

Sampson County Meth Taskforce
Minutes
September 15, 2010

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce met on September 15, 2010, at the Health & Human Services in the DSS boardroom. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer at 10:00 am.

Present: J.W. Simmons; Pat Green; Sarah Bradshaw; Eric Pope; David Chestnutt; and Janet Rosenberger.

MINUTES: The August 25, 2010 minutes were approved with a motion from Sarah Bradshaw, seconded by David Chestnutt.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Green reported that the present balance in the account is \$2,193.86 after the bill from Lamar Advertising and the labels for the booklets were paid.

OLD BUSINESS:

BILLBOARD: The contract for the billboard was for 6 months. It should be moved again shortly. Please pass on any feedback you have about it.

FUNDRAISER: There was discussion regarding planning a classic car event. It was decided that we would choose a date in the Spring to aim for since there are several Fall events going on in the area. Sarah suggested that another meeting be held soon to work on plans. JW stated that he felt sure they could work with the downtown merchants for this type of event to be held one time annually. David Chestnutt will contact Scott Jernigan and JW will contact David King for information on how to proceed. Pat reminded the group that we should also apply for United Way funding.

YOUTH ADVOCATE GROUP: There are plans in the works for a youth group to start on a Meth Task Force project and JW would be very beneficial working with them. Sarah stated that her daughter Laura has decided to make this part of her senior project. She spoke to JW recently and is totally convinced that this will be a good subject to work with. She's presently getting a group of students together to form a Facebook page. Amanda Bradshaw met with Sarah and JW recently and she gave them suggestions of things the students could do. She advised them to keep things simple planning things such as a weekday at school to dress funky, possibly titling it "*Sock it to Meth*" and passing out bracelets to other students. Amanda is planning to work with Laura in an advisory capacity for ideas.

David stated that the youth group should also have their picture in the yearbook as well which would be good advertising information.

JW mentioned that there was a good turnout at the Alcohol Recovery event held downtown October 2nd. There were lots of displays and the speaker who attended was very complimentary of the event. SOLIS and the Meth Task Force had teamed up to generate interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER DISCUSSION: Pat Green mentioned that we need to have another person on the checking account so checks needed can be signed when JW is unavailable. Eric Pope made a motion to add Sarah Bradshaw with a second by Janet Rosenberger. The motion carried with full approval by the Board.

FAITH-BASED EFFORTS: Discussion was held regarding more of the faith-based community wanting to be involved with the Meth Task Force. Pastor Ron Cava has had several people show up for counseling for meth addiction. Sarah added that we could place someone on the MTF Board from the faith-based community since we've had several new vacancies. Renee White has recently notified her

that she can no longer serve on the MTF Board. Her term ends January 2013. Sarah stated that the nominating committee should meet to work on replacements for Board position vacancies of Mary Margaret Hobbs, Robin Henderson and now Renee White. Robert Taylor spoke to Sarah a short while back and stated that he would be interested in serving. Sarah made a motion that Renee be replaced by Robert. David Chestnutt seconded the motion with complete support by the Board.

Several names for replacements were suggested. The Nominating Committee will plan to meet soon to make recommendations.

MISCELLANEOUS: Discussion continued for other ways for Meth Task Force information to be addressed with the public. It was suggested that we align ourselves with the trucking industry and possibly have the information we have on our billboard placed on the side of transport trucks. David suggested that we have posters placed at area churches for any upcoming events we plan. He added that Open Door Ministries had recently received a donation through vacation Bible school offerings collected. Area churches might be another outlet we could approach for donations to our funding.

Eric mentioned that black tar heroin is on the rise in the county and that some drugs are cycling through. David added that none of them ever go away and that the main problem with the youth now is that they're getting into prescription drugs. Sarah stated that we should get information out to the providers as well about Meth and other drug issues.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by David Chestnutt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat Green.

JW Simmons, President

Date Approved: February 23, 2011