

**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2012**

Present: Barbara Grossman, Chuck Bratsky, Kent O'Donnell, Jade Freiboth, David Carter, Walter Shore, Sharmon Brougham, Tammi Reimer, Rodney Willson, Keith Edgell, Monty Wallis, Kristin Lundgren, Jeannie Martin, Roger Gordon, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Kevin Holland, Stan Langve.

Meeting called to order at 12:00PM.

The April meeting minutes did not reflect Chuck Bratsky was present and Barbara Grossman was excused. Motion made to approve April meeting minutes with these corrections. Motion seconded and approved.

Jade asked for ideas in finding people age 21-25 for a focus group on social norming messages regarding providing alcohol to underage youth. Some suggestions given to her included contacting Judge Kolar's office, the Big Jay show on 101.9, and Tammi may have some clients who could assist with this project.

Sharmon reported that John Underwood's Life of An Athlete program was a success this past week. He held a coaches' clinic on Monday; one hundred fifty hand-picked high school students attended his program on Tuesday, and a community forum was held on Wednesday. Seven schools in Yellowstone County have now adopted his program, which focuses on healthy and holistic lifestyle choices.

The Billings PD secured enough funds from other sources for their new K9. Funds from the DUI Task Force are not needed.

Darla provided an update on the high school senior graduation parties. Seven of the eligible nine schools applied. In January the Task Force voted to allocate \$2,000 total to be divided among the schools that apply for the funding prior to the April meeting. Seven checks in the amount of \$285 each were mailed earlier this week.

David provided a budget update. Darla will email the updates to the group. We will have funds available for the upcoming RFP process. David indicated the proposed '12-'13 budget mimics this year's budget. The meeting with Commissioners for budget approval is in early- to mid- June—we will confirm the date and send out to the group. All Task Force members are welcome to attend this meeting.

David and Darla are currently working on the upcoming 2012-2013 strategic plan. We will provide a draft to the Task Force.

Darla emailed the Task Force and previous recipients in early May about the upcoming RFP process. Applications are due June 1. Information regarding the RFP process is available at www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/dui. We will review and vote on submitted RFPs at the June meeting. This cycle will run July 1-December 31.

The Task Force continued to discuss the Forum concept. It was agreed it have it as part of the Montana Crime Prevention Association's Conference in Billings October 23-26. The MCPA graciously has offered the Task Force a spot either during the conference itself or possibly a breakfast or evening program. We discussed possibilities for the focus or theme of the event. One thought is to have a more localized theme since Yellowstone County has unique factors to address, such as repeat offenders. Another thought is to explore novel ways to address DUI, including insurance, treatment, DUI courts, and financial incentives. A third thought is addressing how DUI no longer involves just alcohol, but includes marijuana, prescription drugs, spice, and combinations of these, and how legislators and the public need to be educated on this topic. The homework for the group is to come to the next meeting with 2 to 3 topics or messages for the Forum.

We continued to discuss having a DUI TF Twitter account active during the Legislative session. Discussion involved determining its' potential effectiveness and holding legislators accountable for the votes on DUI legislation. David will continue homework on this project.

Walter Shore announced he closed Coral Reef Counseling and now works for Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. He wishes to continue serving on the Task Force and indicated his supervisors would like him to represent YBGR. A motion was made to approve Walter's continued membership on the board representing YBGR. Motion seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.