

**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 18, 2009**

Present: Kareene Butler, Jeannie Martin, Polly Eames, John Bedford, Keith Edgell, Roger Gordon, Monty Wallis, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Bill Michaelis, David Carter

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM. The May minutes were approved without change.

The March Against Drugs and Violence on June 13 was a successful event. There was a good turnout and there was a good representation of several community groups, including the Task Force. Bob Hilliard from the local Elks Lodge expressed a strong interest in bringing educational programs/tools regarding impaired driving into local schools. Darla shared information with him regarding the Task Force's RFP process. She will follow up to answer questions he may have.

Jennifer Montgomery from the Your Choice program gave an update on their progress. She stated she has received excellent assistance from Jason Mahoney at St. Vincent's. They brought the program to 4 area schools this past year—Red Lodge, Bridger, Skyview and West. Several schools indicated they would like the Your Choice program back again next year. Her goal is to increase the community's awareness of the program and its' message. She is also considering working on video projects which will highlight impaired driving and 4-wheeling and motorcycles. She was encouraged to explore the Task Force's RFP process.

The group began signing up for shifts to work the Task Force booth at Montana Fair. This schedule will be sent out electronically and will also be on the July meeting agenda.

Darla asked the group if we want to conduct radio promotions in conjunction with the Fair and/or other related projects. No action was taken at this time. More MT Fair discussion will be on the July meeting agenda.

Keith Edgell reported he and David Carter are making good progress with embedding media into the DUI process—which is part of our Strategic Plan.

Monty Wallis discussed the possibility of reporting DUI convictions on the local news television channels. He will check with David Carter regarding this topic. No action was taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16.