

**Sampson County Meth Taskforce
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
March 17, 2010**

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce Board of Directors met on March 17, 2010, at the Human Services Building DSS Boardroom. The meeting was called to order at 8:30.

Present: J.W. Simmons; Sarah Bradshaw; Jeff Shipp; Pat Green; Robin Henderson; and Janet Rosenberger. Ken Jones and Andy Sturdy were in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

DR. HOLLEY: Sarah informed the group that Dr. Holley will be in the area May 3rd at Goldsboro High School and Southern Wayne High School, May 4th at Eastern Wayne High School and Spring Creek High School, and May 5th at Charles B. Aycock High School and Rosewood High School. Dr. Holley had stated that she could present wherever needed if she can work it in while she's in the area. She would only charge us \$100.

On May 5th, the Department of Aging is having a senior event at the Expo. We think that Dr. Holley could possibly speak at the Expo from 11:30 to 12:15 since her speaking engagements that day are scheduled for 8:30 am & 2:00 pm. This should give her enough time to have lunch after the Expo and make it to Rosewood High School by 2:00. The Meth Task Force could also possibly have a booth at this event.

OTHER: Ken Jones with Eastpointe stated that there's a serious drug problem in the Albertson area and the pillars of the community are working together and becoming more active in addressing the issues. Duplin County also has a MAMA chapter that is very active. On April 10th, they will sponsor a free concert at 7 pm at East Duplin High School in Beulaville.

CONFIRMATION LETTER: Jeff Shipp shared a letter from South River EMC confirming they have reserved a booth for us at their annual meeting on April 15th at the Crown Arena in Fayetteville. They requested vendors have their booths set up no later than 5:45 pm. They want everyone to be ready to greet people from 6:00 to 7:30. Their meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 pm.

SAMSHA GRANT: Discussion was held regarding the SAMSHA grant application Andy Sturdy is working on for the Task Force. Andy informed the Board that the focus of the grant is in youth drug prevention. It's a \$125,000 per year / 5 year grant and is entirely Federal money and would require total accountability. Managing this size of grant would necessitate assistance from a CPA. The Meth Task Force is up and running and this is what they're looking for in applicants. If granted, the award would start October 1st. The deadline to submit the application is Friday, March 19th by 5pm.

JW stated that the Board will make a collective decision on submitting the application. We should talk more in-depth about any concerns we have about applying. Everyone must understand that these would be public funds requiring total transparency. Sarah asked if the Task Force is ready to go to this level of work. Pat shared her concerns for our ability to match the funding 100% with in-kind support. Through more discussion, it was determined that several

staffing positions would be required to manage the grant if received. Sarah stated that office space at DSS could be used by a Program Director.

JW concluded that this grant would enable us to expand school programs and give us sustainability to assist them with needed curriculums. He requested a few of the Board members to stay behind after the meeting and work with Andy on the application information.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Jeff Shipp to approve the February 20, 2010 minutes, seconded by Pat Green with complete support by the Board.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Jeff Shipp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Bradshaw with complete support by the Board.

JW Simmons, President

Date