

**Sampson County Meth Taskforce
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
April 22, 2009**

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce Board of Directors met on April 22, 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; David Chestnutt; Eric Pope; Joni Faye Fetterman; Renee' White; and Janet Rosenberger.

Minutes from the March 18, 2009 meeting were approved with a motion from Eric Pope, seconded by Robin Henderson.

Treasurer Report: JW reported that our account still consists of the \$500 initial donation from Star Telephone to start up our checking account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Sarah stated that at the last meeting, the Board had approved Wanda Robinson for a Board of Directors position and, Wanda has agreed to serve. Louie Boykin had been nominated but was not contacted prior to today's meeting. In light of that, JW had talked with Jay Tilley and he has agreed to serve. Sarah Bradshaw made a motion to accept Jay Tilley for a seat on the Board of Directors. Eric Pope seconded the motion with complete agreement from the Board. This now completes the 15 member Board of Directors.

Grants Committee: There was discussion on available grants that we could get information about. David Chestnutt mentioned the grant offered by South River. JW stated that he would contact John Wengert, former Task Force member, to find out about this one.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan: Our four initiatives for the Meth Task Force are presently Early Intervention, Public Awareness, Response Plan and Training. J.W. indicated the Meth Task Force early beginnings were focused on training police officers and emergency responders. Sarah stated that DSS originally became involved in the Task Force because of the need for a Response Plan to be developed due to children being removed from Meth homes. This plan was driven by Child Protective Services and law enforcement. It was advised that appropriate emergency responders and Mary Margaret Hobbs get together and review this plan and make any needed changes. A motion by Eric Pope to take Response Plan out of the Strategic Plan was seconded by Mary Margaret Hobbs with approval from the Board. It was also suggested by Eric that this be replaced with Coordination of Resources which would be to serve as resource development. It was decided that Eric and Jeff work together to develop a revised paragraph for the Plan. Sarah stated that the Strategic Plan should be reviewed annually. We also need to set our annual meeting date to present our annual report.

Discussion continued regarding researching available grants to assist with funding projects, etc. David Chestnutt mentioned a drug test kit that had been developed in the past that needs to be "reborn". JW stated that the Task Force should focus aggressively on early intervention. Eric interjected that there is a bill out now to legalize medical marijuana which would only lead to other use.

Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be held on May 20th at 8:30am in the DSS Boardroom. Everyone agreed that we would continue monthly meetings for awhile, every 3rd Wednesday of

the month. It was proposed that the annual meeting be held in January 2010. Robin Henderson made a motion to approve this date which was seconded by Eric Pope. The motion was approved by the Board. There was also discussion about possibly having another evening meeting for the public September 16th and advertise. It was suggested that it be held at the SCC auditorium due to this being free. Robin Henderson made a motion to proceed with these plans, seconded by Eric Pope with the Boards approval.

CPA Information IRS: It was decided that Jeff Shipp, Sarah Bradshaw and Pat Green would meet with Billy Peterson to finalize the non-profit application.

NEW BUSINESS

Prevention, Intervention, Initiatives: JW reviewed some of the items the Task Force has accomplished. Star Telephone assisted with the informational flyers that were distributed to schools and agencies in the area. SASSY was developed for the schools for parents to drug test their children. Jeff suggested that we try to do one annual fundraising event a year. JW added that we need to continue to work on the website and make any changes and additions needed. We could use local youth to assist perhaps to do senior projects related to the Task Force. Jeff added that the Eagle Scouts also do projects.

Other Business: Jay Tilley will be at our next meeting.

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

JW Simmons, Chairman

Date