



CITY OF RICHMOND

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

TO: General Purposes Committee

DATE: December 8, 2000

FROM: Greg Halsey-Brandt
Mayor

FILE: -

RE: Task Force on Drugs and Crime Draft One Year Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Draft Report from the Richmond Task Force on Drugs and Crime entitled "One Year Work Plan to December 31, 2001" be received for information.
2. That the Draft One Year Work Plan be presented to community stakeholder agencies as follows: Vancouver/Richmond Health Board, Richmond School District, Richmond Alcohol and Drug Action Team (RADAT), Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Children and Families, Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Asia Pacific Business Association.
3. That the Task Force report back to General Purposes Committee on the outcome of the discussions with the stakeholder groups by February 28, 2001.

Greg Halsey-Brandt
Mayor

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STAFF REPORT

ORIGIN

Background

Council approved formation of the Task Force on Drugs and Crime on March 27, 2000 (Resolution R00/6-4), with the following objectives:

1. Advise City Council on the extent and seriousness of drug use, trafficking, and drug production in the City;
2. Advise City Council on the relationship between drug use, trafficking and production and the type and level of criminal activity in the City;
3. Survey and review drug-related programs, and crime prevention and enforcement activities within the City; to identify any gaps in these services and to recommend any additional programs; and
4. Present recommendations that will reduce the drug abuse, trafficking and production problems in Richmond, and which, in turn, will result in lower crime rates.

An interim report was presented to Committee on October 16, 2000 outlining the progress that had been made to date on the development of a strategy for drugs and crime for Richmond, including:

1. Extensive background information on the first three of the Task Force's objectives as outlined in Attachment 1; and
2. Introduction of the 5 Pillar Approach as a framework for developing the strategy.

Since the presentation of the interim report, the Task Force has met several times in order to develop a more detailed Work Plan in order to advance the 5 Pillar strategy on drugs and crime.

The purpose of this report is:

1. To apprise Committee of the details for the emerging One Year Work Plan being developed by the Task Force; and
2. To seek approval to present this information to stakeholder agencies in the community for discussion, comment, and further development. Subsequent to these meetings, a final One Year Work Plan would be brought to Council through the General Purposes Committee for adoption.

ANALYSIS

The Draft One Year Work Plan

A copy of the draft One Year Work Plan is in Attachment 1. As outlined in the report to Committee on October 16, 2000, the draft Work Plan is based on a 5 Pillar framework to ensure a comprehensive and cooperative interagency approach to dealing with the issues of drugs and crime for the City of Richmond. These pillars include:

1. Interagency cooperation
2. Education and prevention
3. Treatment
4. Harm reduction
5. Enforcement, legislation and the courts

The draft One Year Work Plan outlines multiple goals and a number of actions to achieve these goals, as described in Attachment 1. Outcomes of the One Year Work Plan will be accomplished by concentrating efforts in three main focus areas:

1. Raising awareness and educating the community about addiction and drug misuse.
2. Mobilizing partners to become involved, seeking input and advice from community on programs.
3. Researching and analyzing needs of the Richmond community and developing effective interagency frameworks to address addictions and drug misuse in Richmond.

Next Step

The proposed next step in the development of the strategy is to engage in discussions with stakeholder agencies in the community to:

- Apprise stakeholder agencies of the work to date that has been undertaken by the Task Force on Drugs and Crime, and the five pillar approach that has emerged as the basis for a comprehensive strategy;
- Share with stakeholder agencies the Task Force's one year work program and gathering their feedback; and
- Determine stakeholder agencies' interest and commitment to being involved in developing and implementing the actions in the one year work plan.

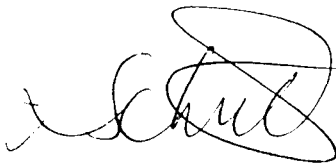
Stakeholder agencies to be contacted include Richmond School District, Vancouver / Richmond Health Board, Richmond Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing, Richmond Asia Pacific Business Association, Richmond Alcohol and Drug Action Team (RADAT), Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry for Children and Families.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report has no financial impact at this time. However, Committee should be aware that the Task Force has identified and is pursuing or considering pursuing some potential funding sources to implement the work plan. These include Casino funding from the City, the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC), the Lower Mainland Municipal Association's (LMMA) regional drug initiative, other levels of government, and foundations.

