

**TASK FORCE:
(SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS)**

ACTION MINUTES

(October 2, 2007)
(Buellton, CA)

Attendance: Ken Bambrick (SBRNET), Eric Hanson (DA's Office/FBSM), Lori Crestfeld (Probation), Tom Jenkins (Sheriff's Office), Annette Martinez (SBRNET) and Thom Allena (ADMHS Consultant)

1. Introductions /Agenda Review

a. Each person introduced themselves and we discussed what brought them to this particular task force and review the proposed agenda to determine additional items and re-sequencing of the proposed items.

2. Discussion of Potential Task Force Members

a. A list of potential members was explored and the following individuals were recommended and names of existing task force members are listed as to who will contact each proposed person:

b. Action items were:

Action Item	Description	Completed
#1	A. Gene Martinez, Santa Maria DA's Office (Eric) B. Cindy and/or Curtis Strange (Tom) C. Representative from Guadalupe (Ken) D. Fred Razo, SB Schools Gang Task Force (Lori) E. Lompoc PD representative (Tom) F. Good Samaritan (Thom) G. Child Protective Services (Thom) H. Business Community: Eg. Hospital/Medical. Public Health (Table until strategies are developed) I. Citizen: Cindy Strange or Co-Occurring Disorder Group (Tom) J. SCORE	

3. Review of Existing Task Force Strategies

a. We discuss in depth the strategies that emerged from the Meth Summit and focused specifically on those strategies that had been prioritized in September by the MPN Leadership Council. Tom Jenkins briefed the group regarding the existing efforts of County Blue Ribbon Commission on Jail Overcrowding as well as the Jail Overcrowding Task Force in building a coalition of stakeholders throughout the county. A report of the Blue Ribbon Commission is tentatively scheduled to be released in mid-November.

b. Action items were:

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#2	With regard to strategy #1: “Establish a grant coordinator to pursue and manage grants”, the group felt that such a position should reflect the needs of the overall MPN and also needs to coordinate with the Outcomes Task Force. As result it was decided that this strategy should be either attached to the existing Outcomes Task Force or be established as a separate Task Force.	
#3	With regard to strategy #2: “Continue the efforts of the Jail Overcrowding Task Force to identify and implement alternatives to jail” the group after discussion elected to recommend to the Leadership Council that this task force would support the exiting work undertaken by the Jail Overcrowding Task Force by developing information as requested and assisting with testimony in public hearings also upon request.	
#4	With regard to strategy #3: “Partner with local businesses and media to disseminate education”, it was decided that this strategy would be explored in greater detail once additional task force members are added.	
#5	With regard to strategy #4: “Build a North County Jail and increase capacity and allow for ‘flash incarceration’ and sanctions throughout the Therapeutic Justice System”, the group elected to support the current county initiative being addressed within the Blue Ribbon Commission on Jail Overcrowding and avoid any duplication of efforts.	

4. Hot Off the Press – New Things Learned!

* The current street price of meth is roughly two times of that of cocaine. (approx. \$14 K per lb. for meth vs \$16K per kilo for cocaine) Meth is still the “drug” of choice by users.

* Local meth labs seemed to have declined due to enforcement, education and restrictions on precursors and equipment. Manufacturing is now primarily taking place across the border and in the Central Valley.

* As earlier discussed, the Blue Ribbon Committee on is scheduled to issue their report in mid-November.

5. Conclusion

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 6th from 10AM to Noon at the SBRNET conference room in Buellton.**