

**Sampson County Meth Taskforce
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
July 9, 2010**

The Sampson County Meth Taskforce Board of Directors met on July 9, 2010, at the Human Services Building DSS Boardroom. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer at 10:00.

Present: J.W. Simmons; Jeff Shipp; Pat Green; David Chestnutt; Eric Pope; and Janet Rosenberger.

MINUTES: The March 17, 2010 minutes were approved with a motion from Jeff Shipp, seconded by David Chestnutt.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Green stated that the present balance of the account is \$3,123.86. It was noted that the previous balance listed for the February report in the minutes of that date was incorrect and should have been listed as \$4,528.60. There have been expenditures of \$1,404.74 out of the account since then.

OLD BUSINESS:

BILLBOARDS: JW stated that we have enough in our account presently to go forward with the billboards as discussed in previous meetings. Dawn Denham with Lamar Advertising is working with us. The Board made a telephone call to Lamar Advertising and spoke to Rebecca Eatman, Sales Manager regarding specifics of what we have decided to do. Discussion was held and a final decision was made to have 1 rotating billboard for 6 months at \$1,350. Pat Green made a motion to proceed with this plan, seconded by Jeff Shipp.

OTHER: Pat Green informed the Board that she'd gotten an extension for our tax return. She also mentioned that Dr. Holley had stated to JW that she would speak at the Department of Aging function in May for \$100. She ended up billing us for \$300. Pat suggested that any future agreements of this sort be in writing so we'll have no surprises.

David Chestnutt will check about pricing for drug test kits and will let us know. He will talk with Becky Jackson to find out what the school expense usually runs. There are approximately 25 kits per box. Subject to the cost, a motion to purchase test kits for 6 schools was made by Eric Pope; seconded by Jeff Shipp. It was decided that we would not go over \$800.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECOVERY MONTH: September is National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month. SOLIS (Saving Our Lives in Sampson) will be sponsoring a free public event September 10th at the City Market in Clinton. JW would like for the Meth Task Force to participate. He requested that Janet order 1000 copies of the NIDA publication *The Science of Addiction* that the Meth Task Force could distribute at this event and others. We could place a label on the back of them with "Distributed by the Sampson County Meth Task Force" along with our website information. Eric Pope suggested that inmate workers could place labels on these for us. David Chestnutt also added that school groups could possibly do this as a community service.

FUNDRAISERS:

Discussion was held regarding several Fundraising ideas suggested by Pat Green.

1. Half & Half ticket sales - David added that our new billboards should generate interest in the Task Force and should assist with ticket sales. Eric mentioned that the economy might work against this type of fundraiser right now.
2. A 'blanket' letter requesting donations - Local businesses could be sent a letter with our Task Force information requesting donations. Pat volunteered to draft the letter and have JW do any additions necessary.
3. Application for United Way funding - Pat will check with Nancy Carr about their period for applications.

Eric mentioned that there is an *NC Giving* book that can be purchased for approximately \$100 that lists all foundations and what their focus is for contributions. He stated that rural health would be our field. If we don't want to purchase this publication, it could possibly be found in the library or at SCC for us to research grant opportunities.

MEETING INFORMATION: JW reminded the group that our plan is to go back to SCC with our regular meetings and get back with the whole Meth Taskforce. Jeff stated that it would be beneficial if we could get their input for ideas for the community meeting, fundraisers, etc. David suggested that we possibly have a newsletter to send to the database list. Discussion was held regarding pursuing articles with the area newspapers in preparation for the big community meeting. We should include the Daily Record and the Latino Publication. JW stated that he would contact the Daily Record. David added that the *Easy Living in Sampson County* does excellent articles and they would probably do one for us for a reasonable price.

It was discussed that the next full Meth Task Force meeting be held on Thursday, August 19, 2010, at 8:30 at SCC. We will email with a confirmed date/time.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Pat Green to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janet Rosenberger.