

METH TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

December 7, 2006

Present: D. Bennett, M. Cronberg, L. Donahue, C. Hadfield, S. Kibler, E. O'Connell, K. Visser, K. Skaarer, V. Singer, D. Walker, J. Weaver, and S. White

- Welcomed Katherine Visser, from Young Guns and works for Valley Telecom, to the MTF.
- J. Weaver reports that the meth presentation was presented to the paraprofessionals at the Willcox Schools on November 9th and to the NCCH Governing Board on November 28th. The MTF had their information booths at the Appreciation Day on November 4th and at the Teen Maze on November 21st. S. White reports that Patagonia has not provided dates for their previous presentation requests. No presentations are scheduled for December. D. Walker reports that there have been requests for a community presentation. MTF agrees to work on scheduling this in the spring.
- V. Singer reports on her follow-up with F. Siegling and the EAP opportunity. He is agreeable to provide education in a group setting. Those students, whose parents that work at SSVEC or NCCH, would also have counseling coverage. Other students could be referred to other resources. F. Siegling would like to await implementation of the drug testing, to determine how many students will require his services, before formulating a plan on his education. S. White reports that drug testing will start in February of 2007.
- D. Walker distributes copies of the Partnership's airing of "Meth – Too Close to Home." D. Walker and S. White have attempted to contact treatment centers that are listed at the end of the show. La Frontera was the only contact thus made that offered meth treatment. It is an intensive outpatient treatment (IOP) for adults. **D. Walker and S. White will continue to pursue treatment opportunities.**
- S. White reports that the MTF was awarded the SSVEC Grant for \$5K. This will allow for continued community education and to bring in a speaker this spring. The Cardinals did not award the MTF their grant.
- Drug stats from the AZ Youth Survey are reviewed. 8th Grade: 4.5/2.2 (WUSD/State) percentage of students who used meth during their lifetime. 3.0/0.8 percentage of students who used meth during the past 30 days. 10th Grade: 15.1/4.5 lifetime and 7.5/1.5 last 30 days. 12th Grade: 6.5/6.0 lifetime and 1.6/1.3 last 30 days.
- Reviewed newspaper article that was published on November 29th for Meth Awareness Day.
- Informational discussion of Meth Legislative and Policy Planning Conference. AZ's Priorities: 1.) To offer affordable and accessible treatment. 2.) Shift meth intervention from a "punishment" response to a "treatment" response. 3.) Reduce access to meth through environmental strategies.
- V. Singer suggests bringing a student on to the MTF. Members thought this was an excellent idea if there was a student interested or to have students assist the MTF when doing community activities.
- The next meeting will be January 4th at 12 noon at the WPD.