



To: Members of the Common Council

From: Chief Tim Styka 

Date: April 1, 2015

RE: Drug Drop Box

BACKGROUND

Historically the City of Menasha has not provided a “drug drop box” or a method for citizens to properly dispose of unused/unwanted medications. This was a conscious decision due to the cost and complexity of disposing of the medication once collected. Recently the Federal Government has ended the program to take in the medications, but the Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel has advised the State will take over drug take back program.

ANALYSIS

Based upon the news of the State of Wisconsin providing a method to dispose of the medication, I worked with Community Liaison Aaron Zemlock to explore obtaining a drug drop box which for the City. Officer Zemlock did write a grant through CVS Pharmacy which would provide us a collection box at no charge. We have been advised that we have been chosen to receive a drug collection drop box.

We are now working on creating the needed policies and procedures we will need to begin taking in medication. We expect the drop box will be up and running by May 1, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no direct fiscal impact to providing this service to the community. The sorting of the medication will be done with volunteers under the supervision of a pharmacist.

RECOMMENDATION

Because there is no finance function associated with the acceptance of the drop box, no action from the Common Council is needed at this time.