

**Sampson County Meth Taskforce  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
March 18, 2009**

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce Board of Directors met on March 18, 2009 at the Human Services Building. Chair, J.W. Simmons, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am with an invocation.

Present: J.W. Simmons; Sarah Bradshaw; Jeff Shipp; Pat Green; Joni Fay Fetterman; Renee' White; Robin Henderson; Mary Margaret Hobbs; Becky Jackson; Eric Pope; and Janet Rosenberger.

Treasurer Report: Pat Green informed the Board of Directors that Star Telephone has donated \$500 to start up a checking account. She opened it at New Century Bank on Hwy 701. JW thanked Jeff Shipp for this generous donation.

Minutes from the January 29, 2009 meeting were approved with a motion from Pat Green, seconded by Robin Henderson.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Board of Directors Nomination Committee: Sarah stated that the nomination committee needs to complete filling the Board of Director positions. Amber Cava, Eric Pope, Becky Jackson, and David Chestnutt have been contacted and have agreed to serve. Jeff Shipp made a motion to approve these additions to the Board of Directors. Pat Green seconded the motion with complete agreement from the Board.

Sarah nominated Wanda Robinson and Mary Margaret Hobbs nominated Louie Boykin. Jeff Shipp made a motion to approve these nominations. Robin Henderson seconded the motion with complete agreement from the Board. Sarah stated that she's already contacted Ms. Robinson in advance and she's agreed to serve. Ms. Hobbs will contact Mr. Boykin.

Corporation Status / Identify Additional Needs: JW informed the Board that Billy Peterson, CPA requires some additional information to complete the incorporation process. He wants information on contractual services, funding types, specifics on fundraisers, etc. for the Meth Taskforce. It was agreed that Jeff, Pat and Sarah would meet with Billy to do this final work.

Jeff inquired about the organization of the Taskforce. The Meth Taskforce Strategic Plan will be emailed to the Board of Directors for their review which shows the four initiatives: (1.) Early Intervention, (2.) Public Awareness, (3.) Response Plan and (4.) Training. Changes may need to be made to these and the focus redefined.

Increasing Involvement: We need to look at our initiatives we want to bring forward and decide where we see ourselves heading.

**NEW BUSINESS**

New Initiatives: SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration <http://www.samhsa.gov/>) was mentioned as a great resource. They worked with the HBO series highlighting Meth addictions. We need more ways to get information to the public about Meth and the Taskforce because better education is increasing the recovery rate.

Joni stated that Southeastern United Care, located at 306 Beaman Street, has a therapist there Tuesday – Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is also a doctor on staff who can give medications. They test children and adults and take walk-ins. JW added that there is walk-in

clinic now located at 207 W Main Street. With more need for these types of facilities, it necessitates more information be provided for the public.

Dr. Jonathan Barnes: Dr. Barnes does a radio show in Goldsboro and also writes an article for Sampson Independent. We could explore the possibility of getting him to have a regular, one-day a month call-in program in Sampson County on WCLN. This would be a great way to get more information out. JW stated that Pat Dixon the owner now and was a member of the Taskforce.

Other Business: Sarah stated that the meeting schedule needs to be looked at and the Board needs to determine when it would be best to conduct meetings. Everyone was in agreement that Wednesday mornings are ideal and the next Board of Directors meeting was set for Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:30 am at the same location.

Sarah also informed them that the by-laws state that election of officers needs to be completed annually and they refer to an Annual Meeting of the Board. We need to revisit the by-laws for discussion and revisions.

Pat Green made a motion to adjourn. Mary Margaret Hobbs seconded the motion with complete agreement by the Board.

*Signed: JW Simmons, Chairman*

*April 22, 2009*