

METHAMPHETAMINE-FREE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:
PROPOSED STRATEGIES (TREATMENT TASK FORCE)

MINUTES

Monday, August 25

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Solvang Superior Court Chambers

1. **Attendance:** Judge Flores, Nancy Gottlieb, Asia Eichmiller and Bob Montgomery by telephone
2. **Announcements:** Judge Flores has been scheduled to present the Meth briefing to the Judges during their September meeting. Lois and Bob plan to contact Congressman Gallegly and Congresswoman Capps, respectively, regarding possible assistance in moving forward on the demonstration proposal.
3. **Accomplishments:** The Planning Team requested that each Task Force submit accomplishments as part of the agenda for the next Council Meeting. With Task Force input the following list of accomplishment was submitted.

Child Welfare Services (CWS)

Substance Abuse Training – February 6, 2008

Presented by CSU-Fresno CWS Training Academy – Jana Mathias-trainer

Six hour credit course – 23 CWS workers attended

Introduction to Methamphetamine Abuse – June 17, 2008

Presented by Sandra Brown – In-Service training

2 hour course – 46 CWS workers attended

Content of the two trainings for Child Welfare staff included the following topics:

1. *Abuse patterns of the mother and/or father. Each of the following abuse patterns put the child at different levels of risk.*
 - a. *Parent is an occasional methamphetamine user*
 - b. *Parent is dependent on methamphetamine*
 - c. *Mother is pregnant and using methamphetamine*
 - d. *Parent ‘cooks’ methamphetamine in the home*
 - e. *Parent traffics in methamphetamine*
 - f. *Parent is part of a much larger producer of methamphetamine (super lab)*
2. *Psychological and physical effects of chronic methamphetamine abuse*
3. *Short-term effects of methamphetamine use*
4. *Cognitive effects of methamphetamine use – initially, after chronic use and following several weeks of abstinence.*
5. *Treatment Models*
6. *Implications for Child Welfare Workers*
 - a. *Indicators of use*
 - b. *Safety issues when making home visits*
 - c. *Safety issues while interviewing parents that are psychologically and physically impaired.*

ADMH staff has developed a similar methamphetamine training package. Future CWS training for new employees or a refresher course would be available through that source.

Briefing for Superior Court Judges – Judge Flores received confirmation to make his methamphetamine presentation to the Judges in September. His presentation includes some of the same topics as was presented to CWS. However, his plan for the Judges is to concentrate on the effects of methamphetamine, kinds of treatment and the length of effective treatment.

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 2. *Short-term effects of methamphetamine use*
 3. *Cognitive effects of methamphetamine use – initially, after chronic use and following several weeks of abstinence.*
 4. *Treatment Models*
4. **The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 10th. The time has been changed to a morning meeting. It will be at the Marriott Hotel in Buellton from 9:00 to 12:00.**
 7. **If we have a need for another Task Force meeting, it will be scheduled for September 22. A definite date, time and location will be provided at a later date. (However, it would be good to pencil in time for September 22 at 4:00 PM.)**