CONCLUSION

The Task Force on Drugs and Crime has developed a draft One Year Work Plan that is based on a 5 pillar approach to addressing addiction, drug misuse and related issues in Richmond. This draft One Year Work Plan is presented to Committee for information. The Task Force is seeking approval to consult with community stakeholders on the draft Work Plan, in order to ensure a coordinated approach and support for Richmond's drug strategy and implementation of the One Year Work Plan.



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ATTACHMENT 1

RICHMOND TASK FORCE ON DRUGS AND CRIME

DRAFT ONE YEAR WORK PLAN (TO DECEMBER 31, 2001)

FOUNDATION FOR THE ONE YEAR WORK PLAN

The Task Force on Drugs and Crime has developed a strategy framework to address addictions, drug misuse and related issues in Richmond. To implement the strategy, a draft One Year Work Plan has been developed which outlines several projects and actions to be completed by December 31 2001.

Both the strategy and the draft One Year Work Plan are founded on the following principles of the Task Force on Drugs and Crime, which are supported by its multi-agency representatives:

1. Implementation and monitoring of Richmond' Drug strategy will use a cooperative, interagency approach involving public, business and non-profit sectors of the community.
2. Richmond's drug strategy will be based on a five pillar approach, including interagency cooperation, education and prevention, treatment, a harm reduction component, and enforcement.
3. Richmond's drug strategy will consider and where appropriate will complement other national and regional initiatives, such as Canada's Drug Strategy, FCM initiatives, and the LMMA initiatives.
4. Richmond's Drug Strategy will be tailored to Richmond's needs, in recognition of the City's unique needs and concerns.
5. Richmond's drug strategy will incorporate both short-term and longer-term initiatives, in recognition of the complex nature of this problem and of the length of time it takes to achieve results.
6. Richmond's drug strategy will include measures to track the success of the initiatives that have been implemented.
7. After the Drug Strategy has been adopted, some form of this Task Force should continue the interagency and multidisciplinary dialogue and implementation of the Strategy, including advising on fund allocation, etc.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ONE YEAR ONE YEAR WORK PALN

The Task Force's draft One Year Work Plan has been developed on the previously mentioned principles:

- ✓ developed by interagency representatives on the Task Force. (Principle 1)
- ✓ outlines actions and further development of each of the pillars upon which the strategy is based: education and prevention, treatment, harm reduction and enforcement. (Principle 2)
- ✓ based on ongoing consultation with other initiatives; e.g. Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Lower Mainland Municipal Association. (Principle 3)

- ✓ Richmond made approach that is based on the City's unique needs and concerns. (Principle 4)
- ✓ Developed with a one-year scope for accomplishing 'shorter term' goals while longer-term goals and actions are also being developed. This recognizes the complex nature of this problem and of the length of time it takes to achieve results. (Principle 5)
- ✓ Progress reports will ensure that the implementation and progress of initiatives is monitored on an ongoing basis. (Principle 6)
- ✓ Goal for the One Year Work Plan is to develop a model / mechanism for continued interagency dialogue for Richmond's drugs and crime strategy. (Principle 7)

FOCUS FOR THE ONE YEAR WORK PLAN

This draft One Year Work Plan outlines multiple goals aimed at advancing Richmond's drug strategy. The goals will be accomplished through actions and programs that focus on:

- Raising awareness and educating the community about addiction and drug misuse.
- Mobilizing partners to become involved, seeking input and advice from community on programs.
- Researching and analyzing needs of the Richmond community and developing effective interagency frameworks to address addictions and drug misuse in Richmond.

