

**Methamphetamine Prevention Network
Task Force Summary Report: July, 2008**

Educated Communities & Professionals Task Force

The Educated Communities & Professionals Task Force is working in three areas: 1) a comprehensive meth prevention media campaign; 2) distribution of anti-meth printed materials countywide; and 3) education of medical professionals.

Media Campaign: The Task Force is working closely with the MPN Project Team on planning for a locally produced multimedia campaign in English and Spanish. The working title is, "Meth...Not Even Once!" / "¡Meta...ni una sola vez!" We are tremendously encouraged by the Sheriff's support for this project, and his willingness to lend Drew Sugars' expert assistance. We have developed a Project Charter which is being shared with the Leadership Council today.

Anti-meth Printed Materials: All four brochures have been received from Journeyworks – two brochures, each in English and Spanish – and are currently being distributed by the regional community coalitions (Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, the Santa Ynez Valley Prevention Coalition, Fighting Back Santa Barbara, Carpinteria Cares for Youth, and Pat Brady in the Lompoc Valley) as well as County Departments (DSS, ADMHS, and PHD). A web site has been set up for volunteers to log where, when, and how many brochures were distributed.

Training Sessions: Trainings have already been held with Public Health Department staff and Cottage Hospital medical residents. Many more training sessions have been requested throughout the County. ADP will take the lead in preparing curricula that sends a consistent message and is responsive to the needs of each audience. The EC&P Task Force would like to thank Dr. Carrick Adam, in particular, for her willingness to educate other medical professionals in our community about meth.

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Methamphetamine-Free Individuals, Families and Children Task Force

The task force has a membership of 7 persons. We are without representation from the Lompoc community. Nevertheless, we are moving ahead with short-term and long-term strategies.

Short Term Strategies: 1) Judge Flores will present a briefing to other Superior Court Judges during July emphasizing evidence-based, community friendly and culturally sensitive treatment modalities for methamphetamine abusers. 2) The training package for CWS staff has been put on hold. CWS staff has participated in methamphetamine training that emphasizes an understanding of addiction, how to support and facilitate treatment and recovery and enhance collaboration with treatment providers.

Long Term Strategies: The legislative proposal has been converted into a grant proposal. The proposal would utilize targeted case management in ADMH as the primary funder and requests for supplemental/matching funds would be submitted to foundations and government grant opportunities. Another option would be to submit a demonstration proposal to Congresswoman Capps in an effort to utilize Title IV-E Pre-Placement Prevention funds not currently accessed in California. Both options would emphasize methamphetamine treatment for in-tact families in independent living.

A needs assessment survey was sent out to treatment providers in the community. The results of that survey have been tabulated by community and by prevent, outreach and treatment

needs. The Task Force will use the results of the survey to develop a system of care proposal for one community that would provide support services for children and families suffering from Methamphetamine addiction.

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Safe Neighborhoods Task Force

Since the last Leadership Council Meeting, the Task Force has met twice, on June 3 and July 1. There have continued to be very good attendance with anywhere from 8 to 11 members attending. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for September 3. Two current active action plans continue to be the primary effort of the Task Force.

Drug Endangered Children (DEC) MOU Coordination: Members continue to agree that the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) currently in force in the County is working well. The MOU was resigned by current agency participants in May with only minor changes. The Safe Neighborhood Task Force will serve as the DEC coordinating council for the MOU. Currently, staff of SBRNET has as a collateral duty the practical responsibility of DEC Coordinator. DEC training was provided to Public Health Maternal, Child and Adolescent staff during their staff training day in May by Task Force member and SBRNET DEC coordinator Esther Trejo. DEC awareness training for Cottage Hospital Medical staff was included in Meth Awareness Training provided by Dr. Carrick Adams in June. She has other trainings scheduled for July and August. Ester Trejo will be included as part of a Meth and DEC training team that will be put together and coordinated by ADMHS/ADP training coordinators. At this point ongoing DEC Coordination will continue as a SBRNET role with the support of Safe Neighborhood Task Force members. The Task Force will consider the on going requirements for DEC Coordination and training and the possible need for partial funding of this position prior to the next Leadership Council Meeting on September 10.

Drug Paraphernalia Enforcement: The other action planning has to do with reducing the sale of meth pipes and other drug paraphernalia in retail outlets in Santa Barbara County. Preliminary research has been conducted in most communities in Santa Barbara County regarding outlets selling meth pipes and other drug paraphernalia. A Compliance Information packet has been written and will be taken to the next CLEC meeting for approval and determination as to what letter head it will go on and who will be signing these. The preliminary plan would be to distribute the Compliance Information packets to all retail and other establishments that distribute drug paraphernalia or who are likely to do so in early October. Currently, the Alcohol Beverage Control staff is gathering the names and addresses of all the licensed outlets for alcohol and will provide it to each jurisdiction who will add other retail outlets that are likely to sell drug paraphernalia. It is anticipated that these packets will be hand delivered to these establishments in most cases by law enforcement officers in each jurisdictions. It is also anticipated that that CLEC would hold a press conference regarding this action toward the end of October during Red Ribbon week and at the same time that the Meth Task Force will present their report to the Board of Supervisors.

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Outcomes and Evaluation Task Force

The Outcomes and Evaluation Task Force continues to work on data related issues and overall outcomes of the Methamphetamine Prevention Network activities.

Database Project: The task force began with the goal of identifying what we know about meth use in Santa Barbara County, what we want to know about meth use, and how we could develop a database to maintain indicator and outcome data across County Departments over time. At the last Leadership Council meeting in May, we presented a sample of how data could be presented and discussed some of the challenges regarding the sharing of data between departments and HIPAA regulations. A new committee, made up of department heads, County Counsel, the CEO's office and the HIPAA officer is being formed to further address these issues.

Collection of County Meth Data & MPN Evaluation: The task force is developing a multi-pronged evaluation for the report to the Board of Supervisors in October, 2008. Collection of data initially gathered from the Sheriff's Department, Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services, Department of Social Services and Probation department is all being re-collected to be able to see the trend in methamphetamine use and problems. The task force is also looking at the strategy recommendations to ensure an evaluation component is included and or completed, and last the task force is looking at how we might evaluate the overall Leadership Council's effectiveness, particularly regarding collaboration. A modified version of an Appreciative Inquiry evaluation may be adapted to complete this task.

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