

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Subject: Drug Free DeSoto Task Force Meeting

Location: School Board Chambers

Attendees: Superintendent Cline, Cathy Miller, Penny Kurtz, Bob Hrstka, Trent Terry, Sara Spas, Dave Bremer, Melissa Sanders, Sam Morgan, Glenda Lewis, Dawn Hilaire, Sheriff Keen, Melba Barnwell

Speakers Report:

Sara Spas provided information to the DeSoto Sun regarding the DFD Speakers.

Website Report:

No updates to report at this time.

Youth Activities Report:

Mr. Hrstka advised the Task Force that the DCHS student clubs have not been successful putting together the needed support for a student/community activity. Mr. Hrstka mentioned the Project Graduation meeting scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the FSC Annex. The DCHS student clubs would like to help with support for this project. Please plan to attend if your schedule permits. This is a safe drug and alcohol free project for the graduating students in our county. Project Graduation is a program that requires many hours of volunteer labor, donations from businesses, a large amount of money and most of all tons of community support. Graduating students are provided a safe and fun environment for the entire night. This prevents the partying, drinking and driving.

Drug Treatment for Youth Report:

Positive news from Coastal Recovery reported by Mr. Hrstka. Penny Kurtz, Mary Kay Burns, and Mr. Hrstka will meet with Coastal Recovery regarding drug treatment services for the youth in DeSoto County. Mr. Cline also mentioned the student random drug testing begins this month.

Public Relations Report:

Sara Spas and Superintendent Cline will provide space in the School District Fair Booth for DFD. This area will need supervision nightly. The DeSoto County Fair is scheduled for January 17, 2008 – January 27, 2008.

Gang Activity Report:

There were no reports

Task Force Members' Report:

Glenda Lewis provided the task force with copies from DJJ Circuit 12 PACT Facts Statewide, DeSoto, Manatee, & Sarasota. The DJJ Office of Probation and Community Corrections – Circuit 12 County by County PACT Data July 2007 report was also included. See the DFD website to view both of these reports.

Mr. Morgan advised the task force of the *Do the Right Thing Program*. A program for students that have turned their lives around. Cathy Miller will present this program to the School District directors and principals on October 10, 2007. Mrs. Miller will also cover Teen Court process. Sheriff Keen will also see that his deputies are updated.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

November 14, 2007, at 11:00 a.m.