

**Sampson County Meth Taskforce
Minutes
February 23, 2011**

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce Board met on February 23, 2011 at the Health & Human Services in the DSS boardroom. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer at 1:00 pm.

Present: J.W. Simmons; Sarah Bradshaw; Jeff Shipp; Becky Jackson; David Chestnutt; and Janet Rosenberger.

MINUTES: The September 15, 2010 minutes were approved with a motion from Jeff Shipp, seconded by Sarah Bradshaw.

TREASURERS REPORT: Janet Rosenberger read the report in Pat Green's absence. The present balance in the account is \$1,726.06 after the bill for bumper stickers was paid. It was suggested that Pat will need to look at line items and fix a financial report showing expenditures for the \$5,000 grant we received from South River Operation Roundup in 2010. In order to qualify for more grants, it's necessary to provide them with a report showing that all the funds received have been spent and for what they were spent. Receipts could be attached to the report as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

DRUG KIT PURCHASE FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS: It was recently decided that prices would be checked for the drug kits needed for the county schools. Becky reminded the group that Ken Jones with Eastpointe had stated at a meeting that they would furnish those. It was discussed that the Meth Task Force would match what Eastpointe purchases enabling them to get more kits. Per Becky, the price is approximately \$2.68 for each kit. It was agreed that we would purchase 100 kits.

SOUTH RIVER BOOTH: Jeff mentioned that the Meth Task Force worked in the South River booth last year and asked what the group thought about doing this again. All agreed that it's a good idea. The date is April 14, 2011. Although we've not received an invitation this year, they would probably welcome us back but, Jeff will check with them to see if it's alright for us to participate. Discussion was held about making sure we replenish our supplies of handouts. If needed, we will order more before that event.

A motion was made by Jeff Shipp to allocate \$300 toward the drug test kits and \$300 for additional supplies. Becky seconded the motion with full agreement by the Board.

YOUTH ADVOCATE GROUP: Sarah's daughter Laura will be coming to a meeting in the near future to do a presentation about her senior project. When she comes, she will bring the bumper stickers with her that the youth group created. These were purchased with a donation from Enroute Transportation. She had solicited donations from four local businesses but, Enroute was the only one that responded. This allowed her to purchase 30 bumper stickers. Enroute received a portion of these to place on their vehicles which gives us much needed exposure to various areas they travel. Sarah suggested that we could also place them on our DSS county vehicles as well. The youth group has also created a Facebook page for Laura's project and they will be linking it to our website.

Sarah also shared that a recent letter written to the Sampson Independent editor was from a Federal prison inmate who responded to an article he'd read in the newspaper regarding Laura's senior project about bringing awareness about the dangers of meth to the youth. He was very complimentary of her efforts and agreed that there needs to be more done to get the message out there.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW COMMWELL HEALTH: JW informed the group that CommWealth Health has opened a new facility in Clinton. It's located across from the Wellness Center and is a walk-in clinic for mental health and substance abuse clients, open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. This will be a huge advantage for the community.

He has also talked to Robin Henderson who has not been replaced as a Meth Task Force Board member. She has been unable to attend meetings in quite a while due to her schedule changes at work. She is very interested in returning to the Board since she is located in Clinton's new office. She would be able to participate again.

OTHER: JW voiced concerns regarding the lack of attendance from the regular Meth Task Force. He stated that, since the Meth Task Force incorporation, it seems that interest has dropped off significantly for the other members. There was a need for structure and planning in the beginning that the Board had to deal with but, it was not to exclude the rest of the Meth Task Force. It seems to have caused them to lose interest or to think they were no longer needed. We tried to include them in several meetings last year as well as the annual meeting but, only a few attended them.

It was suggested that we possibly go to having regular quarterly meetings and have the full Meth Task Force meet first and then reconvene for the Meth Task Force Board meeting afterwards.

There was a lot of discussion on what we could do to get the rest of the group back to the table. One suggestion is to have an *After Hours Social* event from 5:00-6:00, possibly in the small Expo room or at Zengs. At that time, we could inform everyone about what has transpired with the Meth Task Force and what we have accomplished over the past year. We should also address some of our goals and have some talking points to get them engaged. We need to give them something to do to peak their interest and motivate them to join us again. David Chestnutt stated that his wife could also put something in *The Sampson Weekly* about the social.

A decision was made to have another meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 1:00 pm in the DSS Boardroom to work on these plans for the *After Hours Social*.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: The Board was advised that 5 of the Board members terms are now ending: JW Simmons, Sarah Bradshaw, Pat Green, Janet Rosenberger and David Kidd. A motion was made by Becky Jackson to reinstate JW, Sarah, Pat and Janet with a second by David Chestnutt with complete support by the Board.

As the Nominating Committee, Jeff and Sarah brought up several names for replacing the Board members who are no longer participating. Amanda Bradshaw had recently stated she was interested in being on the Board. A motion was made by Becky Jackson to accept Amanda as a new Board member, with a second by David Chestnutt with complete support by the Board. Amanda will replace Mary Margaret Hobbs.

JW will also contact Joni Fay Fetterman, David Kidd and Jay Tilley to see what the status is on their continuation on the Board so we'll know if we need to make more replacements.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Becky Jackson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Shipp.