

**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 21, 2012**

**Present:** Jason Wells, Mary Aggers, Jade Freiboth, Sharmon Brougham, Barbara Grossman, Chuck Bratsky, Cindy Boyd, Linda Alkire, John Bedford, Walter Shore, Mike Yakawich, Becky Bey, Pilsun Knok, John Yakawich, Kent O'Donnell, Roger Gordon, Jeannie Martin, Stephanie Hons, Darla Tyler-McSherry.  
**Excused:** Kevin Holland, Kristin Lundgren, Monty Wallis, Keith Edgell, Rod Souza, and David Carter.

Meeting called to order at 11:38 AM.

The primary focus for this meeting was to review and vote on submitted RFPs for the July 1-December 31, 2012 cycle.

Becky Bey from The Center for Children and Families submitted an RFP for transportation assistance (in the form of van service ((for group activities)), cab service, bus passes, and use of approved/legal family friends to aid in transportation) for their clients. The presented nexus between DUI and their request is that in order to prevent the continuation of substance abuse and DUI in families, support must exist for sober living. If barriers to services exist, clients can't get the help they needs, thus not being able to get out of the cycle. The requested amount is \$4,800.

Mike Yakawich submitted a proposal on behalf of the March Against Drugs and Violence for support in producing next year's March Against Drugs and Violence. This past year they had over 400 people attend. The presented nexus between this project and DUI is networking, education, and information sharing. The requested amount is \$3,100.

Yellowstone County Family Drug Treatment Court submitted an RFP for treatment assistance (chemical dependency and mental health treatment, psychiatric assessment and related psychotropic medication costs) and medical/dental costs for their clients. The presented nexus between their request and DUI is that in order to keep people from driving drunk, they have to get into and remain in recovery. Without this care, clients are often unable to attend treatment and ancillary service requirements due to illness and/or ongoing pain. The requested amount is \$8,000.

The Yellowstone County Impaired Driving Court submitted an RFP for incentives, graduation supplies, alternative transportation, and training for new team members, and officer overtime. The presented nexus between their request and DUI is that their clients are mostly repeat offenders, and we have an option of warehousing repeat offenders or give them an opportunity to go through programs such as this court in order for them to become productive members of society. The total requested amount is \$5,000.

Laurel Police Department submitted an RFP request for three Alco-Sensor III's. The presented nexus between this request and DUI is that these instruments will be used directly in the detection, arrest, and successful prosecution of drivers under the influence of alcohol. The requested amount is \$1,500.

The Montana Crime Prevention Association submitted a request for the creation, production and promotion of a public service announcement (PSA) which highlights the problem of prescription drugs and driving. The MCPA successfully partnered with the DUI Task Force last year in creating two PSAs featuring Tawny Haines and Rebecca Sturdevant. The presented nexus between the request and DUI is prevention, education, and community awareness. The requested amount is \$5,000.

MSU Billings Campus Police submitted a request for support for overtime DUI patrol shifts. The presented nexus between their request and DUI is direct detection and apprehension of impaired driving. The requested amount is \$2,883.

Probation and Parole submitted a request for support in helping pay overtime for P&P Officers who are conducting home and bar checks on felony DUI offenders. Recently, in an overtime patrol shift, eight officers visited 124 homes in one evening and had a 5% arrest rate. The presented nexus between their request and DUI is making sure offenders are in compliance with the terms of their probation or parole. The requested amount is \$7,000.

The Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office submitted an RFP for a Panasonic Arbitrator mobile video system and four Alco-Sensor III's. The presented nexus between this project and DUI is the need to have video evidence for the successful prosecution of DUI offenders as well as the Alco-Sensor III's used directly in the detection, arrest, and successful prosecution of DUI offenders. The requested amount is \$6,100.

Willson LLC submitted an RFP for Taxi Tavern support. Their records indicate that by having bars and taverns give these to their customers who should not be behind the wheel, they kept 728 impaired people off the road in the past 3 ½ months. The presented nexus between their request and DUI is keeping drunk drivers off the road by providing an alternative way to get home. The requested amount is \$5,000.

Fish, Wildlife, and Parks submitted an RFP for support for special patrols to address alcohol related problems that impact Yellowstone County residents. Some of these problems include Boating Under the Influence, drinking parties at isolated fishing access sites, drinking in Lake Elmo State Park, and river-using spectators at the Billings area motorcycle hill climbs. The presented nexus between this request and DUI is direct detection and apprehension of impaired drivers. The requested amount is \$5,000.

After careful consideration and deliberation, the Task Force voted to approve the amounts as shown in Attachment I. The final vote was 13 yes and 1 no.

Members were asked to review the current Membership list and make any needed changes to their contact information.

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

Discussion on the Forum as part of the MT Crime Prevention Association Conference in Billings in October as well as leveraging the latest technology (i.e. Twitter) in sharing DUI legislative information was tabled until the next meeting.

Darla and David are working on the Strategic Plan for 2012-2013. A copy will be provided to Task Force members in the near future.

Our advertising contract for the cab signs through City Cab is due. Advertising on cabs for July-December 2012 is \$3,024.00. A motion was made to approve this amount. Motion seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.