

CASCADE COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2014

Call to Order

Task Force President Jane Weber called the meeting to order at 1605 hours at the Great Falls Pre-Release Center, noting that a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Roll Call

DUI Task Force Members

Cascade County Attorney designee: Ashley Wilkinson-Excused Absence

Cascade County Sheriff designee: Travis Grove

City of Great Falls Chief of Police designee: Captain Tim Shanks

Great Falls City Attorney designee: Cassidy Blomgren-Excused Absence

State of Montana Highway Patrol District II Chief designee: Trooper David Baggs-Excused Absence

Great Falls Victim-Witness Services designee: Excused Absence

State of Montana Adult Probation and Parole Regional Administrator designee: Wayne Bye

Montana Tavern Association Home Safe Program designee: Vince Kyle

Gateway Recovery Center designee: Barbara Bessette

Benefis Health Systems, Inc. Chemical Dependency Unit designee: J.T. Lute

Great Falls Pre-Release Services, Inc. designee: Lisa Myers-Excused Absence

Great Falls Public Schools designee: Excused Absence

Airmen Against Drunk Driving designee: Staff Sergeant Charles Marino Franco-Excused Absence

Citizen Members: N/A

Cascade County Commissioner: Jane Weber

Task Force Coordinator: Jerry Kelley

Administrative Assistant: Brenda Demers-Excused Absence

Members of the Public

Jim Whitaker

2. Barbara Bessette made changes to the January 28, 2014 minutes on page 5, number 9 to:

Collaborate GFPS CARE Office and Alliance for Youth MIP TF.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended and passed unanimously.

3. The topic of who qualifies for the scholarships was discussed. It was shared at the meeting that Laurelle Demott from the Montana State DUI Task Force said that if someone was convicted with an MIP-A, it would not exclude them from applying for a scholarship or being considered. It was agreed upon by the members that those students with an alcohol offense would be considered. Each package would be considered individually upon their own merit. Any scholarship winner who receives any alcohol or drug related offense prior to receiving their scholarship check would be disqualified. The scholarship check would then be awarded the applicant with the next highest scholarship score.

4. It was then discussed as to what forms of educational institutions would be considered. The members all agreed that any form of accredited institution, vocational training center or certified or licensed profession would meet the requirement.

5. It was agreed upon that all letters from the applicants must be postmarked no later than April 4, 2014 in order to qualify No exceptions!

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Whitaker and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1642 hours.

