



## Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use

Monday, July 12, 2010 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Northfield Community Resource Center

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**Members Present:** Curt Benson, Kathy Cooper, Patty Gallivan, Joan Janusz, Mark Mohlke, Susan Sanderson, Kris Vohs

**Members Absent:** Judi Malecha, Kris Matson, Mary Nelson

**Guests:** Bette Benson (Mayor's Youth Council), Jon Denison, Marti Dompierre (Mayor's Youth Council), Zach Pruitt (staff support), Jordan Taylor

Members were welcomed to the meeting.

*Motion by Joan to approve the minutes from the June 2010 meeting. Seconded by Kathy. Motion approved.*

### Review of Mayor's Task Force financials

Zach presented a copy of the quarterly 2010 expenditures (through June 30, 2010). The group requested monthly updates on the expenditures for the remainder of the calendar year.

### Dr. Charles Reznikoff – Northfield Hospital Opiate Agonist Therapy Clinic

Several Mayor's Task Force members commented that they learned a great deal from Dr. Reznikoff's presentation and were pleased he could attend. The opening of the Opiate Agonist Therapy Clinic was highlighted as an important success in addressing local heroin use.

### Future of the MOST campaign efforts

The MOST Committee has been meeting and recently completed a review of the 2009-10 MOST campaign. The response from the Northfield Middle School administrators and staff was very positive. Committee members also felt that the placement of the campaign at the middle school level was most developmentally appropriate.

Neuger Communications Group is willing to continue to donate their professional services for the next year to the campaign. The Mayor's Task Force acknowledged that this is a very significant contribution of time and talent.

During their January 2010 retreat, the Mayor's Task Force had agreed to continue the campaign through the end of the 2009-10 school year and then revisit whether to continue with it.

*Joan made a motion that the Mayor's Task Force should continue its leadership of the MOST campaign at Northfield Middle School for the 2010-11 school year and should adjust its 2010 budget to accommodate this. Motion seconded by Kathy. Motion unanimously approved.*

### Social Host Ordinances

Kathy, Joan, and Zach shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the concept of social host ordinances. More than 50 communities across the state have adopted such ordinances in the past two years. The PowerPoint outlined what social host ordinances can do and what they cannot do. Local law enforcement would need to take the leadership role in advocating for the adoption of a social host ordinance, but community support would be important.

*Kathy made a motion to state that the Mayor's Task Force endorses the adoption of a social host ordinance in Northfield and is willing to partner on its adoption and implementation. Seconded by Susan. Motion unanimously approved.*

### Fall Activity Night/Pure Performance

Curt, Mark and Zach will meet on July 20 with Tom Graupmann (Northfield High School Activities Director) and the three individuals who attended the American Athletic Institute's "Life of an Athlete" training on the impact of substance use. The Mayor's Task Force is interested in hearing about what the individuals learned at the training and the plans for further implementing Pure Performance in Northfield during the 2010-11 school year.

### Talk, Listen, Connect (TLC) initiative

The TLC Committee continues to move forward with parent education efforts. Two postcards with parenting information have been sent out to parents of local youth in grades 6-12 already this summer. Additional postcards are being developed. The group hopes to have a presence at the National Night to Unite event on August 3. The local celebration is organized annually by the Northfield Police Department.

### Court monitoring

The Court Monitoring Committee had a presence at the recent court appearance for Andrew Bernard Eisenhuth.

### St. Olaf research project

Zach shared that St. Olaf Social Work Professor Devyani Chandran and a research student are currently conducting interviews with community members and partners about the future directions of the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition. The names of Mayor's Task Force members have been forwarded to the researchers, who may be contacting members to interview. Zach thanked those Mayor's Task Force members who have already spoken with the evaluation group.

### Newspaper column

Joan shared that the Mayor's Task Force's July 2010 *Northfield News* column will be on the Take It to The Box program and other efforts to reduce the abuse of opiates and other medications. The group suggested that the July KYMN interview also focus on Take It to The Box and the fact that over 1,800 pounds of medication have been collected in Rice County since September 2009.

### Other

The group provided feedback on the Mayor's Task Force's "2010 Report to the Community." Thanks were given to Mary for her design of the report and to Jordan for his edits to this year's version. The report will be distributed this month.

**Meeting adjourned.** *Respectfully submitted by Zach Pruitt*