

MEETING SUMMARY

COMMITTEE: Council Meeting

DATE: Friday, August 9, 2002

TIME BEGAN: 8:10am **TIME ENDED:** 10:07am **FACILITATED BY:** Rob Rovella **SUMMARY BY:** Judy Buswell

PRESENT: Linda Brewer, Peter Michaud, Richard Wallace, Kevin Washburn, Leo Sanfacon, Andre Paquette, Evelyn Auger, Jim Carroll, Sue Smith, Mark Condodemetraky, Mary Alice Warner, Jim Pilliod, Scott AndersEn **STAFF:** Alan Robichaud, Judy Buswell **GUESTS:** Sandy Sterling, Principal Sanbornton School; Julie Lonergan, Chair Recreation Department; Chief Richard Robinson, Sanbornton PD; Judge Willard Martin
ABSENT: Sheila Weeks, Wes Colby, Alida Millham, John Irwin, Cathy Apfel, David Russell, Gil Schohan

1. Introductions etc:

- Guests introduced and thanked for attending
- Thanks to Evelyn Auger for hosting this meeting and for inviting guests

2. Summary Report from Alan Robichaud:

- Council Progress: Alan used Council Proclamation, issued by Commissioners, as framework for a grid to summarize Council activity for its first 6 months (*See "Tracking Council Accountabilities" handout*). The Council has been productively involved in all five areas outlined in Proclamation.
- Professional Provider Advisory Council (PPAC): Alan shared his ideas regarding development of PPAC.
 - a) He suggests we use three strands of "Community Justice": Prevention, Restorative Justice, and Community Development as primary divisions for PPAC. UpStream would provide counsel around Prevention; the newly organized Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee around Restorative Justice; and the Community Benefits Group for Community Development. (*See Citizens Council Professional Providers Advisory Committee handout.*)
 - b) He has further broken down areas of expertise needed into 26 topical areas and has given suggestions for whom among the provider community might be responsible for each topical area (*See Draft List of Professional Representation handout*)
- Graduated Sanctions Alan has begun a chart showing how the current pieces of the juvenile justice system in Belknap County provide increased sanctions and accountability for juvenile offenders (*See Graduated Sanctions Chart handout*) Alan then referred to a Flip Chart diagram of current programs in the County that begin to develop the graduated sanctions we may need.
- Strategic Planning Process Alan sees a circular process for developing countywide plan. The circle moves through these stages: (*See Strategic Planning Process handout*)
 - a) Vision and Mission
 - b) SWOT Analysis (involves community input)
 - c) Identification of Critical Issues (involves community input)
 - d) Council identifies Strategies and Goals (following input from communities)
 - e) Council develops Action Plans
- Discussion with Council
 - a) Current collaborative efforts facilitated by Council are part of building trust among participants - that it is not as productive to work in isolation. Collaboration is "putting your money on the table and then taking your hands away"; or "An unnatural act performed by unconsenting adults!"
 - b) The Franklin District Court and Youth Assistance Program (Tilton-Northfield) needs to be included in these discussions so that juveniles from Tilton and Sanbornton can take advantage of these new programs coming to Belknap County. Chief Robinson offered to help communicate with both these networks.
 - c) Placements for juveniles usually results in comparable educational losses

- d) Presence of citizens from Sanbornton at this meeting should become the nucleus of the developing citizen network from Sanbornton. The Council should work with these people to develop attendance at community forum scheduled for Sanbornton this fall.
- e) Scott Andersen notes very high correlation between school dropout rates and numbers of kids who also have substance abuse issues; the two are closely connected. Dropout information should be shared in Community Forums. Citizens Council should explore this correlation and reasons for school dropouts.
- f) Most secondary schools are oriented to college preparation yet 30% of students do not go on to college; we have “devalued non-college post secondary education”. Everyone’s vocational choices should be valued.
- g) Judge Martin suggests that juvenile delinquency cases do not need elaborate confidentiality restrictions; the further West one goes in America, the less restrictive the juvenile justice system appears. Public support gained via public knowledge.

ACTION NEEDED:

➔ **Alan, working with Chief Robinson, will insure that Martha Douglass (YAP) and appropriate personnel from the Franklin District Court are informed of added options for Tilton and Sanbornton youth.**

3. Planning Committee Update

- Peter Michaud, Chair, notes three different perspectives on community planning:
 - a) The Plan will come from the Community Forums
 - b) We need to take action now!
 - c) The Council needs to be better organized before any community plans can be developed.
- Peter feels we are making progress in all three perspectives; a lot has already been accomplished.
 - a) The Council has made good progress toward organizing itself (By-laws, mission, committee structure etc); this process will continue
 - b) Council members are gaining knowledge of the “Community Justice” model; this process will continue
 - c) Council staff is making strong efforts to collaborate and build networks.

4. Legislative and Advocacy Committee Update

- Mary Alice Warner, Chair, says committee recommends that the Council join NH Children’s Advocacy Network (NH CAN) on the Partner level. This means the Council will be expected to work with other members to develop the next agenda for NH CAN (2004).
 - a) Motion made by Mary; second by Leo Sanfacon; motion passed by voice vote of Council
 - b) Caveat noted that Council should develop a process for handling those rare instances where Council position might be counter to that held by NH CAN.
- Mary Alice introduced the draft policy on Council Member Testimony as reviewed by L&A Committee. Council members speaking formally on behalf of the Council and presenting Council positions on issues (in Legislative hearings, with media) must first have prior approval from Council.

ACTION NEEDED:

➔ **Alan will submit membership application to NH CAN on behalf of the Council.**

➔ **Alan will email Council Testimony draft policy to all Council members asking them to provide their feedback to Council staff before noon on August 14th so this policy can be further discussed at Council Executive Committee.**

5. Public Relations and Awareness Committee Update

- Linda Brewer, Chair, said Committee is working on a formalized public relations plan and development of logo
- Mark Condodemetraky is liaison for developing relationship with Public Access TV

- Committee is discussing how individual Council members should communicate with members of County Convention.

6. Other Discussion

- Judge Martin said that the Annette Schmitt Fund continues to prioritize the work of the Council.
- Alan said that the current economy has eroded the basic support for non-profits and they will be “hard put to find necessary resources to make ends meet this next year”. We should advocate for these services in our discussions with others, including the County Delegation.
- Kevin Washburn gave two website addresses that he uses to monitor and control email spam. They are: www.mailwasher.net/index.php and www.wiredpatrol.org
- Julie Lonergan (guest) noted that there are few recreational programs in Sanbornton for kids beyond the 6th grade and that this void should be noted in a community plan from Sanbornton.
- Sandy Sterling (guest) said as an educational administrator she has certainly “noted all the social ills discussed in today’s meeting. She would like to work with the Council and will share this information with the Safe Schools’ Initiative, of which Kevin Washburn is also a member.

7. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

- **Friday, September 13th at Busiel Mill**