

**BELKNAP COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL  
MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2007**

**SUMMARY**

**Attending:** Sarah Fox, Mary Alice Warner, Laurie Belanger, Sandy Webber, Emily Clement, Rich Moed, Rick Keller, Micheline Roy, Christie Corrigan, Nancy Porosky, Rasim Gusinac, Ruth Castonguay, Sue Smith. Council **Associate:** Andre Paquette, **Guests:** Judge Martin, Betty Anson, **Staff:** Judy Buswell, Alan Robichaud

**Welcoming and Introductions**

Sarah Fox presided over her first meeting as Council Chair and welcomed all present to the meeting. People introduced themselves.

**Additions and Amendments to the Agenda**

Alan Robichaud recommended that an individual be recognized for service to youth at our February meeting. The motion was made by Rich Moed, seconded by Mary Alice Warner and approved by the Council. The identity of the person will remain anonymous to the public until the February meeting.

**Director's Report**

Alan Robichaud delivered his report to the Council which covered the following:

*Community Forum* updates on the Convocation, Open Space Forum, and UpStream public forums;

*Initiatives* on Victims' Rights and the State Advisory Group Grant;

*Coalition work* including the hiring of a new CoRe Coalition Director, and the State's Strategic Prevention Frameworks; and

Updates on *Council business* including the recent budget subcommittee hearing, Council member attendance reminder, and the need to recruit Council members.

A more complete summary of this report was handed out at the Council meeting.

**Action** Sandy Webber volunteered to stay with the Council exhibit during the Convocation and other members signed up to assist.

**Action** Rich Moed suggested there be a subcommittee to look at council recruitment. Members agreed and a committee consisting of Rich Moed, Laurie Belanger, Betty Anson and Sarah Fox will review and recommend strategies the Council can use to identify people and processes to recruit more members.

**Council Website and Internet Survey**

Sarah Fox led the Council through various web-based tools that may be useful in conducting Council business. First, she walked through the Council's website and various categories where members can find more information on our activities and links to other agencies. Then, Sarah displayed other cyber-tools including Meeting Wizard and Survey Monkey and alerted Council members that they will be receiving an on-line survey regarding their Council membership and participation as a way to assess needs.

**Action** Sarah requested that Council members complete and return surveys soon after they receive them via e-mail.

Several suggestions were made as ways to refine the website and will be considered this next year including adding a streaming video at the bottom, adding an archives section, linking other organizations, agencies, and initiatives, adding a comments section, and I&R piece, and the like. It was suggested that there be a subcommittee that would look at the feasibility of developing some of these add-on features to the website.

**Work Groups**

**BARJ** – Andre presented the goal statements and supporting documents for both BARJ and JJAC for the coming year.

**Motion** On a motion by Sue Smith, seconded by Mary Alice Warner, the Council approved the JJAC goals with certain references pertaining to parenting duly noted.

**Motion** On a motion by Mary Alice Warner and seconded by Christie Corrigan, the BARJ work group goals were approved by the Council.

*Prevention* – Micheline Roy indicated that Dr. Paul DeMinico, Superintendent of Gilford/Gilmanton School District, will be attending the next Prevention work group meeting to discuss his views on students’ values in today’s schools. All are welcome but please call ahead to let us know if you will be attending so we can plan appropriately.

*Community Development* – Christie Corrigan will be discussing opportunities to reach out to where others are currently meeting in a more “go-to-them” approach for the next year.

Executive Committee – Sarah Fox brought forward the committee’s recommendation that Gil Schohan be considered for Council membership. Gil has indicated an interest in rejoining the Council following a mandatory one year absence from the Council due to prior term limits.

**Motion** On a motion by Sue Smith and seconded by Nancy Porosky and Micheline Roy, the Council enthusiastically endorsed Gil Schohan’s reappointment to the Council.

Sarah also indicated that the Executive Committee has moved its meeting time to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**Other Business**

Laurie Belanger requested assistance for a young woman and her baby and in need of housing in the Laconia area. Ruth indicated that she would speak with her after the meeting.

**Public Comment**

Betty Anson reinforced the importance and agreement with strengthening the parents’ abilities to raise their children and she looks forward to becoming more involved with the Council.

**Resources**

Related to today’s discussion, the following websites will offer more information on some of the mentioned initiatives:

- [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com) Survey Monkey
- [www.meetingwizard.com](http://www.meetingwizard.com) Meeting Wizard
- [www.qisa.org](http://www.qisa.org) Qualia Institute on Student Aspirations
- [www.nhworks.org](http://www.nhworks.org) Heads Together conference keynote power point slides
- [www.childrennh.org](http://www.childrennh.org) NH Children’s Alliance Kids Count Book

Respectfully,  
*Alan Robichaud*

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	
<b>DATE: Friday, February 16, 2007</b>	<b>TIME: 8:00 AM</b>
<b>LOCATION: Busiel Mill, One Mill Plaza, Laconia</b>	