



Gallatin County DUI Task Force

DUI Task Force Purpose:

- Reduce Alcohol-related Traffic Incidents
 - Educate Public on Dangers of DUI
 - Prevent DUI

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday /July 14, 2015 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Rocky Hamilton, Chair
David Keen, Treasurer
Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Adrian Massey, Citizen Member
Dan Deming, Citizen Member
Ann Ewbank, Citizen Member
Jonathon Ogden, Bozeman PD
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member
Madison Brown, (MADD), Citizen Member
Marty Lambert, County Attorney
Ed Hirsch, City Attorney

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services Director
Dan Amundson, MHP
Kaylin Green, MSU

Absent

Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
Mark Lachapelle, Citizen Member
Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member
Matt Caires, Citizen Member
Heather Hume, Citizen Member

Chair Rocky Hamilton called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:40 pm.

Coordinator Parker-Wathne read the Task Force Mission Statement.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

New Members

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that Kara Meier had withdrawn her membership application but that Madison Brown of the Bozeman MADD Organization was with us and was our newest member.
 - Ms. Brown spoke briefly and invited everyone to the Victim Impact Panel to be held 7/22/15 at 6:30 pm at the Courthouse.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that we have two citizen member slots still available and encouraged everyone to be looking for potential candidates.

Visitors

- Ms. Kaylin Green of the Department of Sociology at MSU introduced herself and shared that she is doing research on health risk behaviors during young adulthood and is exploring perceptions of driving after drinking alcohol among young adults in Montana. She is attending in interest as to what the Task Force is doing and in making contacts regarding this topic.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Chair Hamilton requested changes/approval to the May Meeting Minutes.
 - Minutes approved.

BUSINESS

Nominations/Elections

- Chair Hamilton reminded everyone that the Vice-Chair position is still open and called for nominations for said position.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne nominated Adrian Massey. No other nominations.
 - Nomination approved by majority vote.

2016 Budget Update

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne explained to the members that the \$18,000 we were due to receive next year from undistributed reinstatement fees from the State had been reduced to approximately \$10,000 due to the formation of several new DUI Task Forces.
 - Mr. Ette expounded on this and helped to clarify a few details.

Statistics

- Mr. Ette shared that the Executive Committee discussed what needs to be done to gather appropriate DUI Statistics and that two part time people have been

hired and cleared through the County to access the “Full Court” database; Heather Hume and Kelley Parker-Wathne will begin 7/16/15. Mr. Ette suggested we clarify what data is needed and input from County Attorney Marty Lambert would be wise.

- Chair Hamilton suggested keeping it simple as we can always add more in later, the important thing is getting it up and running. He suggested input from Mr. Hirsch as well.

Commission Meeting Updates

Logo Reveal

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne thanked everyone who attended the Logo Reveal at the 6/30/15 County Commissioner’s Meeting and shared that the Commissioner’s response was extremely encouraging and supportive. They were very impressed and said our Task Force has “raised the bar” for other Task Forces state-wide.

By-Laws

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that the new revised By-Laws will be presented for approval at the County Commissioners Meeting 7/21/15.

AMR Joint Press Release Update

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne informed the group that the Joint Press Release presenting the new Blood Draw System with Rich McLane and the Bozeman PD went well and was well attended.
 - The new process was already put to use over the 4th of July weekend.
 - The next few months will be a trial & error process where some of the kinks will be addressed and ironed out.

Member Manuals

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said she is aware that new members have not received member manuals and that she is planning to print new ones that will include the new By-Laws. She will also update manuals/by-laws for existing members.

Events

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne presented an Event Spreadsheet to all members and encouraged everyone to sign up for anything they can help with.
 - Mr. Ette reported that the Task Force attended the Annual Harley Davidson Motorcycle Memorial Run and it was a great first public event.
 - Ms. Parker-Wathne shared that the 7/9/15 Music on Main the Task Force attended went very well also and that the TF has rented a helium tank for the purpose of handing out balloons. The Task Force handed out approximately 150 plain yellow and black balloons at this event but yellow balloons with the TF logo have been ordered and will arrive in time for the 7/23/15 Music on Main.

- Group decision was made to target every other Music on Main due to time limitations and obligations to other community events.
 - Ms. Parker-Wathne showed the new T-shirts with our logo to the Task Force and said whoever shows up at an event to help will get one.
 - Various members signed up for various events.

PI & E Update

- Group discussed possibility of selling DUI Task Force T-shirts as a way to make extra money.
 - Mr. Ette will check with County re: setting up proper accounts and approval to do so.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that a suggestion was made for the Task Force to consider being included as part of the Blue Jean Days Fundraising programs.
 - Mr. Ette will check into feasibility of this.
- Mr. Massey shared that the PI&E Committee had discussed the idea of having our logo on a billboard and if it's one that's not being used regularly see if we could get it at a discount.
- Mr. Gale suggested he thought we could get our "SOBER?" message on the flashing reader board between Bozeman and Livingston at no cost by contacting the MT Dept of Transportation.

Miscellaneous

- Ms. Wylie asked if anyone knew why the Bozeman Daily Chronicle no longer has the DUI's and MIP's listed in the paper and if it would be ok for her to try to find out. Said she thought it was a good deterrent and will follow up on this with the group's approval.
 - Group approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Keen initiated conversation regarding increasing the Coordinator's hours given the nature of the direction we're going with the Task Force.
 - Mr. Ette responded that any increase would have to be approved by the County Commissioners and that the Task Force Budget for FY 2016 had just been submitted. He also said the Budget really doesn't allow room for it as the cost for a ¾ time position would be about \$37,000 which would leave little for the CEASE Awards and other obligations/necessities.
 - Mr. Lambert said it would likely be a year before anything would be approved.
 - Mr. Ette suggested the Task Force could possibly ask for a special exception and would have to then adjust the Budget.
 - Mr. Lambert said it was possible to ask the County to hard fund

the position.

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that she is indeed working over her allotted 20 hours per week and accumulating comp time.
- Mr. Keen replied that he thought it was worthy of a conversation with the Commissioners whether they say yes or no.
- Mr. Ette suggested we continue gathering stats through August then do a presentation saying more time is needed to maintain them.
- Mr. Lambert said the County's final Budget is approved mid-August so it's probably best to wait until that's done.
- Group agreed to continue progressing, participating in community events, gathering statistics, collaborating, networking, and educating, then go before Commissioners with our request towards the end of August.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday/September 16, 2015 – 5:30 pm

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