

**Sampson County Meth Taskforce  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
July 15, 2009**

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce Board of Directors met on July 15, 2009 at the Human Services Building DSS Boardroom. Chair, J.W. Simmons, called the meeting to order at 8:20 am with an invocation.

Present: J.W. Simmons; Sarah Bradshaw; Robin Henderson; Pat Green; Eric Pope; Becky Jackson; Jeff Shipp; and Janet Rosenberger.

Minutes from the June 17, 2009 meeting were approved with a motion from Eric Pope, seconded by Jeff Shipp.

Treasurer's report was given by Pat Green noting that we now have a balance of \$5,600 in our account.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Billboards, Handout Referral Cards, Newspaper/Radio Ads: We're still doing PSA's on WCLN.

Robin stated that her husband and David Chestnutt's wife would like to place an article about the Meth Task Force in the Hispanic newspaper *El Mercado Latin* for free. This is a bi-monthly newspaper and covers Sampson, Duplin, Harnett and Wayne Counties.

Jeff mentioned that we have been getting good, free press from WCLN for a long time. We need to research having a paid ad with them. JW will pursue this and find out the costs and get back with the Board with this information. It was also mentioned that we should advertise the September 15<sup>th</sup> event on the radio.

Website Update: We must work on updates to the website. We could possibly put a link for SAMSA on there and other Meth groups and could create banners. JW will speak to Jason about any updates.

Other Discussion: Pat Green shared with the Board the 2009-10 proposed budget for \$6,500 as well as one for 2010-11 for \$12,000. The proposed budgets were approved with a motion from Jeff Shipp, seconded by Jay Tilley. Sarah added that expenses listed can be amended as needed.

Eric pointed out that the Governor's Crime Commission offers a grant in October every year that requires a structured program mapped out in order for organizations to submit an application. There's a grants workshop in October or November that Pat Green and Eric agreed to attend together. We would need to decide what a grant would be used for specifically. For instance, we could use the drug testing kits as our program but, we'd need to have the specific number of kits needed in our proposal. Are we going to provide contracted services? We could possibly get a grant for the salary for these services. This information would be needed by September.

Fundraising Efforts: Jeff Shipp and Robin Henderson agreed to be on a Fundraiser Committee. Both shared some ideas for possibly having different levels of giving offered through a mailer as a possible membership drive. Additionally, it was decided that Eric Pope would also assist on this committee.

Referral Card Handout: We've had the idea for a long time to have a card with available services and emergency contacts on a wallet size card to offer when someone requests assistance. We need to come up with a list of contacts. Eric suggested a folding card since it will hold a lot of information.

Sarah discussed making new Board member packets. Supplies would be provided out of the account. A binder could be developed for all the Board members to bring to each meeting.

Proposed contents:

1. By-laws
2. Meeting Schedule
3. Vision / Mission
4. Conflict of Interest Policy
5. 15 member list by term per by-laws:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> group – Term ends at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> group – Term ends at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> group – Term ends at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting

Funding for going forward with completing this notebook was approved with a motion from Jeff Shipp, seconded by Robin Henderson.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed Events 2010: JW mentioned bringing Dr. Holley back to Sampson County next year. He stated that she's worth the funding it takes to get her here, especially since she's internationally recognized. Becky Jackson stated that the guidance counselors have all seen her presentation. She does do a new series that the counselors could possibly get credit for attending. She added that it would be nice to have some new presenters. Jeff asked about getting the Montana Meth Group. JW stated that he would find out if this would be possible.

It was mentioned that David Chestnutt should be able to generate a lot of attention for the September 15, 2009 community meeting in Harrells. Sarah added that it would be good to have participation from SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) at this meeting. Becky said that she'd check into the possibility of their attendance.

New Board Member Nomination: At the last meeting, we were made aware that Amber Cava can no longer serve on the Board. David Kidd has shown interest in replacing her per JW, Robin and Sarah. There was discussion about this nomination. It was decided that we leave this position vacant for now and table the discussion until the next Board meeting. The Nomination Committee, comprised of Sarah, Jeff, Joni Faye, Renee White and Jay, will do some work on this before the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2009, in the Upstairs Conference Room with the full Meth Task Force and a Board meeting following. We will work on the plans for the September 15<sup>th</sup> community meeting at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 am with a motion from Robin, seconded by Sarah.