

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Substance Abuse Task Force was held at 5:15 p.m. on November 12, 2014, in the Page Public Library Conference Room in Page, Arizona. Chair Ron Macdonald presided. Vice Chair Cherie Zube', Secretary Bunny Cochran, and Member Regina Santelli were present. Treasurer Ivan Cendese was excused and Liaison to Council was not present.

Chair Macdonald called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

No citizens addressed the Substance Abuse Task Force.

MINUTES

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Motion made by member Zube' to approve the minutes. The motion was duly seconded by member Santelli and passed upon a vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mission statement revision – Ivan Cendese
There was no discussion or action as member Cendese was excused from the meeting.

2. Creation of a scholarship fund for substance abuse counseling education – Ron Macdonald and City Attorney, Joe Estes
There was no discussion or action. Mr. Estes was unable to attend.

3. Creation of a Facebook page – City Attorney, Joe Estes
There was no discussion or action. Mr. Estes was unable to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of day, time and location of meetings as per citizen concern
Citizen, Larry Clark identified himself as the concerned citizen. He voiced his desire to attend our meetings, but could not because they conflicted with the City Council Meetings. He also voiced a concern that the library did not offer sound enhancement for the hearing impaired, but otherwise, he did not disapprove of the meetings being held at the Page Public Library.

There was discussion

The Consensus of the Board was to leave the December SATF Board meeting date the same, since City Council moved the dates of their regular meetings in December.

Chair Macdonald made a motion to change the day of the meetings to the 3rd

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Wednesday of each month beginning in January of 2015. The motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair Zube' and passed upon vote.

Any time or location changes will be discussed in January of 2015.

2. Report on Tuba City Red Ribbon Week presentation by the Desert View SADD chapter/Todd Glasennapp, advisor and students

Mr. Glasenapp presented the Board with a photograph of the SADD Chapter Officers as a thank you for the Board's financial support of SADD's travel expenses to the school in Tuba City, and for the monies needed to purchase SADD T-shirts for the officers to wear. "The shirts really came in handy," he said. He also offered gratitude regarding the Board's support; every student at Desert View who joins SADD will receive a membership card.

He described SADD's 3 separate assemblies to the Tuba City students as a great success, and that his students are ready at any time to do it again. Their presentation involved a skit on the dangers of riding with an impaired driver and a short video they created and produced regarding the effects on the mind and body of energy drinks.

Mr. Glasenapp then deferred to member Cochran to describe her portion of the event, which consisted of age appropriate presentations on the brain's ability to provide "feel good" chemicals to the body and how drugs affect and damage that ability. She further explained the Tuba event culminated with Rynanne and Sam Cochran teaching the students a coping skill to reduce the anxiety of peer pressure and encouraging them toward positive decision making by developing their talents. Their presentations ended with dance and martial arts demonstrations as examples of what you can achieve without drugs and alcohol use. Member Cochran described the gratitude of the Tuba City educators and the privilege it was to collaborate with our reservation neighbors.

3. Report on Page High School homecoming events/Ermenia Tenpenny and Student Council/Leadership students.

PACE received a personal thank you for support of the Homecoming Bonfire event from Page High School's Junior Class President Rachel Stice, Student Body President Tyler McBride, Sophomore Class President Natalie Mallavia, Freshman Class Vice President Alec Runyon, and Senior Class Treasurer Andrew Runyon. They expressed that without the Board's support the event could not have been as successful as it was, serving over 500 participants and providing a sober and safe place for students to celebrate. The Board commended them for being excellent role models and for their service to the community.

4. Report on Liquor Training to law enforcement/businesses – Cherie Zube' and

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Bunny Cochran

Member Cochran referred members to the printed notes on the information given at the training. Member Zube' was particularly concerned about the "BUZZ Bars", and ice cream bars that contain alcohol, that are now available for retail sale. There was a discussion on state by state differences in criteria for obtaining a liquor license, and Page's lack of a ceiling on the number of licenses that can be issued. The question was then asked if the license-granting party could control what spirituous items could be sold by retailers. The required process for vetting applicants through the heads of many agencies was also discussed.

5. Marijuana Harmless, Think Again update – Bunny Cochran

Member Cochran explained that since she had received a scholarship to attend the November 18, 2014 educational conference, she would only require reimbursement of fuel costs to attend. Information on brain imaging studies of those using marijuana was presented along with information on the growth of marijuana use among juveniles in Arizona since the passage of the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act. An article on state lawmaker's negative response to the possibility of marijuana for recreational use becoming law was also provided, as well as a portion of a state quarterly report on marijuana prescriptions.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



Bunny Cochran
Secretary



Ron Macdonald
Chair