

Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2014

Present: Sara Mahoney, Rodney Willson, Stephanie Hons, Sharmon Brougham, Kevin Holland, Monty Wallis, Stan Langve, Jeannie Martin, RD Harper, Brandon Ihde, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Roger Gordon, Kent O'Donnell, Barbara Grossman, Sarah Reil, Mary Aggers, Keith Edgell.

Meeting called to order at 12:03 PM.

Nic Owens from the County Attorney's office attended the meeting. He stated there is interest from himself and Vicki Callendar, also from the County Attorney's office, to potentially share Task Force Chair duties. However, the Office has yet to make a final determination.

A motion was made to approve the November meeting minutes. Motion seconded and approved.

The Task Force reviewed this year's Angel Tree/Award of Merit ceremony. Members agreed it was helpful to flip the layout for the ceremony, as it seemed to provide for more space and better lighting. Having Trooper Haynes' car immediately in front of the north entrance was an excellent placement. The Gazette had a good editorial the day of the event, and the TV ads produced by Charter received positive feedback as well.

Officer Brandon Ihde from the Billings Police Department attended this month's meeting. He presented the idea of having a DUI TF presence at the St. Patrick's Day parade. He noted last year the Sheriff's Office and Billings Police Department had a presence at the event. An idea presented is to have Trooper Haynes' car on the trailer with a BPD truck pulling it and utilizing the banners previously made for Trooper Haynes' car. Another idea presented is to have logoed t-shirts (possibly long sleeved) made featuring the STEP Selective Traffic Enforcement Program and the DUI Task Force. At this point in time the parade entrance fee is not known. T-shirts would be given to TF members who participate in the parade by walking alongside the trailer and giving out candy. BPD currently utilizes Creative Monograms for many of their logoed apparel items. A motion was made to support this project by having Creative Monograms invoice the TF up to \$300 for t-shirts. Any remaining funds can be put towards event support. Motion seconded and approved.

Task Force members received electronic copies of the current budget prior to the meeting. The group reviewed the budget documents at this meeting. No questions or issues were raised. Darla will provide a final budget report on the RFPs awarded for the July-Dec 2013 cycle after the January 31 deadline for reimbursement requests and reports are due.

The Task Force is beginning to receive requests for support for the non-alcoholic graduation parties that most schools in the county offer to their graduating seniors. A motion was made to provide a total of \$2,500 of support for these parties. The Task Force determined April 1 is the deadline for schools to request support, and this amount will be divided among the total number of schools requesting support. Motion seconded and approved.

The Task Force tabled the judiciary elections panel agenda item until a later date.

It has been several years since the Task Force reviewed and updated its' bylaws. David Carter utilized the bylaws from the Gallatin County DUI Task Force and presented a draft for review prior to his resignation. These were sent electronically to Task Force members. The group reviewed these at the meeting and made suggestions for clarification and editing. Darla will make changes and re-send to the group for review. Another review will take place at the February meeting.

The group noted an important component of a successful Task Force is engaged, active membership. As included in the updated bylaws, membership requirements will be updated. Upon approval, Task Force members who have three (3) or more consecutive unexcused absences may be subject to removal. It was noted there are current members who have several unexcused absences. Darla will send a letter to those individuals to determine their interest in continuing to be a member of the Yellowstone County DUI Task Force and they will be asked to respond prior to the February meeting.

There was not enough time left to adequately review and explore advertising options, including billboards, bathroom stall signage, cab signs, and other opportunities. This will be an agenda item for our February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.