

**Sampson County Meth Taskforce
Meeting November 19, 2008
Minutes**

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce met on November 19, 2008 at the Plainview Fire Department. Chair, J.W. Simmons, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with an invocation by Rev. Jennifer Slade.

Present: J.W. Simmons; Sarah Bradshaw; Lillian Wells; Terry Miller; Ronald Bass; Rev. Jennifer Slade; Becky Jackson; David Kidd; David Chestnutt; Jeff Shipp; Jimmy Thornton; Margaret Vincent; Kelly Page; Dan Heinz; and Janet Rosenberger.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Exempt Status: Information was shared with everyone regarding the pursuit of tax exempt status for the Taskforce. Frank Bradshaw has prepared the Articles of Corporation and submitted them to the Secretary of State. He would like to meet with the Taskforce to work on the by-laws either December 11th or 19th so this can be completed as soon as possible. A Board of Director's will need to be set up as well. The Taskforce will receive an email as soon as the meeting date is decided.

Everyone was reminded that the regular meetings will continue to be bi-monthly, every 3rd Wednesday at 8:30 am at the Human Services Building in the upstairs Conference Room.

Since several Meth labs have been located in the Plainview area, the Taskforce decided to take the meeting this month on the road. Plans for future community meetings will be decided.

Dr. Holley: JW informed the group that he is working with Becky Jackson with the county schools to have Dr. Holley back to the county to speak at Lakewood High and Midway High.

NEW BUSINESS

Signs for Display: Jeff Shipp brought 34 signs that he had made for the Taskforce for anyone interested to place in the county to inform the public about our Meth Taskforce website. The signs have a skull and cross-bones with *METH* at the top and the website address below. Everyone agreed that the signs would be informative and would garner attention and hopefully people would then access the website. The signs can be displayed in yards or roadways outside the city limits

It was decided that a small group should work on the list of resources to update them for the website. Lillian Wells, Margaret Vincent and David Chestnutt agreed to take on this task.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:45 so that the community presentation could begin at 7:00 pm. Sheriff Jimmy Thornton, SBI Agent Kelly Page, Dan Heinz with the Justice Academy and David Chestnutt with Open Door Ministries spoke to the community attendees and the Taskforce.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.