

Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
May 2010

Present: Monty Wallis, Roger Gordon, Jeannie Martin, Barbara Grossman, Scott Ayers, David Carter, Kevin Holland, Heidi Roberts, Chad Fehr, Codie Wahrman, Jackie Alisch, Tyler Harris, Kristin Lundgren, Mary Aggers, Tammi Reimer, Art Lusse, John Bedford, Debbie Cook, John Blair, Rod Souza, Barry Willson, Rodney Willson, Elsie Arntzen, Darla Tyler-McSherry. Excused: Laura Harper.

Meeting called to order at 11:37 AM.

A question arose in relation to the Custer Country tourism issues—are we doing things properly? The answer is yes, since we have meetings open to the public; we have a public vote; the meeting minutes and agendas are made public on our website; and financial transactions are handled according to county procedures.

Kristin Lundgren and Laura Harper provided a great deal of technical assistance for the 2010-2011 Strategic Plan. The model the state wants us to use in developing the plan is one they are both very familiar with. Kristin explained the flow chart to the group, which was emailed to the Task Force and hard copies were provided at the meeting. The flow chart does an excellent job of identifying the issues we face in addressing DUI along with identifying the interventions/activities, and it links potentials for partnerships.

The budget for 2010-2011 is also part of the Strategic Plan. Members were emailed a copy of the current budget with actual expenditures. A motion was made to keep the same percentages of the total budget the same when developing the 2010-2011 budget. Motion seconded and approved.

MSU Billings HEROES submitted an RFP request in the amount of \$6,675 to support Jacket Cab safe rides program, freshman and parent letter, Ultimate HERO, a lecture related to DUI prevention, TGIT, assistance in travelling to The BACCHUS Network's General Assembly, social norming aides and the 21st birthday card project. The nexus between this request and DUI is that several of these activities are identified by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism as Tier 3 activities in addressing alcohol abuse issues in college students, which means they are activities that have good early research and data analysis is promising, but need further research. The main objective for HEROES is to create and maintain a healthy campus environment for students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community. A motion was made to support HEROES in the amount of \$6,675 for the next year. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Willson LLC submitted an RFP for Tavern Taxi enhancement. Members of the Yellowstone County Tavern Association can purchase vouchers to give to patrons as an alternative to driving home. The

funding request is to match the tavern owner's cost of the vouchers. The nexus between this request and the mission of the Task Force is to keep impaired drivers off the road by providing a safe alternative transportation option. A motion was made to support this request in the full amount of \$5,000 for the next six months. Motion was seconded and vote passed unanimously, with Rodney and Barry Willson abstaining from voting.

The March Against Drugs and Violence submitted a letter asking for support for the June 12 event. The nexus between this request and the Task Force is increasing awareness of alcohol and drug issues in our community, and it makes a statement that we don't accept drugs and violence in our community. A motion was made to approve the requested amount of \$500. Motion seconded and unanimously passed, with Kristin Lundgren abstaining.

Billings Police Department submitted two RFP requests. One is \$3000 for DUI enforcement-related equipment. The second request is for \$5000 to send officers to an advanced investigation accident school in Spokane, WA. The nexus between these requests and the mission of the Task Force is DUI enforcement. A motion was made to approve both amounts for a total of \$8,000. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.

Probation and Parole submitted an RFP request to help pay overtime for Officers to conduct home and bar checks on Felony DUI offenders. The nexus between this request and the DUI Task Force is enforcing DUI laws. A motion was made to approve the full amount of \$9,000. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.

Fish, Wildlife, and Parks submitted a request for \$10,000 to provide additional overtime shifts for the next fiscal year. The nexus between this request and the DUI Task Force is DUI enforcement as their focus would include Boating under the Influence, drinking parties at isolated fishing access sites and other remote locations, drinking in Lake Elmo State Park, and river-using spectators at the Billings area motorcycle hill climbs. A motion was made to amend the request to \$5,000 for the next 6 months. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.

The Montana Highway Patrol submitted two RFP requests. One is for \$1,200 to provide Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training for 60 local law enforcement officers. The second request is for \$6,000 for overtime patrol shifts for the next 6 months. The nexus between these requests and the DUI Task Force is enforcement of DUI laws. A motion was made to approve both requests for a total of \$7,200. Motion seconded and unanimously passed.

The Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department submitted a RFP request for \$2,000 to support Keggar Patrol beginning mid-May and continuing through the end of June. The nexus between this request and DUI Task Force is enforcement of DUI laws. A motion was made to approve the full request of \$2,000. Motion seconded and unanimously passed.

Task Force members supported the idea of having a booth at the March Against Drugs and Violence. Darla will make arrangements. At this time, Rod Willson and Barbara Grossman indicated they would be available to help with the booth on June 12 on the Courthouse lawn.

Darla thanked Monty Wallis for writing the copy for our radio campaign targeting high school graduates. The radio campaign is on The Zone 96.3 and the TV PSAs are on all 4 local channels beginning May 17.

Discussion arose about the Task Force having a more visible presence at other local events. Each Task Force member is to bring their ideas on this topic to the June meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM.