

Sampson County Meth Taskforce
Meeting December 5, 2007
Minutes

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce met on December 5, 2007 at Sampson Community College in the Warren Student Center Board Room.

Chair, J.W. Simmons, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. JW gave the Invocation.

Present: J.W. Simmons; Sarah Bradshaw; Renee' White; Lillian Wells; Mary Margaret Hobbs; Becky Jackson; Terrace Miller; Joyce Gaskin; Kenneth King; Nestor Rivera; Margaret Vinson; Jennifer Slade; and Janet Rosenberger.

The minutes for the September 28, 2007 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion on the referral handout card. Sarah Bradshaw stated that the subcommittees will be working on this beginning the first of the year. We will try to stay on track with bi-monthly meetings beginning in February 2008.

JW reviewed the May 15th & 16th summit. He's had calls to continue this training in the school system.

Becky Jackson stated that they have grants with Eastpointe and the Cooperative Extension for continuing drug education. There have been a lot of changes with attitudes about drugs since Dr. Holley came in May. The data on S.A.S.S.Y. has also gone over well and they've had referrals. They worked during the Hispanic parent's night and gave out information and showed them how to use the drug kits. They are very thankful to Eastpointe for the grant that helped them with this endeavor. Sarah asked for data that could be used on the Hispanic radio station. Becky added that knowing parents can get drug kits to test them is a deterrent for the students. It is well publicized in the schools with posters etc.

NEW BUSINESS

JW would like to have Dr. Holley to come back to the area possibly in March to do more programs. Becky Jackson stated that they could contact the principals to see if there is interest in having her do presentations at the middle schools. She added that there had been great response from the students who had heard Dr. Holley. Sarah Bradshaw stated that the Events and Community Relations Subcommittee could possibly meet in January about having more presentations conducted at the 4 area high schools since these students there have more freedom. She made a motion that the Subcommittee meet in January to discuss several things including possibly acquiring grants. Becky Jackson seconded the motion with complete support by the Taskforce. Sarah will set up the meeting. Kenneth King mentioned that it would be good to add the Meth Taskforce link to schools websites.

Sarah stated that possibly 4-H students could assist with completing the Meth Taskforce contact cards project. These would provide information for intervention assistance. The card idea came about due to an incident that happened to a pastor on a weekend when someone went to him for assistance with their addition problem. A reference card would be beneficial to the Meth Taskforce as well as other agencies.

Nestor Rivera added that it takes multi-discipline programs to get to the addicts. There are medical conditions related to their addictions. JW said that it would be good to have more medical professionals on the Taskforce. JW mentioned that we need to develop avenues to educate the Latino community and work on solutions for the area. We're now addressing other addictions as well but don't want to lose the Meth Taskforce.

Jennifer Slade mentioned that the Faith Based Subcommittee currently has 4 members. JW reminded the group that the Gang Conference will be held next Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at the Agi-Expo Center. There will be approximately 300 attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.