



Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use

Tuesday, June 9, 2009 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Northfield Community Resource Center

Members Present: Curt Benson, Patty Gallivan, Joan Janusz, Kris Matson, Mary Nelson, Susan Sanderson, Kris Vohs

Members Absent: Kathy Cooper, Sharon Henry, Judi Malecha

Guests: Ellen Haberoth, Zach Pruitt

Members were welcomed to the meeting. Motion by Patty to approve the May 2009 minutes, seconded by Kris. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Suggestion of guests for August meeting

- Zach suggests inviting Roger Jenni to our July meeting to present the results of the 2009 Northfield Student Survey. The survey was given at the Northfield High School, Northfield Middle School, ALC and ARTech. The group requested to ask Roger to provide communitywide data and highlight the trends. The group also requested that it would be helpful to have the data before the meeting to review, if at all possible.
- Curt will have a discussion with Tom Graupmann about helping with the Pure Performance presenter. Suggestion that Kathy C. would be able to assist with this, as well.
- Curt would like to invite more school people to attend our meetings, starting with Tom Graupmann. The group thought that maybe a school board member would like to participate as a member or as an observer. Curt will contact Kari Nelson about a school board participant.

Operating parameters for the Task Force

- At the last meeting, it was decided the terms are for 3 years. This was slated to be approved by the City Council at its next meeting.
- The group felt it needed something in place that speaks to attendance requirements. Suggestion to contact the member if missed meetings to see if he/she wants to still be an active member. Joan made a motion that if a member misses 4 consecutive meetings or 6 meetings in a calendar year, the member is no longer considered a member and must re-apply if membership is desired. The motion was seconded by Kris V. Motion was approved.

Mid-year review of Task Force initiatives - see handout

- a. Highlight/success from this initiative from the first half of 2009
- b. What do we hope to accomplish by the end of the summer in this initiative area?
- c. What do we hope to accomplish by the end of 2009 in this initiative area?

(Lettering below corresponds with the above codes)

Talking Points and Targeted Mailings to Parents

- a. Followed the calendar for mailings and Talking Points
- b. Have Talking Points available at sports meetings

- c. Looking at communication with parents – comprehensive look at parent education

Prescription Drug Disposal

- a. Really good team/committee. First outreach at the Rice County Fair, currently creating logo, handouts and press releases
- b. Boxes by the end of the fall
- c. Will be continuing this throughout the year

Positive Community Norms

- a. Have received approval to bring the Community Norms campaign to the middle school.
- b. Developing the high school and middle school campaigns
- c. Bring the campaign to the high school and middle school, the community focus will take more time

High School Fall Activity Night

The committee will get together with Tom Graupmann

Compliance Checks

- a. First time in Northfield that all businesses passed compliance tests for alcohol. Increased awareness has helped.
- b. Further trainings
- c. Goal for 2 times a year for compliance checks.

Buprenorphine Advocacy

Kris M. will continue to work on the advocacy

Website

- a. Website in place!
- b. Monthly newspaper articles to be placed on the website. Joan will look into radio interviews for placement on our website.
- c. Put notice in the city's utility bill for advertisement to our website

Court Monitoring

Three more court dates are set. The courts are asking for Victim Impact Statements from us, Patty and Mary will provide them.

Communications Plan and Newspaper Articles

- a. Every month an article is in the newspaper, with a follow-up radio talk. The articles follow the calendar with events.
- b. Will continue
- c. Will continue

Young Adult Support

When Sharon returns, the committee will start the process. Kris M. indicated she would be willing to be on this committee.

Alcohol Sales Procedures

Dropping activity as it is covered elsewhere

Budget

A new lead person needs to be assigned – the co-chairs will be representatives for the budget. The budget needs to be brought to the City Council in July.

Membership Committee

Three new members will be voted on at the council meeting – Kris Matson, Curt Benson, Judi Malecha. Curt will talk to Kari Nelson about adding a school board member.

School Curriculum

Put on hold.

Process whereby the Task Force conducts research – Kris Matson

Kris M. indicated she is leaving her current position and will be doing a fellowship with the University of Minnesota. She would like to use the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use as a partner in her research. The fellowship is in the beginning stages and if anyone has a suggestion for research, please contact her.

Agenda items for next meeting

Requests were made to add the school health curriculum to an upcoming agenda.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Haberoth