

Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2010

Present: Mary Aggers, Tammi Reimer, Barbara Grossman, Monty Wallis, Walter Shore, John Bedford, Jeannie Martin, Roger Gordon, Alan Gordon, Barry Willson, Rod Souza, Erin Sanderson, Stan Langve, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Kevin Holland, David Carter, Chad Fehr.

Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM.

A motion was made to approve the August meeting minutes. Darla pointed out she failed to include the documentation that the group voted to approve up to \$6000 for a Labor Day media campaign. Motion was made to approve August minutes with that information included. Motion seconded and passed.

Information was given to the group regarding the numbers for the Labor Day media campaign. This information will be in an Excel document and emailed with the September minutes.

The next deadline for RFP submissions is October 1.

The group discussed the Legislative Forum held on August 25. Comments included: we received good media attention for the event; we didn't address specific legislation as much as we needed to; lots of community members in attendance; we had 100+ people in attendance; next time include felony DI offenders and officers on panel; packet information given to legislators and candidates was helpful; Q&A session was supposed to last longer but cut short due to miscommunication; some audience members were motivated to get involved; AG went over the allotted time; 24/7 program has nothing to do with legislation; more time needed to present legislation to candidates.

Discussion continued as to what our "next steps" should be. Prior to the election, we will send a letter to candidates and legislators to remind them we can be a source of information for them and to offer our help with DUI issues and education. Discussion also included having another forum for legislators after the election and prior to the session beginning to specifically provide education on bill drafts. The group believes having this forum immediately following the Angel Tree ceremony would be an appropriate time. Darla will check on the availability of the conference room where we have refreshments after the Angel Tree ceremony.

A signup sheet for our booth at the Ales for Trails event was distributed. It's set for Friday, August 24 from 4:00-8:00 PM in Dehler Park. No entrance ticket needed, and they are reserving space for us. The organizers have expressed interest in Tavern Taxi tickets being available at the event. Barry suggested having 1 bar purchase them as with the regular Tavern Taxi program.

The Regional DUI Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 20 in Red Lodge. Walter Shore, Erin Thompson, Jeannie Martin, John Bedford, Barry Willson and Darla Tyler-McSherry expressed an interest in attending.

The Chamber of Commerce packet cost information was tabled until the next meeting.

Barry indicated Willson LLC would again like to offer the top signs on the cabs as advertising space for the Task Force, but did not have costs or contact dates at this time. Darla will follow up.

We are currently very few wallet BAC cards left. A motion was made to purchase 1500 cards. Motion seconded, and vote approved.

Barry shared with the group that the Chase Hawks Foundation was extremely willing and helpful in having a Task Force presence at the Burn the Point event in August.

Walter shared with the group that the Laurel DUI Court had its first team meeting and it is up and running. He will be attending a statewide conference at the end of September. Mary will attend that conference as well.

Discussion also included new substances people are using that results in impaired driving. The main item discussed was "spice". Erin Sanderson said she will check to see what information she can share with us. Darla will forward to the rest of the group. The group feels we need to be seen as a source of information to the public on substances such as this, and that we need to keep the dialogue going on via information sharing, PSAs, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.