

Yellowstone County DUI Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2010

Present: Chad Fehr, Heidi Roberts, Jeannie Martin, David Carter, Elsie Arntzen, Scott Ayers, John Bedford, Monty Wallis, Barbara Grossman, Kristin Lundgren, Stan Langve, John Blair, Rob Willson, Roger Gordon, Chris Thompson, Erin Sanderson, Darla Tyler-McSherry. Excused: Tammi Reimer, Mary Aggers, Laura Harper, Kevin Holland.

Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM. Motion was made and seconded to approve January meeting minutes. Motion passed to approve minutes.

Chris Thompson and Erin Sanderson from the Montana Army National Guard shared with the Task Force some of the strategies being used by the Guard for their Drug Demand Reduction Program. The mission of the DDRP . . ."provides supports to schools, community coalitions and law enforcement agencies in an effort to reduce illicit drug abuse." This program also provides prevention resources, drug education, and leadership training. They are interested in learning more about the DUI Task Force, and plan to attend meetings in the future. Darla will send a PDF or hard copy of this program to Task Force members along with contact information.

John Blair from the Reno Club is the new Tavern Association representative for the Task Force. He is looking forward to having the Tavern Association more available to the Task Force. The Tavern Association is planning to launch a campaign highlighting their community projects.

An update on the legislator survey regarding DUI issues was provided. Darla is in the process of locating a professor and/or class at MSU Billings to assist with this project. Captain Bedford met with a grad assistant for a MSU B professor, and was told that they could not help with this project. Elsie had suggested we sponsor a panel discussion and invite our local legislators and candidates to discuss these topics. It was discussed how we need to approach DUI issues as safety issues, not a political stance. It was decided to move forward by having all members bring 3 ideas to the next meeting as to how to approach legislators with this issue.

David updated the Task Force on this year's strategic plan progress. The documentary concept is still there, but our media contacts have been addressing staffing and funding issues regarding this project. He also shared our current budget figures and Darla will pdf or hard copy to all members. The University of Montana recently released a study on the current DUI penalty system, which all members should currently have an electronic copy. If you do not have a copy, please let Darla know.

The 2010-2011 Strategic Plan will be coming due late spring/early summer. Each member is assigned to bring 3 ideas for next year's plan to the March meeting.

State Farm contacted Darla regarding having a DUI Task Force presence at their upcoming Health Fair in April. Darla will provide educational handouts and promotional products we used at the fair.

Barbara shared brochures developed by the Crime Prevention Center. The topics include Business Watch, ID theft, computer safety, and personal safety. If anyone would like more, please contact her directly.

The statewide DUI Task Force meeting will take place in Helena on April 15 and 16. More details will be available at the March meeting.

Next meeting is Thursday, March 18 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.