

**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2010**

Present: Monty Wallis, Heidi Roberts, Barbara Grossman, Jason Wells, Jeannie Martin, Roger Gordon, Kevin Holland, Rod Willson, Barry Willson, John Bedford, David Carter, Kristin Lundgren, Tammi Reimer, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Laura Harper, Keith Edgell, Rod Souza, Mary Aggers, and Chad Fehr.

Meeting called to order at 12:02 PM. A motion was made to approve the February meeting minutes. Motion seconded. All present voted in favor to approve meeting minutes.

The state-wide DUI Task Force meeting is set for April 15 and 16 in Helena. John Bedford will attend as well as David Carter, depending upon his trial schedule. Barry Willson also expressed interest. Those interested in attending should let Darla or David know as soon as possible.

Darla requested help with securing guests for the Community 7 show. Ideas and /or guests suggested are: crash scene investigator from BPD; Heidi from Rimrock Foundation and the ACT program; Willson LLC with the Tavern Taxi/Jacket Cab program; Jeannie-victim impact; DUI problems seen in the ER and Crisis Center; Fish Wildlife and Park-BUI issues; and local legislators. The April show will be either BPD or Willson LLC.

The next RFP cycle is due May 1. Information and applications are available on our website (www.co.yellowstone.mt.us/dui). If your organization is submitting for funding, please remember a clear nexus between your project(s) and DUI prevention/enforcement must be present. Additionally, bear in mind the earlier we receive submissions the easier this process will be for all.

We discussed strategies for the 2010-2011 Strategic Plan. Members shared the following ideas:

Monty-- 1) create a specialized Task Force to address DUI and traffic issues in the community (higher level of enforcement) 2) rate legislators on DUI issues 3) create an anti-DUI campaign in community

Heidi --1) create a logo or message which teams up with victims to put a face on DUI issues 2) have an educational session with local legislators 3) more community awareness.

Jason Wells--more education on the dangers of mixing alcohol with prescription drugs

Willsons—1) poster campaign in taverns with anti-DUI message 2) commercial showing DUI victims as well as offenders 3) scratch pad at taverns reminding servers to pay attention to patrons' habits and offer alternatives to get home safely 4) email to all elected officials with the YouTube video (TAC video) to increase awareness of DUI issue

Barbara-1) raise taxes on state liquor stores 2) raise prices on liquor sales 3) make people aware it is a privilege and not a right to drive 4) mandatory classes beginning in junior high for DUI education

Kevin—1) purchase ads in hunting and fishing regulation books to educate on the state DUI laws 2) other educational opportunities—i.e. felony convictions and how it applies to weapon possession

Jeannie—1) legislative efforts

Roger—1) address alcohol availability at MT Fair—position statement from DUI Task Force 2) reinforce what the Gazette is doing with DUI stories 3) get insurance companies involved with education/awareness on DUI issues 4) buyers of marijuana forfeit driver's license

A motion was made to submit an editorial to the Gazette from the Task Force praising the Gazette on its' and Lee Enterprises' efforts to raise awareness on the DUI issues. Motion seconded. Vote unanimously passed.

John-1) rent or buy TAC video 2) increase awareness of "legal" products and how they affect driving ability

Kristin 1) media campaign 2) coordinate funding opportunities between Task Force and Roots of Promise on DUI issues 3) education on drugged driving and marijuana use and driving 4) specialized Task Force

Tammi 1) offenders share stories in schools

David 1) push City Council to adopt ordinance like Darby, Missoula in regards to criminalizing refusal to blow 2) use Task Force funding to put a local, human face on DUI issues, i.e. testify at Legislature, appears in ads, etc.

Chad (submitted prior to meeting) 1) contact Elections office to see if we can mail a survey to randomly selected 100-200 voters in each district to get their opinions on DUI issues, then share data with legislators to show them how their constituents feel about DUI issues.

David provided an update on the upcoming legislative session. Hot topics related to DUI issues will be refusal to provide breath test; aggravated DUI to address repeat offenders; and addressing drugged driving issues utilizing per se statutes.

A candidate forum may be a good opportunity for the Task Force to bring more public awareness and education on DUI to the general public, but it was suggested to wait until after the primary elections.

Darla is planning to attend the American College Health Association (ACHA) Annual Meeting in June. She has financial support from the STOP grant collaboration between Roots of Promise and MSUB. She is waiting to hear if she receives a travel scholarship from the Rocky Mountain College Health Association, which is an affiliate of ACHA and MSU B is a member of both organizations. If she does not receive this scholarship, she requested assistance from the Task Force for up to \$700 to help with registration fees and travel. The presented nexus between this conference and DUI is that many breakout sessions focus on problem drinking, subsequent behaviors, and college students. A motion was made to support her costs up to \$700. Motion seconded. Vote unanimously passed.

Jeannie Martin will serve on victim impact panels. Please contact her directly if you'd like more information.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.