

Jennings County Drug & Alcohol Task Force
Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2008

Members present: Jeanie Hahn, Cheri Massey, Allene Houghland, Lana Hughes, Kelie Jaynes, Pam Petry, Mike Piirto, Kristi Rowell, Kylie Shaw, Jerry Shepherd, Travis Shepherd, Saralee Cumberworth, Gail McCoy, Vickie Cox and Community Consultant Lin Montgomery. James Webster called the meeting to order.

Routine Business

1. **Approval of Minutes** Kelie motioned, 2nd by Allene; approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report** *as of 12-2-08*
 - a. LLC Administrative Account- \$4,409.96
 - b. 143 Drug Abuse Prevention Account - \$18,672.50
 - c. 044 Drug Free Account- \$16,468.95
 - d. Approval- Lana motioned to approve, 2nd by Kylie; approved.

Grant Requests:

- Ten (10) grant proposals were submitted today. Membership forms must be turned in today.

Grant Guidelines: (available on the website for review)

- Need to be reviewed and the intent better defined.

Evaluations: •Two (2) Written Evaluations were submitted:

- Family Connections and the Sheriff's Department submitted the evaluations that were due at the November meeting.

Community Consultant's Report: (Lin's newsletter is available on the website for review)

- There is a community forum at noon tomorrow in Scottsburg if anyone can attend. There is also a federal grant opportunity that consists of a ten year renewable \$125,000. The RFP will be available January 12th at a networking session in Nashville. Current recipients will be available for discussion. Most of these recipients have staff that administers the grant.

Law Enforcement Reports:

- NVPD reported that 80 % of the arrest made at the High School and Middle School are related to prescription meds. Mike pointed out an interesting fact in that as far as the law is concerned, teachers are considered custodial parents once a student leaves the home. The High School has had 2 while the middle school had 4 to date. Mike also commented on new ways being found to manufacture meth without the Sudafed ingredient, this method made the meth more potent and nastier than ever. Lana reported a current caseload of 857 cases that involve 800 people on probation. Sheriff's Department commented on the continuing effort being made to provide disposal of prescription medications the last Saturday of each month. The challenge has been finding a reliable method for the removal, transportation and disposal once collected.

Wrap up:

- Jeanie asked what direction members view the Task force taking in the future. There was a comment asking if we were reaching enough young people, early enough. There was a brief discussion about the programs currently being funded and those present were made aware of the programs that are reaching students at a wide variety of ages. Peers is working with 6th graders, Mike with the NVPD is the officer at the high school and also works with Middle school students and also 5th and 6th graders. 7th grade focus is on Meth, 8th grade is on marijuana and 9th grade is prescription meds. The Peer Pressure program reaches every student in Middle school and high school. There is a robot program for grade school, there are also programs conducted by the 4H educators.

Adjournment Lana motioned, 2nd by Mike, approved.