

**Meth Community Response Alliance
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009
10 am to 11:30 am
Health Access Washoe County (HAWC) Clinic (Conference Room)
1055 S. Wells Avenue, Reno**

In attendance:

**Shad Warren, Salvation Army
Eric Ohlson, JTNN
Stacy Shamblin, Reno PD
Mac Venzon, Reno PD SET
Kim Loranger, WC Juvenile Services
Robin Ruybalid, WC Juvenile Services
Jennifer Bowler, Renown
David Collins, Bristlecone
Denise Everett, Quest Counseling and Consulting
Matthew True
Fay Miccile
Deborah Armstrong, Safe Embrace
Kim Schweickert, WCDSS
Brandi Johns, JTNN
Shane Murray, DEA
Tonya Wolf, SAPTA
Jennifer Snyder, JTNN
Bob Collins, WC Juvenile Services
Debbie Gant-Reed, Crisis Call Center
Tia Childers, Willow Springs
Laura Marineau, Children's Cabinet
Gordon Dodd, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
AJ Coronella, WestCare Triage Center
Dina Salvucci, WC District Attorney's Office
Kevin Quint, JTNN**

- 1. Welcome and introductions
Kevin welcomed everyone and introductions were made.**
- 2. Review recap of the August 12, 2008 meeting
The January meeting recap was made available and reviewed briefly.**
- 3. Update on the Meth Alliance applying for Drug Free Communities Support Program funds
Last meeting the group discussed applying for a DFC grant. JTNN has this grant and is at the end of it but cannot apply for it again. The Alliance discussed applying for it but it looks like with timing it may be better for the group to get prepared to apply for the following grant year. If this is done next year steps have to be taken to make sure it's not too**

similar to JTNN's but a separate structure. The alliance would like to find out who may be already applying for this grant in Washoe County.

4. Presentation by Leslie Elliot regarding National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant possibility

Leslie couldn't be at the meeting. Next meeting we will talk about co-applying with Leslie on this grant concerning what effect meth houses can have on the environment.

5. Update and discussion on state budget cuts-
Kevin attended a meeting last week where Deborah McBride, the Director of SAPTA, reviewed the governor's budget as it pertains to the SAPTA budget. Here are some of the highlights, FYI:

- **The cuts to the current year's budget (ending 6/30/09) are at 14%. These cuts will be carried through the biennium, which ends 6/30/11. That means that so far, we will experience no deeper cuts over the next two years than we already have experienced. Of course, that could change in the legislative session since they have to approve the governor's budget. And that could change with the economy, as well.**
- **The Meth Grant was originally \$1 million a year for the entire state. It is now at \$900,000 a year and is in the Governor's budget. This is part of the 14% cut. This is money that we weren't counting on at all. JTNN's share of that grant is a little under \$130,000 a year.**
- **The State Prevention Infrastructure (SPI) was originally \$3 million a year and is now a little under \$2.5 million a year. This is also part of the 14% cut. JTNN's share of this is about \$350,000 a year with 100% of that money going to service provision through grants to community based providers.**
- **SAPTA will be reduced by 2.5 fte in their administrative staff. That will be absorbed by not replacing certain currently vacant positions.**

We will be monitoring this very carefully and will provide you info as soon as it is available and understandable.

6. Discussion on legislative issues
 - a. **SAPTA Budget – Numbers will not be known until the final session**
 - b. **DEC/AB 83- Makes various changes concerning the reporting and investigations of allegations of child abuse and neglect; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.**
 - c. **Other bills and issues- Kevin provided a hand out with all of the Prefiled Bills and BDR list as of 3/7/09**
7. Update on Governor's Meth Working Group-

The working group met last week and discussed Tribal issues and DEC issues.

- 8. Crystal Darkness update**
a. Crystal Darkness Parent Tool Kit – The Alliance Prevention Committee would still like to be able to view the DVD. Phase II is complete.

There will be a train the Trainer training on March 21st at Living Waters Christian Fellowship church at 155 E. Glendale, Suite 19 in Sparks. If you would like training at your place of work or would like to become a trainer call JTNN at 324-7557.

- 9. Committee Reports**
a. Treatment: AJ Coronella and Jennifer Bowler – The Treatment committee didn't meet this month but is focusing on a resource directory so that it is possible to get an assessment within a few days. The committee is still looking for more members.
b. Prevention/Education: Stacy Shamblin- The Prevention/ Education committee has met and completed the school district materials that will be going out to the student's parents. They will be receiving a CD or brochure called Navigating the Teen Years as well as a student online scavenger hunt for them to do with their parents. There will be training for the teachers on March 27th as well as Trainings by Dr. Stalcup on April 2nd and 3rd.
c. Law Enforcement: Wendy Keller – Wendy could not be at this meeting
d. Drug Endangered Children (DEC): Kevin Quint - Met in February to talk about developing protocols in the community And the legal issues around that.
e. Data: Eric Ohlson – Eric Ohlson from JTNN will be chairing this committee and will contact any one interested. No committee has been formed yet. Eric is looking at the possibility of working with every subcommittee and working on data they may need.

- 10. Announcements –None**
11. Other items-None
12. Set next meeting – Tuesday, May 12th
13. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

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