

Director's Report... 01/27/02 - 02/02/02

Reflections

Staff are preparing for the Orientation of our Council members on Friday, February 8th. Additionally, Judy attended a day-long Access training to help us develop the capacity to organize and utilize a Council data base for future communications.

We received copies of the video shown at the inaugural event and I will be working with Sheila to develop a dissemination plan. We have talked about having me go out with the video as requests are made for copies. This will assure that there is a foundation set down with viewers and that the video won't simply be thought of as stand-alone piece but rather part of a greater whole. We do have a couple of viewing set up at this time.

The Council offices should be ready to move later this week as new carpeting and communication lines are installed. Once again great thanks are due to the staff of Martin, Lord and Osman for their outstanding welcoming and support in assuring our access and comfort in our surroundings. We will soon be located on the second floor of One Mill Plaza. I will let you know when the move is complete so you can stop in see our new area.

Some activities attended during this report period include the following:

- 1/28 Weekly Staff meeting;
Program Collaborators (START, Youth Services Bureau, Youth Assistance Program, Restorative Justice, Laconia District Court and Citizens Council);
Meeting with Jay Apicelli (Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers).
- 1/29 Consultation with David Stamps – computer upgrades and training;
Taping session – Kinney O’Roarke’s *Asked and Answered* show on Public Access TV.
- 1/30 Robert Wood Johnson – Reclaiming Futures grants meeting with Judge Ed Kelly et. al.;
Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Recovery – Governor’s Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Report;
CARE NH – Planning session on Juvenile Competency;
Meeting with Eileen Mullen of DCYF and Pam Sullivan of DJJS re: Child Protective Services and various programs under the DHHS Family Services and DJJS Divisions;
Meeting with Bonnie Wrisley, JAIBG Program Manager re: Juvenile Accountability Initiative Block Grant reporting and planning.
- 1/31 New Futures Press Conference re: release of new publication entitled – *“We Need Treatment.”* Copies of this document will be made available to Council members at the meeting on Friday, February 8th.
Conversation with Judy Colla of Partners in Health of Dartmouth Medical Center re: role of the Citizens Council in facilitating local grassroots effort around family and children.

2/1 Meeting with Brian Loanes of Restorative Justice to discuss grant requirements, mentoring, volunteer coordination, etc.

The Week Ahead

The next week will continue to see meetings with affiliated agencies and organizations and other community contacts to inform on what current resources exist and the work of the Council. Work will progress on the setting up the first meeting of the Council and preliminary discussions will be held with the Community Technical College re: a region-wide art contest for developing promotional material for the Council and continuing discussions pertaining to some form of Community Justice campus and community education series.

Events of Interest

Belknap Mill Society's Annual Meeting

Wednesday, February 13 from 12:00 noon – 1:15 P.M.

Theme: Changing the lives of young people in a positive way through education, science, technology and engineering.

Featured Speaker: David W. Brown, Executive Director, FIRST

(FIRST - For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)

Cost: \$25 w/lunch

Open to Public at the Belknap Mill, downtown Laconia

More Information call Belknap Mill at 524-8813

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

* Copies of an Executive Summary of a Draft State Plan of the Commission will be made available to Council members at their meeting on February 8th. We should have a strong showing of Council representation at this forum.

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

