

METH TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

July 6, 2006

Present: D. Briggs, L. Burgess, E. Clark, S. Kibler, E. O'Connell, D. Walker, J. Weaver, and S. White

- Welcomed Debbie Briggs to the Task Force. Dale Bennett, WMS counselor, is also interested in joining the Task Force.
- The Task Force was formed on July 13, 2005 thus has been in existence now for a year. **D. Walker will follow-up with a year end summary and submit it to the newspaper.**
- D. Walker and J. Weaver provided a community presentation for the Skate Park Fundraiser at Keiller Park on June 21st. Simflo expressed interest in having the presentation, but to also include other drugs, as they are trying to work towards a drug free work place. **D. Walker will make the necessary additions to the power point.** S. White and J. Weaver attended the Cochise County Juvenile concerns Conference on June 9th. The conference was productive and well attended. J. Weaver gave the Task Force's presentation at the conference. When the Willcox teachers resume work, in August, they will also receive the presentation.
- J. Weaver reports that the Cochise County Coalition has not had any contact with members this past month and that July's meeting was cancelled.
- SEABHS was not present at this month's meeting. S. White has not received any contact information from them to assist with the referral process for treatment. Task Force members agreed that establishing a seamless referral system to a treatment facility was essential. S. White also provided a list of county wide treatment centers for meth treatment, including a 12 step program. **S. White will follow-up with the validity of those listed.**
- Time spent discussing Mark Evans with the Drug Endangered Children Program and a reported statement that meth use was not a common problem in Cochise County. **J. Weaver to follow-up with M. Evans in this regard. Task Force members will also follow-up on statistics from the WPD, NCCH ER, and the AZ Youth Survey to be able to share with the community.**
- S. White reports that the Drug Testing Committee will submit their proposal to the school board. The proposal will use urine drug screens. If a student has a positive UDS, they will be removed from extra-curricular activities, until they can produce one negative test.
- D. Walker reports that NCCH will be providing drug screens Monday – Friday from 0600 – 1800 hrs and Saturday and Sunday from 0700 – 1000 hrs. It will cost \$30, requiring parental consent but will not require registration. NCCH's drug kit will test for amphetamines, cocaine, ecstasy, meth, opiates, PCP, and THC. WASAs drug screens are also available for \$5 and they test for amphetamine, cocaine, meth, opiates, and THC.
- Sports physicals will be provided on July 27th at 1330 hrs. J. Weaver will have the Meth Task Force booth available. There will be anti- tobacco, meth, and alcohol campaigns given. S. White asked that the medical providers also discuss

and encourage tobacco cessation with the students. **D. Walker to follow-up with the providers and encourage them to do.**

- S. White reports that the STEPS and SIG grants have been submitted.
- D. Walker expresses some concern that the new ER doctors, at NCCH, are not aware of some of the physical signs and symptoms of meth use and she **will provide necessary information to them.**
- The Montana Meth Ads and Partnership Ads have been given to the Rex Allen Theater. Funds, left over from Calvin Terrell, paid for another ad in the TAG magazine. Valley Telecom will host a website for free if it is only one page. They will allow links to other sites, however. The links will go to the Chamber of Commerce, City of Willcox/WPD, NCCH, Partnership of America, and WASA. **D. Walker will initiate a web site for the Task Force.**
- Discussion ensued on what the focus should be for the upcoming year for the Task Force. Agreed to focus on obtaining a seamless referral system to a treatment facility and to continue with community presentations while assisting local employers to obtain a drug free work place. **L. Burgess and D. Briggs will follow-up on other grants that may be available. The monies will assist with initiating the referral process to treatment centers along with helping to provide more materials for community presentations. L. Burgess will also follow-up with SEABHS to help facilitate treatment for meth use.**
- The next meeting will be August 3rd at 12 noon at the WPD.