

## METH TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

September 11, 2008

Present: C. Aspengren, L. Burgess, C. Chacon, C. Dillion, T. Hill, N. Spencer, P. Stark, D. Walker, J. Weaver, S. White

- October 7<sup>th</sup> presentation with the Chamber of Commerce was cancelled. Next presentation is scheduled for the County Supervisors on October 6<sup>th</sup>. There continues to be interest in a community presentation. S. White has been in contact with Shelly Thompson with the Chamber to see if a community presentation could be arranged. S. White will follow-up with the Chamber. The Holiday Inn also shows interest.
- Large SEABHS presence today. C. Dillion states that there continues to be an IOP for court mandated male adolescents. SEABHS does provide care for cash and AHCCHS clients and clients should obtain an intake evaluation for their needs within 7 days but admittedly it can be longer. Individual counseling is available. There continues to be the inpatient treatment in Benson for adults only. Funding is certainly a limitation for treatment availability.
- C. Chacon is present and understands the need to be available for their client especially addicts to help maintain their sobriety. She also comments on the cultural aspect of the different communities within AZ and the ability to be bilingual. She worked for the Renaissance House as well. She reminds us that CPSA needs to be involved with the consideration of meth treatment especially as it relates to funding.
- It is in agreement that treatment is needed for those clients not served by SEABHS. Funding will need to be sought for. D. Walker will continue to follow-up with the funding leads that she has started.
- C. Aspengren's goal for this area is to break down the stigmas of treatment needs for clients and for the community. She also recommends a program called SMART which has less stigmas of AA.
- WASA was awarded a 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant for \$110K for before and after school programs. The SIG grant was renewed. P. Stark has followed-up on the Elk's Grant for \$10K. It must be used for youth, not for salaries, but for the start-up of a new program.
- Reviewed the brochure again. Recommendation to have a Spanish brochure and D. Walker will follow-up on. D. Walker spent \$147.30 on printing brochures.
- Balance for MTF was \$4153.33.
- P. Stark will be having a booth at the Halloween Carnival. D. Walker will follow-up on some hand-outs for Rex Allen Days. There are black "Not Even Once" bracelets. D. Walker was authorized \$300 to obtain supplies.
- S. White gives the WASA report. Calvin Terrell was well received by all including the parents. He met with the Leadership group and the Student Council also. S. White will consider a student that could join the MTF.
- C. Aspengren informs us of the following events: Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> is "Dump the Drug" day in Safford; Sept 24<sup>th</sup> is "Work Opportunity Wellness and Recovery" in S.V.; October 25<sup>th</sup> is "Dump the Drug" day in S.V.