This draft One Year Work Plan is an evolving document that will develop with input from community stakeholder groups and with more detailed information, as various goals become more defined and shaped throughout 2001.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES FOR THE ONE YEAR WORK PLAN

Successful implementation of the One Year Work Program will result in a number of positive outcomes and deliverables, including:

Interagency Approach

1. There is awareness and commitment from key stakeholders in Richmond for implementing the strategy on drugs and crime. A key outcome of the year One Year Work Plan is to develop broad ownership and cooperation among Richmond agencies for addressing drugs and crime issues, minimizing dependence on the City's resources and maximizing benefits from collective community resources.
2. An interagency group has been formed that is advisory in nature. It oversees and provides direction on strategic development and overall direction of Richmond's drug strategy. (A model for such a group is currently under development. In the interim, the Task Force in its current form could potentially serve as an advisory and developmental group.)
3. There is awareness for funding opportunities for specific components of the strategy on drugs and crime and applications are made as opportunities arise. Successful funding applications have gained funding implementation of the strategy on drugs and crime for Richmond and sustainability of programs.

Education and Prevention

4. A flyer about drugs and possible consequences of drug misuse has been distributed to the Richmond community. Community awareness about drugs has been increased and support for drug programs in Richmond has developed.
5. Support from a range of partners in the Richmond community for the strategy on drugs and crime has been built, which is manifested in a number of ways: understanding and assistance to implement programs and actions, and/or financial support for programs.
6. A consultation process has been completed. Support and involvement has increased from youth in the Richmond community for the strategy on drugs and crime. Effective education programs that target youth have been developed.
7. The Attorney General's youth group is working with Richmond youth on drugs and crime issues, resulting in effective youth programs to address drug misuse.
8. Drug misuse prevention programs are being effectively delivered as a result of input from teachers and school-based staff, and the identification of drug problems/issues and associated societal problems/issues among school aged children and youth is improved.

Treatment

9. Comprehensive knowledge has been obtained about the need for various drug treatment services in the Richmond community, and an 'awareness plan' about these needed drug treatment services has been developed to raise the community's awareness and support for obtaining and developing such services.
10. Community awareness has been improved on addiction issues and why treatment in Richmond is needed.
11. The range of need for early intervention programs has been determined, and the framework for action (including interagency referrals and working with at-risk groups) has been developed. (During the second year, the framework will be implemented.)
12. Awareness and support for treatment of addictions has been increased in Richmond's multicultural community.

Harm Reduction

13. A comprehensive understanding has been obtained about harm reduction and what is an appropriate harm reduction component for inclusion and implementation in Richmond's strategy on drugs and crime.
14. An understanding has been obtained about the effectiveness and issues of harm reduction, from the perspective of program participants (drug users and former drug users).
15. The development of the harm reduction component of Richmond's strategy on drugs and crime is coordinated with those of neighbouring communities.

Enforcement, Legislation and the Courts

16. Several issues with regard to enforcement, legislation and the courts have been researched and the Task Force has gained a clear and coordinated direction on advocating for developments and changes; e.g. sentencing and the courts, relationship between harm reduction and enforcement, legalization issues.
17. There is clear understanding and rationale for allocation of enforcement resources. Enforcement issues pertaining to drugs in particular have been examined and considered. Broader issues about enforcement responsibilities around drugs have been considered.
18. Enforcement officers are knowledgeable about treatment options and availability, and are able to effectively refer those misusing drugs to appropriate treatment channels.
19. The Task Force has researched the effectiveness of coordinated approach to drugs in the province and has developed an approach to advocate for changes to the current system.

PILLAR #1

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Goal #1

Build awareness and commitment from stakeholders for the emerging drug strategy.

Scope of work

Review with key stakeholders (e.g. Health Board, School District, Ministry of the Attorney General, RADAT, Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Asia Pacific Business Association, etc.) the general principles and directions emerging for the Drugs and Crime Strategy. Completion of task will require presentation materials, several meetings with boards, etc.

Key agencies that could be involved

City staff will help prepare presentation to stakeholder agencies and Task Force members will assist the process. The Chair of the Task Force will present and discuss the strategy and draft One Year Work Plan to stakeholder agencies, in coordination with Task Force members as appropriate.

Schedule and targeted completion

Completion by end of January 2001.

Outcome

Awareness and commitment from key stakeholders in Richmond for implementing the strategy on drugs and crime. This is a key outcome of the year One Year Work Plan because it develops broad leadership among Richmond agencies for addressing drugs and crime issues.

