Minutes for Syringe Advisory Board
October 1, 2018

Members Present: Judy Sousa, Rachel Waldman, Sarah Kerr, Aaron Ostrom, Sgt. Leonard LaFrance, Greg Sparks-Ex Officio
Members Absent: Dr. Donald Baird

City Manager Sparks provided an overview to the committee of the purpose and duties of the committee:

1. **PURPOSE:** To reduce the negative impacts of syringe litter in Eureka; Focus on collaborative problem-solving; Appointed for one year as an ad hoc committee that makes recommendations to the City Council
2. **DUTIES:** Advise City Council on public health matters related to syringe exchange, needle litter, and regulation of SEP’s; Advise City Council on public education, syringe clean-ups, product liability regulations and community response to the opioid crisis.

**AGENDA:**

1. **Introductions** - Went around the room for introductions, background, and asked the question “What are your goals and aspirations for this group?”
2. **What Does Success Look like-Measurables**
3. **How Do We Educate Ourselves On This Issue**
   - Observe at HACHR
   - CDPH
   - Other communities
4. **General-Discussed Council would like a preliminary report in 90 days and frequency of meetings**

**DISCUSSION:**

1. **What Does Success Look Like**
   - Improve community perception
   - Improve the numbers
   - Create positive feedback from the public
   - Heighten the qualitative aspect in people’s minds
   - Measurables-Does it improve public health; lower Hepatitis/HIV
   - Have/create rules and regulations that work
   - Strategies toward recovery
   - Focus on “Big Picture” problems
   - More collaboration and transparency among agencies
   - Numbers and fewer arrests
   - New approaches
   - One person at a time into treatment/recovery

2. **Educate**
   - Evidence based
   - Fentanyl testing
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-HACHR reporting and intake system; potentially site tour
-Clean-ups
-PacOut Green Team
-CDPH Best Practices
-Psychology/Drug use-Understanding long term effects
-Data from the county kiosks
-DHHS numbers for syringe exchange
-Pharmacy sales of syringes

AGENDA for October 22, 2018

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair or Two Co-Chairs
2. Name of the Committee
3. Information from Dr. Baird
4. Group Objectives
5. Other/Miscellaneous
6. Next Meeting