

## METH TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

December 13, 2007

Present: L. Burgess, C. Dillion, C. Hatfield, S. Kibler, R. Logan, E. O'Connell, S. Riggs, P. Stark, D. Walker, J. Weaver, S. White

- Cheri Dillion present from SEABHS. She is the new Substance Abuse Counselor. She directs the Intensive Outpatient Treatment services for adults. The group meets three times per week for three hours. They motivate with a reward system and encourage physical activity. They monitor sobriety with weekly random drug screens. Soon they hope to be able to host a similar program for adolescents. If interested in these services, contact Sherry Dillion or Terry Dullum at SEABHS at 384-2521,
- No community presentations were held this month and none are pending. Contact D. Walker, J. Weaver, or S. White if desired or needed for an organization.
- S. Riggs presented the Community Opinion Surveys. There were 220 respondents from Cochise County: 61.2% were female, 25.5% from Willcox, 65.2% were Caucasian. The mean age was 30 yrs. Large problems identified was "Young people can easily get drugs" (93.3%) and "Young people have friends who use drugs" (92.5%). Strengths identified/not identified were "Family members care about each other" (63.2%) and "Parents keep track of their kids" (12.7%). As it related to meth, S. Riggs also reported the average age of first meth use was 17 y/o. The respondents reported the main reason for wanting to first try meth was "curiosity." The main reason for continued meth use was "extra energy" followed by "liking it" and "getting hooked." The majority of meth users (56.1%) earned less than \$20K/yr whereas 25.6% made \$20 – 40K/yr.
- L. Burgess reports that she has made several contacts in trying to obtain grants. S. White provided the necessary information for L. Burgess to apply for the grants.
- Reviewed letter drafted to request state assistance for treatment services in the area. B. Logan will follow-up with D. Walker in regards to specific treatment needs in our area. P. Stark will follow-up with her leads at the A.G.'s office as well.
- Reviewed two articles about MRSA and how it relates to meth use. The "Preventing the Spread of 'MRSA' in the Community" will be distributed by the Elk's newsletter "The Yak." D. Walker will submit 500 copies to P. Stark. The "Preventing MRSA in the School Systems" will be distributed by the "Lariat." D. Walker will submit the article to S. White.
- S. White gives WASA report. The Message Theater continues to be proactive. There will not be a New Year's Eve Dance this year due to lack of student interest. She reports of a TV show about meth that will air this week. She reports that the MTF has a balance of \$4078.92.
- D. Walker reports that there is a link to the Cochise County Substance Abuse Coalition from our site and that they agreed to place us on their site.
- D. Walker reports that the drug "Prometa" is not a FDA approved method of meth treatment and should not be supported by the MTF.

- S. Kibler reports of a new teen center in our community called “The Springs.” He will invite the director John Chapman to the MTF.
- The next MTF meeting will be January 10<sup>th</sup>.