Goal #2

Develop interagency and community outreach “mechanism” for providing leadership and guiding the drug strategy.

Scope of work

Develop a recommendation from the Task Force on an appropriate model or mechanism for implementing and advancing the drug strategy successfully, with review and support from Council and other stakeholders. Prior to adopting such a “mechanism”, consider a community outreach process to discuss the strategy and how to involve the community.

Key agencies that could be involved

Development of a secretariat as the coordinator and nucleus of the outreach mechanism.

Schedule and targeted completion

Completion by June 2001

Outcome

An interagency body has been formed that is advisory in nature, oversees and provides direction on strategic development and overall direction of Richmond's drug strategy, and monitors progress of the strategy and One Year Work Plan. A model for such a group is currently under development. In the interim, the Task Force in its current form could serve as an advisory and developmental group.

Goal #3

Allocate funding and resources.

Scope of work

Seek appropriate funding from available resources: national and provincial governments, regional and local foundations, City Casino funding, etc.

Key agencies that could be involved

City Staff to prepare request to Council regarding Casino Funds. Staff and Task Force members to continue to augment the scope of potential funding sources and apply for funds.

Schedule and targeted completion:

Request for Casino Funding by mid-November 2000, other applications as funding opportunities are available.

Outcome

Awareness and application for funding opportunities. Successful funding applications will result in funding for implementation of the strategy on drugs and crime for Richmond and sustainability of programs.

PILLAR #2 EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

Goal #4

Produce and distribute a public education flyer(s) about drugs and possible consequences of drug misuse.

Scope of work

The potential need to reach several audiences is recognized: broad community, youth, parents. Key components of process might include consultation with youth and teachers, development of a "story list" and outline, exploration of community partnerships for producing and distributing flyer, and final production and distribution of the flyer. Materials that are already produced (e.g. Attorney General's youth group, Kaiser Foundation, Prevention Source BC) will be reviewed for appropriateness to Richmond. Other models (e.g. no smoking campaign material) that may apply to drugs will also be reviewed.

Key agencies that could be involved

Expertise will be contracted.

Schedule and targeted completion

Completion by April / May 2001.

Outcome

Distribution of a flyer to the Richmond community about drugs and possible consequences of drug misuse, which raises awareness about drugs and develops support for drug programs in Richmond.

Goal #5

Mobilize business and media (and other government) to be partners in specific education and prevention initiatives, to support the Richmond drug strategy and 5 pillar approach, and to get involved in funding.

Scope of work

Key components could include developing a community contact list, meeting with potential partners, and holding a Mayor's Forum series to educate and consult key community partners.

Key agencies that could be involved

Chamber of commerce, Task Force members, Mayor, and others from the community that come forward to be involved

Targeted Completion

Completion by Spring 2001

Outcome

Support from a range of partners in the Richmond community for the strategy on drugs and crime, which is manifested in a number of ways: understanding and assistance to implement programs and actions and/or financial support.

Goal #6

Initiate a consultation process with youth to determine and mobilize most effective education program possible.

Scope of work

Key components might include meeting with School Board and district representatives to explore support for drug prevention education, exploring the possibility of doing elementary and secondary focus groups, consulting Youth Coordinators at City community centres and involving City Youth Coordinator. Multiple delivery mechanisms--web, TV, music, print, videos, etc.--will be considered and determined depending on target audiences and budget.

Key agencies that could be involved

City's Youth Advisory Committee, Table 38 (secondary schools' youth 'issues group'), Youth workers at secondary schools, Youth nurses forum in coordination with RADAT
Focus groups at secondary school level

Schedule / targeted completion

Schedule: January / February 2001 until June 2001.

Deliverable outcome

A completed consultation process that develops contact and support from youth in the community as well as effective education programs that target youth.

Goal #7

Mobilize the Attorney General's youth group to work with Richmond youth on drugs and crime issues

Scope of work

Scope to of work with Attorney General's youth group to be determined after consultation.

Key agencies that could be involved

City of Richmond – Youth Coordinator.

Schedule / targeted completion

Schedule: January / February 2001 until June 2001.

