**Steering Committee**

**Minutes for November 28, 2017**

Present: Norman McCumiskey, Jim Bassage, Trooper Kevin Grover, Rick McInroy, Lisa Oliver and Hank chapman

1. October minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Coalition Update
   1. Budget Update – Jim explained out current budget which includes a rollover of $9,963 from our last year’s budget.
   2. Youth Action Forum (YAF) – 1) With Amanda not being able to attend this meeting, Jim gave a summary of this year’s YAF. There were eight school districts participating this year with a total of 81 students attending. Jim was very pleased with this year’s speaker Judy Rowe. Jim felt she was very engaging with the students and had a very good message for students. 2) Mark reviewed his experience as one of the three breakout presenters. Mark felt the 20 minute sessions was perfect. Mark session was Youth Engagement. After Mark presented information about our coalition and some county data he had the students form small groups and report to the larger group about how they feel they could become engaged in alcohol and drug prevention in their schools. Mark presented a long list of their ideas which will be shared with our two task forces. Interestingly, the student ideas are mostly want we would like students to get involved with. 3) Jim mentioned that during the breakout sessions he was with the group of advisors that brought the students to the YAF. The advisors talked about what activities their students are involved with. Jim explained that there were many activities the participating schools are doing that our coalition is not aware of. It was suggested that we try to arrange to bring the chaperones back as part of the YAF wrap-up to further discuss what each school is doing with students and see if our coalition can partner with them and their activities. 4) SRO’s – Kevin suggested we try to get the school district’s SRO’s involved with our coalition. Kevin volunteered to contact Sheriff Allard to try to arrange a meeting with all the SRO’s to explain what the coalition is all about and discuss possible ways the SRO’s can get involved with our coalition. Norman explained that it is difficult for SRO’s to attend our meeting due to their demands at their schools. Norman also explained that they do not have to attend our meeting to be involved with our coalition but can useful in many ways.
3. Underage Drinking Task Force (UAD) Update – Jim discussed the following activities that the UAD is working on.
   1. Compliance Checks – Sheriff’s Dept. will be conducting over Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.
   2. Prom/Graduation Events – Sheriff is having a planning meeting in December.
   3. D.U.N.K. Distracted Driver Program – trying to get this group to the Southern Tier.
   4. TIPS Training – Starting in December, task force members will be approaching bars and restaurants in the Hornell area. Members will try to get the owners to have their staff participate in a TIPS training.
   5. Winter Sports Events Resource Tables – UAD members will try to arrange resource tables at school rival sporting events this winter.
4. Marijuana Prevention Task Force Update –
   1. Norman explained the big event this task force is working on. There will be a marijuana Town Hall Meeting (THM) on February 28th at Hornell High School’s auditorium from 7:00PM – 8:30PM. The program is still under construction. What we have definite thus far is it will be moderated by John Buckley, the newly elected Mayor of Hornell. John has hosted several THM’s over the past few years as an Alderman in Hornell. Part of the evening will be a power point presentation on marijuana by Jennifer Faringer. Jennifer is the Director of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Rochester Area. Jennifer has presented to many organizations, over the overs, on marijuana and is an expert in her field. Following Jennifer, Norman will present some of our county data on marijuana. The rest of the evening is still being developed. The title of our THM is **Today’s Marijuana – How it is Affecting our Youth.**
5. Prevention Needs Assessment Update – Norman explained that 12 school districts did participate with the survey and he has been in contact with Bach Harrison to try to get an idea of how long it will take to get the results back. There was difficulty with three school districts who did not have their students take the survey in the established time frame for completion. With perseverance, the mission was completed.