

CASCADE COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2015

Call to Order

DUI Task Force president Barbara Bessette called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. 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 – **Present**
Cascade County Sheriff designee: Deputy Travis Grove – **Present**
City of Great Falls Chief of Police designee: Captain Jeff Newton – **Present**
Great Falls City Attorney designee: Cassidy Blomgren – **Excused Absence**
State of Montana Highway Patrol District II Chief designee: Trooper David Baggs – **Present**
Great Falls Victim-Witness Services designee: Savannah Hilton – **Absent**
State of MT Adult Probation & Parole Regional Admin designee: Wayne Bye – **Present**
Montana Tavern Association Home Safe Program designee: Vince Kyle – **Excused Absence**
Gateway Recovery Center designee: Barbara Bessette - **Present**
Benefis Health Systems, Inc. Chemical Dependency Unit designee: J.T. Lute – **Present**
Great Falls Pre-Release Services, Inc. designee: Lisa Meyers – **Present**
Cascade County Commissioner: Jim Larson - **Present**
Great Falls Public Schools designee: Danielle Funseth – **Excused Absence**
Airmen Against Drunk Driving designee: SrA Jon Gregory – **Present**
Citizen Members: Jim Whitaker - **Present**; Corin Fisch - **Present**; Mark Hewitt - **Present**
Task Force Coordinator: Jerry Kelley - **Present**

Members of the Public in Attendance

Donna Whitmore – Malmstrom AFB Commercial Sponsorship Coordinator

2. Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2015

DUI Task Force members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. **Jim Whitaker motioned to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2015 meeting as presented. Jim Larson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

3. Public Information Committee

Radio PSA's: Barbara Bessette circulated the PSA scripts and announced that she is going to STAR radio tomorrow to record some PSA's. Ms. Bessette received confirmation that the DUI Task Force will receive the non-profit billing rate.

Member Bios: Barbara Bessette reminded Task Force members to submit a short biography for the website. Time was allotted at this meeting for those that have not done so to write theirs.

4. Financial/Budget Performance Report and Requests for Payment/Purchases

Jim Whitaker went over the following transactions that occurred since the last meeting: \$1,000.00 for scholarship winner Serenity McCartney; \$61.00 for the Tribune ad; \$225.00 to Trophies Express for member badges; \$75.00 for the DUI Task Force banner; and \$150.00 for the Belt School newsletter ad.

MAFB Wing Holiday Celebration Donation: Jerry Kelley presented an Agenda Action Report initiated by Donna Whitmore, MAFB Commercial Sponsorship Coordinator. The request is for a monetary donation of \$200.00, \$400.00, or \$600.00 to be used to purchase items for Santa's Workshop, a children's Candy Land Holiday Party, prizes, etc. for the annual MAFB Wing Holiday Celebration. The event is December 18th and more than 1,000 people are expected to attend. Donna Whitmore advised that the DUI Task Force donated \$300.00 last year which was the silver level. Ms. Whitmore added that this year they are combining the wing holiday party with the children's holiday party. The children's party will take place at the youth center and the main party will be at the Grizzly Bend. After discussing the request, **Jim Whitaker motioned to sponsor the silver level of \$400.00. Wayne Bye seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.**

Contract of Choice Funding: Jerry Kelley explained that an upgrade to the Contract of Choice has been developed for the 2015 school year and the majority of the funding to complete the project has been taken care of by Alliance for Youth. However, a funding shortage of \$215.00 still exists which prevents development and distribution of the contracts to all 8-12 grade students. **Jim Whitaker motioned to pay \$215.00 to cover the shortage and ensure the distribution of the Contracts of Choice takes place. Mark Hewitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

AADD Stickers: Sr. Airman Jon Gregory advised that he is replacing SSGT Brandley but had not been apprised of this matter. Jerry Kelley stated that SSGT Brandley was going to inquire if a group on base would fund the stickers. SrA Gregory will look into donors on base.

CMR Stampede Contract: Jerry Kelley stated that the DUI Task Force received the contract from CMR High School for the eight remaining ads and the 1/4 page yearbook ad. **Lisa Meyers motioned to pay the \$585.00 to CMR for the ads. David Baggs seconded.** Barbara Bessette stated that the art contest winner's picture will be featured in the ads along with the Cascade County DUI Task Force logo and catch phrase. **There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.**

5. Report from the Task Force Coordinator

DUI Task Force Banner/Badges: The new DUI Task Force banner was displayed in the room for all to see. In addition, Mr. Kelley distributed badges with the logo and wording "DUI Task Force Member" to each person to wear to events where they are representing the DUI Task Force. Jerry Kelley asked that individuals turn in their badge when their term with the Task Force ends. Members were also told if the badge gets lost they will pay for a replacement.

MAFB HeadsUp Magazine Ad: Jerry Kelley has been working with Donna Whitmore on the ad. DUI Task Force members reviewed the ad submitted which will be in next month's magazine and again in a later edition.

6. DUI Statistics and MIP-A Statistics

Deputy Grove reviewed and discussed the stats with Task Force members. There were 26 DUI arrests in August compared to 30 a year ago. MIP's for August were 59 compared to 70 in July. The highest trend of DUI arrests is in the male 21-25 year age bracket and the male 50+ age bracket.

7. MAFB Save Stats from Airmen Against Drunk Driving

AADD reported 22 saves in September compared to 33 a year ago. SrA Gregory advised that they ran out of gas cards a few months ago. Jerry Kelley asked if it would be better to purchase the cards on base rather than downtown, and SrA Gregory concurred that on base would be better.

8. Kudo Cards

Barbara Bessette is going to award one to the clerk that carded her mom at the Holiday store.

9. Round Robin

Jerry Kelley reported on the alcohol training that Lisa Scates of the Montana Liquor Control Division provided here at the Pre-Release. Only about six people were able to attend. Jerry Kelley asked that anyone wanting more training to let him know, as Ms. Scates commented that she would be happy to provide it. Barbara Bessette suggested scheduling the training during a regular meeting.

Barbara Bessette is still working on the adult substance use survey. Red Ribbon Week is October 26-30. Wednesday, October 28, is "Paint the Town Red Day" so everyone is asked to wear red. A prescription drug awareness campaign is coming out the beginning of October. It will be geared towards adult abuse of prescription drugs.

Wayne Bye reported on the Probation and Parole overtime. They had 8.5 hours overtime in September and checked on 37 felony DUI offenders of which 2 provided positive BA's. Both of these happened on a weekend. Wayne commented that it is a deterrent for probationers to see P&P officers checking on them on weekends. Wayne stated that P&P is on track to have the allotted overtime funds used up by December.

Lisa Meyers did a ride along on Saturday night with Officer Sapala whom the Task Force recognized in May for Law Enforcement Recognition. At the end of the ride along, Officer Sapala arrested a juvenile for DUI. By doing this she hopes to gain new insight on worthwhile ways to utilize DUI Task Force funds and observe how the group impacts the community.

Jim Larson advised that our county attorney and some of his assistants are in Billings for the Sanchez trial this week. Jim stated that Sanchez was high on meth, and the purpose of this group is to try to prevent things like this from happening.

10. Public Comment

None

Adjourn

At 4:12 p.m. Jim Whitaker motioned and J.T. Lute seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the motion carried.

The next meeting will be October 27, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Pre-Release.

Citizen Member Expiration Dates: Corin Fisch – June 30, 2016
Mark Hewitt – June 30, 2017
Jim Whitaker – June 30, 2017

Letters to the Editor: October – Lisa Meyers
November – Travis Grove
December – SSGT Mark Brandly

Minutes approved by: _____ **Date:** _____
Barbara Bessette, President