

## METH TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

December 2, 2005

Present: E. Clark, C. Cronberg, V. Simon, D. Walker, J. Weaver, and S. White

- Welcomed V. Simon, from Willcox Schools, to the Task Force.
- S. White presented letter that requested donations for C. Terrell. All Task Force members signed. Discussed organizations to send the letter to with the Partnership booklet. These organizations would include, but not limited to, Eurofresh, Valley Telecom, City of Willcox, SSVEC, AEPCO, Rotary, Lamba Chi, Elk's Club, and Hospital Auxiliary. **D. Walker to follow-up with obtaining further signatures. S. White will mail out the letters and booklets once the letter is complete.**
- J. Weaver continues to work with the city attorney on the ordinance to restrict the over-the-counter sale of pseudo-ephedrine. The ordinance was reviewed. There will be a work session at 18:00 on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> with the City Council. The misdemeanor penalty remains a part of the ordinance. The ordinance will likely go into effect emergently.
- J. Weaver submitted paperwork for a state funded grant, which supports meth task forces, on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. He submitted 62 pages of documents for a 3-page grant. It will be awarded to one task force per county. The receivers of the grant will be notified in a "couple of weeks."
- D. Walker reports of a 6-month retrospective study done at NCCH by B. Spalsbury, RN. Thirty-four patients, in the last six months, have been treated in the ED for methamphetamine related illness. Of these patients, three were admitted and four patients were transferred. These patients comprised 2.5% of the admissions, to NCCH, in the last 6 months. This information was also submitted for the grant proposal.
- J. Weaver has given presentations about meth use to the Rotary and Hospice.
- S. White placed an ad in the newspaper for the Partnership booklet. The ad was reviewed. She has already received 3 phone calls.
- Reviewed the local agencies that can help with meth use/addiction. **S. White will compile their numbers and add the page to the Partnership booklet. These booklets will go out to all Willcox Middle School students in January. D. Walker will also distribute these to all local healthcare providers, as well as, the nurses at NCCH.**
- A Parent Night will be held for the middle school in January. S. White continues to be involved with the organization.
- D. Walker presents a magazine published by the AZ Medical Association. The edition is entirely on methamphetamine. There is also an article that features her interview. **D. Walker to see how many copies we can obtain.**
- S. Mowrey, from the Partnership, will be sending D. Walker the radio and television PSAs.
- The Halloween Carnival went very well. There were approximately 430 kids that came through with a total of 1000 people. J. Weaver had a Meth Task Force

Booth with a 4' X 8' banner, noting WASA, WPD, and NCCH sponsorship, along with PSAs running. The booth is portable and can be used at other events.

- M. Lucke reported, via email, that “The Poem” is now embedded in the “Twilight Zone” show every Saturday night at 20:00. Also reviewed thank you letter that was sent to the radio, newspaper, and movie theater. **D. Walker to follow-up with M. Lucke about the PSA for the Partnership Booklets.**
- D. Walker has had some people express an interest in becoming involved with the Task Force. All agreed to invite them for their participation. **D. Walker will follow-up on.**
- The next meeting will be on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.