

Safe Communities Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2009 10:30 - Noon

Present: Brian Schlueter, Jon Karger, and Jake Grabow (OTC Sheriff's Department); Pam Ness (Lakes Country Service Cooperative); Steve Adams (Fergus Falls Police Department); Tom Kummrow and Amy Roggenbuck (Office of Traffic Safety); Marion Kershner and Kristin Erickson (OTC Public Health); Ryan Cheshire (OTC Attorney's Office); Mary Matteson (Fergus Falls ISD #544 Community Education); Judy Bradow (Community Representative); Natalie Rund (Lake Region Hospital); Mary Phillipe (United Way of OTC); and Jane Patrick (Project Coordinator).

1. Jane Patrick began the meeting and welcomed the group. The group reviewed the minutes of the September 9th meeting.
2. The group briefly revisited the discussion of the fatal review committee regarding the timing of reviews. There was a consensus by the group that fatal crashes would not be reviewed until investigations were complete to ensure that all the facts could be shared with the group and it would not hinder criminal prosecutions.
3. Jane gave an update on the September 30th car seat safety clinic held in Pelican Rapids. 19 people attended and received free infant and booster seats as a result of a secondary grant received by Public Health. A total of 44 seats were available and Jane reported that she still had about 12 remaining after giving them to participants, special education and Head Start. Jon requested a few booster seats so that the Sheriff's Department would have them available to their car seat trainer. Jane will deliver one box to them ASAP. Marion also agreed to check to see if some infant seats could be purchased through Children's Services for use by the Sheriff's Department.
4. Server training was discussed. Public health will look at the data to determine how many participants have been trained. Jon indicated that additional sessions were planned in the next couple of months.
5. Information from recent compliance checks was reviewed. Jon reported that approximately 12 of 85 failed throughout the county and that a couple were repeat offenders. Steve reported that 1 of 22 establishments failed in the City of Fergus Falls. Steve also reported that they had been successful in securing a grant from the Minnesota Institute of Public Health to continue their work toward zero adult providers. Steve indicated that the city had recently hosted a meeting with local liquor establishments to share information and resources on best practices.
6. The October Seat Belt mobilization was discussed. Natalie Rund from the Lake Region Hospital agreed to submit a letter to the editor to highlight seatbelt use. Marion agreed to highlight the importance of seatbelt use on the Health Matters radio show. Jane will connect with Doug Gray to find out what they might be willing to do to support the coalition's efforts to for the upcoming DWI mobilization. Jon agreed to help identify some of the sheriff's department staff to do PSAs and/or interviews. The group will also look for sponsors to continue their billboard messaging.

7. The group reviewed their work plan for FY10 to engage bar owners in our efforts. The group discussed options for tracking DWI arrests and asking where offenders had had their last drink. The group discussed the Isanti County model where the judge asks all DWI offenders at the time of their plea hearing where they had been consuming. Jane agreed to connect with Judge Barb Hansen to see if she would be willing to consider a model such as this and assist the coalition with this task. The group also discussed hosting a meeting with local bar owners. The group discussed the following points in setting this meeting up:

- Steve agreed to share the agenda and/or Best Practices outline of the recent Fergus Falls City meeting to see if the group would like to use the same model.
- There are over 100 bars throughout the county. The group should invite the same participants included in the server training invites. The auditor's office has a current listing of all licensed bar owners in the county.
- Brian Kringen from St. Paul was mentioned as a possible speaker however it was later discussed that this session would not focus on server training, and therefore Brian may not be the best person. Amy indicated she may be able to give a presentation if we were to also include a local expert.
- Ways to encourage and enhance attendance by bar owners – keep it positive and inviting. We might want to first go to city councils and/or county commissioners to let them know we are hosting this and ask them to support us by offering incentives to attending the session.
- Winter months are slower so may be a good time to host the session. A central location in the county would be good, but a couple different sessions in different locations might be even better.

8. Training:

- The Toward Zero Deaths conference is coming up on October 28-29 in Duluth. Several members from the coalition will be attending.
- The Fergus Falls Early Childhood Initiative will be hosting a training called "First Responder Training" which is designed to train those that respond to crisis situations to better meet the mental health needs of the children witnessing those traumas. This will likely be held in January or February 2010.

9. Adjournment – the next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on Wednesday, November 18th from 10:30 – Noon. (Rescheduled to later in the month due to the Veteran's holiday.)

10. Parking Lot:

- Youth Health Day – March 2010
- Sober Cab project
- Summer parades and events
- Media campaign
- Pat Hahn motorcycle training for LE in spring of 2010
- Train safety training 2010