

**Sampson County Meth Taskforce
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
May 20, 2009**

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce Board of Directors met on May 20, 2009 at the Human Services Building DSS Boardroom. Chair, J.W. Simmons, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am with an invocation.

Present: J.W. Simmons; Sarah Bradshaw; Jeff Shipp; Robin Henderson; Mary Margaret Hobbs; Eric Pope; Becky Jackson; Wanda Robinson; Jay Tilley; and Janet Rosenberger.

Minutes from the April 22, 2009 meeting were approved with a motion from Jeff Shipp, seconded by Sarah Bradshaw.

Treasurer Report: JW reported that the account still consists of the initial \$500 deposit.

OLD BUSINESS

Welcome New Board Members: JW welcomed Wanda Robinson to her first Board of Directors meeting. He then introduced and welcomed Jay Tilley as our final member to the Board. Sarah Bradshaw made a motion to begin sending new Board members a welcome letter and informational packet when there are any resignations/vacancies. Jeff seconded the motion with complete agreement by the Board.

South River Grant: A small work group met recently and worked on the application for the South River grant program. Sarah reviewed the application information and the \$12,000 budget the group proposed. The funding would assist the Task Force in improving our website, having more training efforts and seminars. The deadline to submit the application is May 29th.

Becky spoke about the endeavors that grants acquired through Eastpointe and NC Cooperative Extension have helped them accomplish. SASSY was one of those and was developed to allow schools to have the drug testing kits available to parents. Knowing that their parents can get these tests is a deterrent to students. The kits are obtained from school counselors and can be administered at home. They are not required to report the outcome back to the school. Presently, the schools are looking at other innovative ways to use the grant. There are extensive data reports required for this funding.

Robin and Eric reported that they had met recently and worked on researching available grants. They feel the best hope for applying for grants will be in the fall. Most grant applications require that we include clear cut specifics on how any grant money would be utilized.

Review the Strategic Plan: It was decided at the last meeting that we would replace the Response Plan portion of the Strategic Plan with Coordination of Resources. During discussion, it was determined that the information needed for this would involve developing strategies between agencies that deal with the Response Plan.

Mary Margaret stated that a landlord's responsibility's for cleanup when a meth home is found was highly publicized in the past. This information should be made public again. Robin added that the cost to the taxpayers for clean up should also be included. This could garner attention and more support for the Task Force.

NEW BUSINESS

New Initiatives: We should continue to focus on upcoming events and planning. Sarah stated that she's already talking with her daughter about her senior project since students must choose what they're going to do during their junior year. She's considering working with the Meth Task Force. Perhaps the students could even form a Junior Meth Task Force and could combine it with SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Becky mentioned that t-shirts could be made for the students to wear to assist in getting the message out.

Advertisements/Promotions: Jeff asked that everyone be thinking about an annual fundraising event that the Task Force could be known for presenting yearly. Several ideas were suggested including an Annual Love Offering at local churches, Beach Music Festival, a Midnight Basketball Shootout or Softball Tournament. It was pointed out that we should steer away from any event that allows consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Eric stated that there are regional university journalism programs that we could probably tap into and request someone come in to do interviews with the Task Force, possibly creating a video about how Meth affects families, etc. We could have it mass produced to be distributed to churches, the cable channel, etc. A project like this could perhaps qualify for grant funding.

Public Meetings: It was decided that our next public Meth Task Force meeting be held Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Sarah made a motion to have it in a location in Harrells. Robin seconded the motion with complete agreement by the Board. It was suggested that the Task Force have a quarterly public meeting if possible.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am with a motion from Jeff Shipp, seconded by Sarah Bradshaw.

JW Simmons, President

Date