **Review of Rx Dropbox** 
  + PCSO agreed to host the dropbox for at least five years.
    - TAC is purchasing a surveillance camera to view and monitor the dropbox.
      * After five years, the camera will permanently belong to PSCO.
* **Help for Drug Take Back events**
  + Sharon is working on two Take Back events before the end of the fiscal year.
    - The first will be Thursday August 27th at the Pacific County Fair.
      * TAC is sharing a booth with PCSO and Emergency Management Services.
        + Sharon Block and Rob Verboomen will work the event.

The time is tentatively set for 12:00 – 5:00

* + - * + Sharon and Gracie will work on advertising for the event ahead of time.

Gracie has some templates from previous take back events.

* + - The DEA is sponsoring a fall Take Back Event
      * The date will be Saturday September 26th. The DEA suggested time is from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
      * Gracie suggested having two sites registered.
        + One site would be Pioneer in South Bend.
        + The second site would be Everybody’s Supermarket in Raymond.
        + Because Alyssa will be full time by then, there should be plenty of staffing support.

Gracie and Sharon will work with prevention consultants and police departments for law enforcement staffing.

Gracie also suggested seeing if any of the TAC Youth Arm would be interested in working the events for community service hours.

* **Draft of Prevention Consultant Work Plans for 2016**
  + Gracie and Emily reviewed the strategies and problem statements the CADCA students identified at the National Youth Leadership Initiative.
    - The students named marijuana use in Pacific County as their number one problem statement.
    - The committee decided to include some school staff trainings that will also train prevention consultants.
    - Officer Verboomen provided insight around drug use in the schools.
      * The idea of having professionals talk about the consequences was discussed.
      * The committee discussed using prevention consultants or prosecutors speak to the student body about the legal repercussions of using drugs.
      * Sharon thought this could be a great project for the Youth Arm and Alyssa to take on.
        + Gracie suggested incorporating it into Substance Abuse Prevention Week.
  + Moving forward with Prevention Consultant work plans, Sharon and Gracie will work to eliminate irrelevant information.
    - Rob said the consultants used to fill out monthly checklists when turning in their timesheets.
      * This was an opportunity for the consultants to reflect on student interactions over the past month.
      * Gracie and Sharon will look into previous checklists, and create a similar one for future use.

**\*\*\*Next Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 21st @ 1:30pm at Raymond Timberland Library\*\*\***