

METH TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

November 20, 2008

Present: C. Aspengren, V. Harik, S. Kibler, S. Lindsey, K. Skaarer, D. Walker, J. Weaver, S. White

- October meeting was cancelled.
- October 6th presentation at the County Board of Supervisors was well received. It allowed for a follow-up presentation with the County's Mayors on October 23rd. This too was well received. D. Walker will follow-up with the Supervisors and Mayors to ascertain County need and wants for prevention.
- S. White has had follow-up with the Chamber to have another community presentation. This will occur after the first of the year. They would like to have follow-up as to what to do for those on meth, what has been done, and what further needs to be done as a community at large to help with prevention and addiction.
- K. Skaarer states that the elementary school would like another presentation for the 2nd and 3rd graders. This too will take place after the 1st of the year. J. Weaver will follow-up with Officer Lacey as to what needs for education there is in the school system. If deemed necessary, J. Weaver will follow-up with S. White to set-up another in-service for students 4th grade and older.
- C. Aspengren brings in "DBHS Practice Protocol" which states that outpatient treatment is the primary choice of meth treatment. She advises to continue to be aggressive with seeking meth treatment if our community's needs are not being met.
- S. Kibler notes that CPS demand for foster care is down but their meth stats appear to remain stable. WPD stats show a slight increase in meth related arrests. V. Harik notes that the County Attorney's office is noting a decrease in prosecution. D. Walker anecdotally reports decrease in meth-related illness.
- The MTF has a new banner for the cost of \$90. The banner was on display for RAD and the Halloween Carnival. MTF wristbands were also handed out at both venues and the supply is exhausted. J. Weaver would like more wrist bands available for his officers to distribute. D. Walker was authorized to order 500 more.
- J. Weaver and D. Walker have recorded new radio ads. Brochures continue to be distributed. The Movie Theater and Valley TV continue to run ads. The website remains up to date. The newspaper has not been running meth ads over the last month due to space issues.
- Discussed obtaining new newspaper ads. The Partnership does not have any new ads to offer. Considered having a contest in the High School to design anti-meth ads. S. White will follow-up on this potential resource.
- S. White reports that the Halloween Carnival was successful. Approximately 900 were in attendance. The next WASA meeting is December 9th.
- C. Aspengren states that the Cochise County Coalition was audited and the state is pleased. They request flyers from those groups receiving funds from them. MTF brochures are provided.

- S. Kibler suggests using some other media avenues, i.e. – You Tube, to promote the MTF campaign. This could be done through the school system within their media classes.
- Next meeting will be December 11th at 12 noon.