Outcome

Commitment from the Attorney General's youth group to work with Richmond youth on drugs and crime issues, resulting in effective youth programs to address drug misuse.

Goal #8

Consult teachers and school-based staff in identification of drug problems/issues and associated societal problems/issues, and seek their input and suggestions on the delivery of drug misuse prevention strategies.

Scope of work

A group representing Richmond teachers could be assembled to identify problems, and make referrals. School Board Trustees could also be consulted. This process should be approached in consideration of programs already underway: CAPP program in schools with RADAT, perhaps with proposal to get youth workers into elementary schools; and RCMP school liaison program.

Key agencies that could be involved

Richmond School Board, existing secondary school worker, RADAT, RCMP.

Schedule / targeted completion

Completion by April / May 2001.

Outcome

Effective delivery of drug misuse prevention strategies as a result of consultation with teachers and school-based staff, and improved identification of drug problems/issues and associated societal problems/issues among school aged children and youth.

Note: See Goal #12

“Develop a cross cultural education program to encourage Asian community’s awareness and support for addiction treatment”.

The scope of the actions associated with this goal encompasses both “Education and Prevention” and “Treatment” pillars.

PILLAR #3 TREATMENT

Goal #9

Develop and implement a specific initiative to raise awareness and support in Richmond community about need for detox, support recovery and long-term residential treatment.

Scope of work

Step 1: Prepare a brief on unmet need

Step 2: Draft community awareness plan with goals, for review by Task Force. This will involve using broad contacts in community and exploring options for raising awareness.

Key agencies that could be involved

Richmond Health Board for preparation of the brief (as identified in Step 1).

Schedule / targeted completion

Step 1 to be completed by January 2001.

Step 2 to be completed by June 2001.

Outcome

Step 1: A completed brief on unmet need provides an understanding of the availability of treatment facilities, the need for treatment facilities, and how to address unmet treatment needs.

Step 2: A community awareness plan has been developed about unmet treatment needs could be addressed.

Goal #10

Implement community awareness event on addiction issues and why treatment is needed in Richmond.

Scope of work

This is part of previous goal. Such an event could be profiled as part of the National Awareness Week on Drugs that occurs annually in November.

Key agencies that could be involved

Task Force

Schedule / targeted completion

Completion by November 2001

Outcome

Community awareness has been improved on addiction issues and why treatment in Richmond is needed.

Goal # 11

Support / enhance early intervention programs, early detection of at-risk populations, effective referral to counselling and treatment.

Scope of work

This is seen as a 2-year process.

Year 1:

The range of need will be determined. A range of early intervention programs will be explored. For example, Richmond Population health already works on 'at risk' programs. There is a need to remove obstacles to availability of treatment throughout various services (e.g. health board plays awareness and referral role (e.g. early baby visits), RADAT works with client through treatment process. A need for family support workers and early intervention services has been noted.

A framework for action will be developed.

Year 2:

Funding will be accessed and the framework for action will be implemented with appropriate agencies.

Key agencies that could be involved

Year 1, Step 1: Expertise will be contracted explore the range of need. Population Health ('earliest' (child) intervention), Ministry for Children and Families, RADAT.

Year 1, Step 2: Population Health department to develop the framework for action.

Schedule / targeted completion

Year 1, Step 1: Completed by June 2001.

Year 1, Step 2: Completed by November 2001.

Outcome

The range of need for early intervention programs has been determined, and the framework for action (including interagency referrals and working with at-risk groups) has been developed. (During the second year, the framework will be implemented.)

Goal #12

Develop a cross cultural education program to encourage Asian community's awareness and support for addiction treatment.

Scope of work

This goal also applies directly to the education and prevention pillar.

Step 1: Discuss cross cultural issues with community

There is a lack of knowledge / understanding about treatment process. There is a need to consult with the Asian community to understand attitudes, issues and concerns. A workshop in Vancouver was done by SUCCESS around mental health, etc. This work will be reviewed for lessons to be learned about cultural ways of dealing with social and individual challenges.

Step 2: Develop a program

Key agencies that could be involved

SUCCESS, RCCS

Schedule / targeted completion

Step 1 completed by July 2001.

