

ECSAAG Methamphetamine Sub-committee
Meeting Notes for February 14, 2006
11:25 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
EISD

Present: Kathy Elsesser, Trooper Brody Boucher, Dur Efaw, Suzanne Stiles-Burke, Polly Brainerd

We met to discuss the Meth Watch mini-grant. Polly gave an update on both projects we were hoping to fund: county signs delineating Eaton County as a "Meth Watch Community" and the _ page ad and accompanying articles on the components of Methamphetamine and how to report suspicious activity.

The group discussed the value of using the mini-grant money for the signs. Members were concerned that it was a lot of work to obtain and maintain the signs for the amount of money we would be looking to spend. They were also concerned that people wouldn't understand the signs' message. The decision was made to not write for the mini-grant for the signs after all. It was suggested we put the money toward a billboard instead. We can take that issue up at the next meeting.

Trooper Boucher suggested that our efforts should be directed toward educating retailers and seeking compliance with the new laws.

Members discussed the second mini-grant project to fund the _ page ad in the community newspapers. It was suggested that we could get some free press in lieu of purchasing an ad. Polly shared that the papers agreed to do multiple articles on meth and other ECSAAG activities along with the paid ad. The group approved the mini-grant to purchase the _ page ad in the community newspapers.

Polly shared Sheriff Raines' advertising piece on Meth to see if the group wanted to include it in the ad. The group discussed the importance of having it be a collaborative effort by all law enforcement and decided to not use his piece exclusively for this ad.

Polly also shared that there is an additional \$1,500 that a community group could spend to do a community awareness presentation or brochure. Members looked over the mini-grant opportunity. Any community group in Eaton County is eligible to write for the money. This sub-committee would need to look over the grant and approve it before submission to ODCP. Members discussed that the hotel/motel owners need to be educated. It was suggested that we contact them through the hospitality association.

We talked through the progress on the implementation plan goals. We are making good progress. On Goal 5, Outcome 1 Objective 5.22: Collaborate with

law enforcement to identify procedures and measures of increased enforcement and their training needs to increase enforcement, Trooper Boucher offered to work on that. He can check with local law enforcement agencies and see what the training needs are and coordinate the training for those who need it.

Suzanne said DHS really needs a protocol for removing children from meth homes. The current state policy allows for local jurisdiction. Dur shared that the Drug Endangered Children workgroup is currently working on guidance for all areas of law enforcement and may have information on what the best practices are.

Polly handed out boxes of Meth Watch materials for members to distribute to retailers. So far, Eaton Rapids and Charlotte have been completed. We still need Delta Township, Vermontville, Bellevue, Olivet and Grand Ledge canvassed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 14, 2006 from 11:15 to Noon.