



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

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Northfield Community Resource Center

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**Members Present:** Pat Allen, Kathy Cooper, Patty Gallivan, Sharon Henry, Joan Janusz, Mary Nelson, Susan Sanderson, Kris Vohs

**Members Absent:** Ken Engstrom

**Guests:** Ken Malecha, Zach Pruitt

Members were welcomed to the meeting. Motion by Kris to approve the December 2008 minutes, seconded by Patty. Minutes were unanimously approved.

### Follow-Up Discussion Regarding Officer Paul Haider's visit in December

Officer Haider provided very good information on the DARE program. It was interesting to hear his thoughts on why the ZAP program wasn't used on a recent underage drinking party. It seems there is a perception that resources such as extra human power are not there. Becky Ford of the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition recently met with Chief Taylor to give an overview on the resources available. The Rice County Chemical Health Coalition has funds for police training and officer overtime for the ZAP program.

Action Item: Invite Sherriff Cook and Chief Taylor to the March Task Force meeting to give a general review of the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use and discuss the ZAP program.

### Request from Mayor Rossing for 2009 Goals – for consideration at retreat

Susan asked the members to familiarize themselves with the letter regarding roles and responsibilities (see handout). The group will work on it at the retreat.

An article that will be in the newspaper (see handout) that re-caps what has been done coincides with the letter from Mayor Rossing. It is important to report on what we have done in the community.

### Review of 2008 Expenditures & 2009 Budget (see handouts)

Zach highlighted a few of the expenditures and if anyone wants to review the details, an itemized list is available. Zach also mentioned that Kathleen McBride has been very helpful.

### Retreat – January 31, 2009

- Retreat hours are 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
- Location: Bethel Church – fireplace room
- Desired key outcomes from retreat
  - Review of 2008 activities, including Positive Community Norms campaign
  - Discussion of plans for 2009
- Agenda items
  - 2009 goals
  - Discussion of the Positive Community Norms campaign
  - Review of all activity areas (should we continue with committees and current projects?)
  - Suggestion to have a facilitator at the meeting

- Planning Committee for retreat
  - Kathy C. and Mary Nelson volunteered to be on the Planning Committee
  - They will continue to work on the menu and finding a facilitator.

#### Adult Responsibility Committee

- Nothing to report.

#### Positive Community Norms/Social Norms Marketing Committee

- See handout
- The committee is looking for some additional volunteers for the event on Friday at the high School.

#### **Other Initiatives**

Hospital letter regarding Opiate Agonist Clinic: Everyone agreed the letter was well done and that it should be modified to submit to the newspaper.

Website: Mary said that there have been some setbacks and it's taking quite a while to gather the information for the site.

KYMN parenting radio spots: The PSA's are 30-60 seconds pre-recorded messages. Mary, Patty and Sharon will work on the project to gather messages for the Task Force.

Other: The Parent Survey Key Findings were handed out in draft format.

Ken Malecha asked the Task Force if this group takes an active role in court monitoring. It was explained that different members have attended court cases. In the past, the Task Force has given a victim impact statement as part of a sentencing. Sentencing regarding the recent heroin arrests will take place soon. The group agreed it would be an important role for the Task Force to be part of the upcoming hearings and sentences. The court administrator provides information on dates and times.

Action item: Susan and Zach will contact Paul Beaumaster regarding the Task Force reading a victim impact statement for the upcoming sentencings.

*Respectfully submitted by Ellen Haberoth*



**Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use**  
Annual Retreat – Saturday, January 31, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Bethel Lutheran Church – Fireside Room

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**Members Present:** Pat Allen, Kathy Cooper, Patty Gallivan, Sharon Henry, Joan Janusz, Mary Nelson, Susan Sanderson, Kris Vohs

**Members Absent:** Ken Engstrom

**Guest:** Curt Benson, Zach Pruitt, Mary Rossing

- I. Welcome – Mayor Mary Rossing welcomed the group and thanked them for their service to the community through serving on this board.
- II. The Road We've Traveled - Review of 2008 Activities
  - A. Patty provided an update on the work of the Positive Community Norms campaign in the Northfield High School this school year. See handouts.
  - B. The Task Force reviewed each of the activities the group undertook during 2008.
- III. Our GPS: Plotting Our Course

Task Force members spent time in small groups discussing potential additional activities the Task Force could pursue in the new year. Each group shared their top 2-3 ideas, which were combined with the current activities as a list of potential 2009 efforts.
- IV. Checking Signals

The Task Force voted on each of the potential activity areas for 2009, noting if they thought the activity was one that the Mayor's Task Force should undertake in the new year. Efforts that had support of a majority of the Task Force included:

  - *Northfield News* columns
  - Task Force website
  - Targeted mailings to parents
  - Prescription drug disposal
  - Positive Community Norms – high school campaign
  - Positive Community Norms – middle school campaign
  - Positive Community Norms – parent campaign
  - Positive Community Norms – community campaign
  - Fall Activity Night at the Northfield High School
  - Court monitoring
  - Buprenorphine advocacy
  - Talking Points project
  - Budget/Development
  - Initiative to partner with faith communities
  - Initiative with alcohol sellers
  - Communications/Multi-media campaign
  - Strengthen connection with youth efforts
  - Two Town Hall meetings
  - Support for the transition after high school/early 20s
  - Increase Mayor's Task Force membership

- Compliance checks

In addition, there was interest by several members in working on school curriculum, if the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition took the lead in that effort.

There was not interest at this time for working on neighborhood safety efforts in 2009.

V. Looking for Drivers and Passengers

Each Task Force member designated what activities they are willing to devote time and energy to in 2009. In addition, a lead/chair was selected for each activity. See handout.

VI. Request of All Boards and Commissions

The Task Force spent time discussing the document that Mayor Rossing requested each board and commission complete, outlining their goals for the year, as well as any additional resources they need to be successful.

VII. Begin drafting the “Road Map to Success” – our action plan for 2009

Each group began working on the action plan document for their activity. All agreed these will be emailed to Zach by Monday, February 9, 2009. Zach will forward them to the full Task Force. They can then be reviewed and revised at the February Task Force meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

*Respectfully submitted by Zach Pruitt*