

# Director's Report... 02/03/02 - 02/23/02

## *Reflections*

The past three weeks have been filled with relocating the offices to the second floor of the Mill, convening our first Citizens Council, Executive Committee and By-laws Committee meetings, and attending a host of meetings related to Council outreach activities.

The first Council meeting went extremely well with 17 members of the Council attending. Dick Wallace (Alton) attended the meeting as an applicant to the Council and was subsequently appointed by County Commissioners on February 13, as our final member. With Dick's appointment, we are now a county-wide Council. Welcome Dick!

Two committees established at the Council meeting were Executive and By-laws Committees. Gil Schohan (Belmont) and Bob Rovella (New Hampton) were voted in Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, respectively. Wasting no time, Gil quickly asked for volunteers to serve on both committees with the following appointments being made: *Executive Committee*: Gil Schohan, Bob Rovella, Andre Paquette (Laconia), Sheila Weeks (Gilford), Kevin Washburn (Tilton). *By-laws Committee* members include: Susan Smith, Chairperson, Alida Millham, Sheila Weeks (Gilford), John Irwin (Laconia), Mark Condodemetraky, Gil Schohan (Belmont), and Bob Rovella (New Hampton).

Both Committees have met once during this reporting period and the By-laws Committee was charged by the Executive Committee to include in their deliberations, the issue of establishing Council policies in addition to the By-laws themselves.

Scheduled meetings of the Council have been set as follows:

*Full Council*                      *Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.*

*Humiston Building in Meredith*

*Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.*

*Tilton Location - TBA*

*Executive Committee* *Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 6:00 P.M.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Busiel Mill*

*By-Laws Committee* *Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 A.M.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Busiel Mill*

*Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 – 10:00 A.M.*

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*Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 – 10:00 A.M.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Busiel Mill*

*Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 – 10:00 A.M.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Busiel Mill*

Meeting held and attended during this reporting period include the following:

2/4 Office Staff meeting, Joe Driscoll, Community Technical College/Laconia to establish parameters of a regional art contest for area high school students re: Citizens Council;

2/5 Judge Willard Martin to review court-ordered placement facilities;

2/7 Natalie Allen (District DHHS Supervisor) re: services covered by DO and discussion on Upstream;

2/8 Citizen Council meeting,  
Community Technical College Human Services Craft Committee,  
NH Rural Development Council – Outreach Committee;

2/11 Juvenile Justice Program Providers meeting re: program coordination;

2/12 Lakes Region Infant Mental Health meeting,  
Zonta Club presentation at Taylor Community;

2/13 Consultation with David Stamps,  
Video and Citizens Council overview with Martin Lord and Osman staff with Sheila Weeks and Judy Buswell,  
Meetings with County Commissioners re: District Court Parental Reimbursements,  
Interview with Dick Wallace, and  
Update on Citizen Council progress;

2/14 Attended Rotary Club meeting with Sheila Weeks,  
NH Rural Development Council Executive Committee meeting,  
Citizens Council Executive Committee meeting;

2/15 Meeting with Tom Fox, MD re: Governor’s Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment. (Report of Commission is on file at Council Office);

2/18 Meeting with Tom Clairmont of LRGH to review video tape and Council purpose w/Gil Schohan and Bob Rovella;

2/19 Attended meeting of Community Coalition at Community Health & Hospice,  
Attended training workshop sponsored by DADAPR on grant preparedness,  
Met with representatives of the NH Charitable Foundation re: Council Activities;

2/20 Attended Rotary Club Orientation,  
Met with Barbara Hunter of Belknap County Cooperative Extension Service,  
Met with Nancy Cook (Belknap County Commissioners Office) to discuss Job Description(s)  
Presented to Gilford Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Task Force,  
Attended Commissioners’ meeting to discuss the Restorative Justice Grant

2/21 Met with Judith Bush of Cooperative Extension Service (Healthy Communities Project)  
Presented w/Judy Buswell, Wes Colby and Bud Martin, facilitated by Leo Sanfacon, to Leadership Lakes Region participants;  
Met with Frank Latosek (Firesetter Intervention Team) w/Judy Buswell;

2/22 By-laws Committee meeting,  
CTC/Laconia Human Services Craft Committee re: Juvenile Justice Leadership model.

### *Looking Ahead*

Judy will be taking a couple of well-deserved days off on Thursday and Friday (2/28 & 3/1) so if Council members need anything from her prior to her leaving, please contact her by Wednesday.

Alan will be out of the office for meetings, late morning and afternoon on Monday (YDC Commission and a DCYF presentation in the afternoon in Concord). He will be attending a workshop presented by John McKnight (Northwestern University) in Meredith on Tuesday afternoon. Meetings in Concord on Wednesday morning and Manchester and Bedford on Thursday will keep him out of the office as well. On Friday afternoon, Alan, Holly DeWald (Youth Services Bureau) and John Egan (Restorative Justice) will be meeting with some community folks in Barnstead.

### *Events of Interest*

#### **Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast**

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 A.M.

Childcare – Part II

Belknap Mill

Light Breakfast is served – Fee is charged

#### **Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment**

Wednesday, March 20 from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Public Forum to discuss alcohol and drug issues in our community

New Hampshire Community Technical College, Room 200A

379 New Prescott Hill Road (Route 106)

Laconia, New Hampshire

Please call the Council office (528-3185) should you have any questions and wish to have additional information and any of the above items.

*Alan*