**COALITION MEETING**

March 8, 2017

**Members Present:**  Joanne Woodard, Pam Aini, Jerry Bennett, Rick McInroy, Bill Caudill, Paul Shephard, Hank Chapman, Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Mark Recktenwald, Ted Murray, Cheryl Crocker, Amanda Chafee, Colleen Banik, Laura Vetter, Norman McCumiskey

**Introductions:**

* Norman McCumiskey welcomed all members and introductions were made around the room.

1. **January Meeting Update:**

* Approval of the January minutes was not given.
* January meeting activities were deferred until after Dispensary Zoning Ban discussion by Norman McCumiskey.
* Following the Dispensary Zoning Ban Discussion – Norman McCumiskey reported on the status of the 3rd Millennium Project.
* Following the Dispensary Zoning Ban Discussion - Mark Recktenwald reported on the alcohol policies of the Smoke on the Water Committee. They have indicated that they feel that their policies are in line with what they need to be doing and they were not willing to add or change any policies.

1. **Dispensary Zoning Ban:**

* Norman McCumiskey reported on a meeting held with, Steuben County Manager, Jack Wheeler, relative to a discussion on Dispensary Zoning Ban in Steuben County. Norman McCumiskey circulated the Coalition Paper on Medical Marijuana via email prior to the Coalition meeting and asked what the Coalition’s position was on medical marijuana and the banning of marijuana dispensaries. The floor was opened for discussion relative to taking a stand on medical marijuana and indicated that the previous position paper created by the Coalition indicates that we are not against medical marijuana but that we are against the way it is distributed. The question was posed to the group “Where does our Coalition stand on this issue?” Norman McCumiskey reported that as a Coalition, we took a stand that we are against Medical Marijuana and the way that it was rolled out. Do we want as a coalition to act against dispensaries and/or zoning.” Hank Chapman wanted clarification on the state law. Jerry Bennett clarified that we cannot take a stand against medical marijuana because it is already a law. We can however take a stand against dispensaries. Jerry Bennett suggested that we take on zoning that specifically states that we will not allow anything that is against federal regulations/law. Pam Aini recommended that we start with not allowing advertising of medical marijuana on a county level to begin with and further recommended that County Attorney, Alan Reed be brought to the table as well as Brooks Baker to further discuss this issue. Jerry Bennett further recommended that we look at zoning/regulations for hours of operation.
  + **Action Item**: Pam Aini to contact Alan Reed, County Attorney to facilitate a discussion on banning/zoning.
* Pam Aini made a recommendation that the Marijuana Task Force create an updated position paper to be circulated to the whole Coalition for review and comment.
  + **Action Item**: Norman McCumiskey to revise our current Medical Marijuana Position Paper for review and comment.

1. **Prom/Graduation Activities:**

* Pam Aini reported that the prom/graduation activities in coordination with the STOP DWI program and the Steuben County Sheriff’s Department through Jim Allard have offered a p a program to schools on alcohol safety during this upcoming prom/graduation time-period. All schools have been offered the two-hour program filled with many activities. Currently there are 5 schools that have agreed to allow this presentation. Pam Aini would need volunteers for assistance with these programs. This is going to be a significant youth engagement activity for the Coalition.
  + **Action Item:** Pam Aini to submit dates of school programs to Norm McCumiskey and he will forward these on to the coalition group.
  + **Action Item**: Pam Aini will reach out to Bill Caudill on additional game activities and suggestions.

1. **Focus Group – Action Items:**

* Amanda Chafee gave a brief report on items that have been identified by students through the Focus Groups that we as a Coalition can address.
  + **Action Item**: Each individual task force will need to come up with suggestions for items to be addressed for the May meeting.

1. **DFC Me Semi-Annual Progress Report:**

* Norman McCumiskey reported that the Semi-Annual DFC Me Progress Report was submitted on February 16, 2017 and re-submitted with corrections on February 28, 2017.

1. **Community Drug Forum:**

* Norm McCumiskey reported that the Community Drug Forum was held on February 9, 2017 and was a very well attended event with approximately 80 community members in attendance in addition to the 20-member panel participation. Additional forums are being organized for Corning and Hornell with dates to be determined.

1. **Tall Cop Event Update:**

* Colleen Banik gave a brief update on the Tall Cop Event to be held on March 29, 2017 at the Haverling High School Auditorium. Things are on track and on schedule, however we will need assistance in getting the community session attended.

* + **Action Item**: Mark Recktenwald will ask Joe Rumsey to set up an automated call inviting public to attend.

1. **Student Survey – Next Round:**

* Due to time constraints – this item was deferred to the May meeting.

1. **UAD Task Force Report:**

* Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the individual task force meeting.

1. **Marijuana Task Force Report:**

* Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the individual task force meeting.

1. **Task Force Breakout Sessions**:

* The full coalition adjourned and broke out into individual sessions for the Marijuana Task Force and the Underage Drinking Task Force.

**Next Coalition meeting date:**

**Wednesday May 10, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Steuben County Public Safety Building**