Step 2 completed by December 2001.

Outcome

Awareness and support for treatment of addictions has been increased in Richmond's multicultural community.

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PILLAR #4 HARM REDUCTION

Goal #13

Discuss and research the role of harm reduction in a continuum of care approach that fits Richmond's needs. This is chronologically first goal within the Harm Reduction focus, to be followed by the next 2 goals.

Scope of work

Task Force will determine what type of Harm Reduction component it would support for the strategy that is appropriate for Richmond. It may be difficult to reach consensus on Harm Reduction for Richmond, given many varying opinions.

It has been noted that harm reduction definition differs widely. Harm reduction and abstinence exist on a broad continuum. Abstinence is the top goal but not reaching abstinence does not mean failure. Treatment is on this continuum.

A brief discussion paper about the range of Harm Reduction Development will be developed. There is a need to use information from existing sources, and access additional information (e.g. from the web) to improve the understanding of Harm Reduction. Within the study there is a need to describe the seriousness, size, and numbers of addiction in Richmond specifically.

A survey could also be done in the community on drug use; also see the next goal regarding input from community and drugs users.

Key agencies that could be involved

Consulting expertise in this area will be contracted.

Schedule / targeted completion

Completion in Fall 2001.

Outcome

A better understanding has been obtained about harm reduction and what is an appropriate harm reduction component for inclusion and implementation in Richmond's strategy on drugs and crime.

Goal #14

Seek advice on effective harm reduction approaches from drug users and former drug users.

Scope of work

This goal can be considered as part of the same 'package' as the previous goal, and it could involve reviewing one off proposal.

Key agencies that could be involved

Information from drug users about useful Harm Reduction services in Richmond may be accessed through Vancouver Areas Drug Users' Network (VANDU). Also, the Richmond Health Department could gather information from clients in the needle exchange program.

Schedule / targeted completion

Completion in Fall 2001 (included in the same outcome / package) as the outcome for the previous goal.

Outcome

A better understanding has been obtained about the effectiveness and issues of harm reduction, from the perspective of program participants (drug users and former drug users).

Goal #15**Coordinate harm reduction programs with neighbouring communities.****Scope of work**

The scope of this task is contingent on work by Vancouver and LMMA.

Key agencies that could be involved

To be determined.

Schedule / targeted completion

No schedule yet; awaiting Vancouver and LMMA work.

Outcome

The development of the harm reduction component of Richmond's strategy on drugs and crime is coordinated with those of neighbouring communities.

PILLAR # 5 ENFORCEMENT

Goal #16

Establish coordinated multi-agency approach to advocacy, changes to the legal system, etc.

Scope of work

Several issues are to be addressed through information gathering / research by the Task Force, followed by actions based on the gained knowledge:

- Inform the courts about harm of drugs to communities as a basis for sentencing decisions. Research the consistency of drug sentencing.
- Inform lawmakers that a strong enforcement pillar, e.g. intrusive search, longer sentences (and other pillars) must accompany harm reduction strategies. Research comprehensive systems occurring in other places, e.g. supply of heroin with enforcement
- Research legalization (with control) of currently illicit drugs on a federal level.
- Monitor the development of drug courts in Vancouver and how this relates to Richmond.

Key agencies that could be involved

RCMP, provincial and federal governments, courts

Schedule / targeted completion

Ongoing; targets to be determined.

Outcome

Several issues with regard to enforcement, legislation and the courts have been researched, and the Task Force has gained a clear direction on implementing and advocating for developments and changes; e.g. sentencing and the courts, relationship between harm reduction and enforcement, legalization issues.

Goal #17

Investigate allocation of police resources and enforcement foci.

Scope of work

There is a need to examine the allocation and balance of police resources for various foci of enforcement, and the balance between proactive and reactive enforcement.

The Task Force needs to consider enforcement issues such as impaired driving by drugs (e.g. police training to recognize drug-impaired drivers), and the permitted level of intrusive search. Also need to consider the police role in legal regulation. For example, perhaps there is a role for other agencies in enforcement (e.g. health, bylaw).

