

Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2010

Present: Barbara Grossman, Sharmin Brougham, Walter Shore, John Bedford, Monty Wallis, Chad Fehr, Kristin Lundgren, Elsie Arntzen, Jeannie Martin, Tammi Reimer, Mary Aggers, Rodney Willson, Roger Gordon, Jessica Reffalt, Jason J. Wells, Chris Thompson, Jean Kerr, Laura Harper. Excused: Kevin Holland

Meeting called to order at 12:00.

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

An update was given on the progress of the subcommittee for the Educational Forum. Excellent progress has been made to date. The goals of the forum are to present the extent of the problem of DUI within our community; give a history of how we've gotten here; and to present information on the bills coming forward. The event will take place on August 25 at noon on the MSU B campus in the Student Union Building Ballroom. It will begin at noon and run until 1:30. Reserved seats will be saved for legislators and candidates. Our goal is to have 100 to 150 present beyond legislators and candidates. David asked each Task Force member to invite 5 to 10 people. We will provide packets to legislators and candidates with Yellowstone County-specific data, the current laws for DUI and MIPs, and the texts of the bill drafts coming out of the Interim Law and Justice Committee. Kristin Lundgren developed a visually powerful 2-page document highlighting the Yellowstone County specific data. KTVQ2 will film the event. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. David asked members to arrive by 11:00 to help with setup. Monty agreed to help Darla with the room layout.

The Regional DUI Task Force meeting will take place in Red Lodge on September 20. Darla and Walter said they will be attending. If other members are interested in attending, please let Darla know.

The Ales for Trails event is set for Friday, September 24 at Dehler Park. They have invited the Task Force to have a presence at this event with a booth. Captain Bedford has had conversations with Bruce Chesson regarding this event and the Task Force presence. At the next meeting, we will have a signup sheet for those interested in volunteering.

Chad provided follow-up information regarding the Fixx at 6 events. These are similar to the Alive at 5 events, only held on Fridays instead of Thursdays. They are coordinated by Benditti Media and they have concluded for the summer. This is an event we may want to consider having a presence at next year.

Rod had contacted the Chamber of Commerce regarding packet information and costs for the Hello Montana program, which includes hard copy materials, TV, and email. He will bring more information to the next meeting.

The group revisited the signage and advertising package information presented by MSU Billings Athletics. No action was taken as this time.

We briefly discussed new tools for detection and education regarding DUI, such as passive intoxicizers. Captain Bedford will bring more information at a later date.

Judge Kerr from Laurel Municipal Court and Walter Shore stated they are starting a DUI court for Laurel and requested funding for an upcoming training. The Task Force recommended they submit a proposal for complete funding at the next RFP cycle in October.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.