Key agencies that could be involved

City of Richmond, RCMP

Schedule / targeted completion

To be determined.

Outcome

There is a clear understanding and rationale for allocation of enforcement resources. Enforcement issues pertaining to drugs in particular have been examined and considered. Broader issues about enforcement responsibilities around drugs have been considered.

Goal #18

Educate enforcement officers on harm reduction.

Scope of work

Presently there is a good opportunity for police force education, since ¼ of Richmond's force is new and are currently engaged in training for 6 months. There is also an opportunity for coordination between treatment and enforcement agencies.

Key Agencies that could be involved

RCMP, Health Board

Schedule / targeted completion

Undetermined.

Outcome

Enforcement officers are knowledgeable about treatment options and availability, and are able to effectively refer those misusing drugs to appropriate treatment channels.

Goal #19

Investigate coordinated approaches and strategies addressing drugs at a provincial level.

Scope

Investigate recommendations for coordinated approaches and strategies on drugs at a provincial level. Coordinate and appropriately target advocacy strategies to provincial government.

Key Agencies that could be involved

Task Force, provincial government ministries and politicians

Schedule / targeted completion

Undetermined.

Outcome

The Task Force has researched the effectiveness of coordinated approach to drugs in the province and has developed a coordinated approach to advocate for changes to the current system.

**TARGETED SCHEDULE AND ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS IN
IN YEAR ONE WORK PROGRAM**

| ACTION / PROGRAM | SCHEDULE / COMPLETION |
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| 1. Build awareness and commitment from stakeholders for the emerging drug strategy. | completion: January 2001. |
| 2. Develop interagency and community outreach "mechanism" for providing leadership and guiding the drug strategy. | completion: June 2001 |
| 3. Allocate funding and resources. | applications ongoing |
| 4. Produce and distribute a public education flyer(s) about drugs and possible consequences of drug use. | completion: April / May 2001 |
| 5. Mobilize business and media (and other government) to be partners in specific education and prevention initiatives, to support the Richmond drug strategy and 5 pillar approach, and to get involved in funding. | completion: Spring 2001 |
| 6. Initiate a consultation process with youth to determine and mobilize most effective education program possible. | January / February 2001 until completion in June 2001. |
| 7. Mobilize the Attorney General's youth group to work with Richmond youth on drugs and crime issues | January / February 2001 until completion in June 2001. |
| 8. Consult teachers and school-based staff should in identifying drug problems/issues and associated societal problems/issues, and seek their input and suggestions on the delivery of drug misuse prevention strategies. | completion: April / May 2001. |
| 9. Develop and implement specific initiative to raise awareness and support in Richmond community about need for detox, support recovery and long-term residential treatment. | Step 1 completed by January 2001. Step 2 completed by June 2001. |

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| ACTION / PROGRAM | SCHEDULE / COMPLETION |
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| 10. Implement community awareness event on addiction issues and why treatment is needed in Richmond. | completion: November 2001 |
| 11. Support / enhance early intervention programs, early detection of at-risk populations, effective referral to counselling and treatment. | Step 1: Completed by June 2001. Step 2: Completed by November 2001. |
| 12. Develop a cross cultural education program to encourage Asian community's awareness and support for addiction. | Step 1 completed by July 2001. Step 2 completed by December 2001. |
| 13. Discuss and research the role of harm reduction in a continuum of care approach that fits Richmond's needs. This is chronologically first goal within the Harm Reduction focus, to be followed by the next 2 goals. | Completion in Fall 2001. |
| 14. Seek advice on effective harm reduction approaches from drug users and former drug users. | Completion in Fall 2001 (included in the same outcome / package) as the outcome for the previous goal. |
| 15. Coordinate harm reduction programs with neighbouring communities | No schedule yet; awaiting Vancouver and LMMA work. |
| 16. Establish a coordinated multi-agency approach to advocacy, changes to the legal system, etc. | To be determined. |
| 17. Investigate allocation of police resources and enforcement foci. | To be determined. |
| 18. Educate enforcement officers on harm reduction. | To be determined. |
| 19. Investigate coordinated approaches and strategies addressing drugs at a provincial level. | To be determined |