

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

January 23, 2003

3:00 PM

Chairman O'Neil called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Alderman O'Neil, Marty Boldin (arrived late), Ron Caron, Louis Craig, Elaine Douville, Juv. Det. Scott Fuller, Joe Harding, Sgt. Kevin Kelly, John Rist, Dave Scannell (arrived late), Ellie Therrien (arrived late)

Absent: Alderman Pinard, Dr. Frank Bass, Laurel Buccino, Judy Cooper, Chief Driscoll, Tess Gomes, Amy Hanulec, Linda King, Dr. Michael Ludwell, Kera MacKenzie, Traci McCarthy, Fred Rusczek, John Stephen

Chairman O'Neil addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Minutes of a meeting held on December 19, 2002.

On motion of Mr. Caron, duly seconded by Mr. Craig, it was voted to accept the minutes of a meeting held on December 19, 2002.

Chairman O'Neil addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Discussion by members relating to 5 or 6 goals to be accomplished by the committee.

Chairman O'Neil stated we've discussed now for a couple of meetings five or six goals that we might attempt to accomplish with this committee and I don't know if people had an opportunity to give it some thought, Joe, I know you have some things you'd like to bring up. So, why don't we start with Joe and if others have some ideas we'll take it from there.

Mr. Harding stated you will notice from the handout I just gave...I thought it might be a good idea if we could...through existing agencies in the City or institutions like Police identify some of the more outstanding or significant issues alcohol and drug issues facing the City and we might be able to do that similar to having Greg Townsend come in from the Elliot where we would invite these individuals to provide testimony to this subcommittee as to the impact that these issues have on the community or on their particular institution. Secondly, we might want to consider convening key stakeholders for lack of a better term (forum) where we could bring some key people from the City together to better define the issues and make some recommendations as to how we might address these problems and maybe even have some preliminary discussions about funding resources and types of programming that we might want to consider. And, finally, to form a coalition or maybe utilize a current coalition such as the Northern Hillsborough County Coalition that recently came together with a number of treatment and prevention providers to apply for a Governor's Commission grant and that was actually a requirement of the grant that they have a broad coalition that came together and they submitted a proposal together with several of the provider agencies were funded to provide some particular services. So, those are just a few ideas I had that I would ask the committee to consider.

Mr. Craig stated the last time we met we had someone from the Elliot Hospital here and I'm just wondering if there has been any feedback or if we had received any information about what that individual is supposed to do or did with the Board of Directors at the Elliot Hospital.

Chairman O'Neil replied I have not to date nor do I believe the Clerk's Office has received anything back. Why don't I put it...I don't want to put all of the blame on them, they're probably (on our end) has to be some follow-up as well so why don't I do that.

Mr. Craig stated I think that is what Joe was referring to...a medical detox in the City of Manchester.

Mr. Harding stated that is one of the ideas that I know that has come up among a number of groups...that's a dire need for the City, so I just threw that in there as an example, but I thought that if we had a number of people testify and if we log what they're testifying and kind of extract some of the more important things they're saying like the impact that it has on the Elliot Hospital and if others come in like the Police Department or other health agencies and identifies some significant problems that these issues pose then we could kind of put together this list of some of the more significant issues that are being identified and then see what we could do to address those issues.

Chairman O'Neil stated you mentioned having them come in and we could have a speaker every month but you also mention in the second bullet point about a forum of some sort. Could we accomplish, sooner than later, many of those things by hosting a forum?

Mr. Harding replied probably that might be a quicker way to get to it. I think that if you had people come in...it would be a lengthier process...where if we could get a number of people at a forum we would be able to do that rather quickly, you're right.

Chairman O'Neil asked would we be able to generate a list of people similar to Greg Townsend that we could invite in?

Mr. Harding replied yes I think we could. I know that our organization has a number of people that we would think would be important to invite and I'm sure that everybody does and maybe we could even (outside of this meeting), we could just come together to see if we could come up with a laundry list of people who we feel would be important to invite to that forum, if that makes sense to other people.

Chairman O'Neil stated I don't see any reason why we couldn't host...pick a date to host a forum, the City could be the host, we'd find a facility appropriate and come up with a couple of sponsors to maybe give a little lunch or something and do that. So, I think we could put something together very easily, but we'd have to make sure we get the right people there; that would be my concern.

Mr. Harding stated that would be key and For NH through our Demand Treatment grant would have some resources to help in that area also. I want to also say that actually this idea had been presented to us by Fred Ruscsek, so I think this is something that he is very interested in working through the Healthy Manchester Coordinating Council.

Chairman O'Neil stated we can follow-up...Elaine or I could follow-up with Fred on that. So, you're talking about bringing in just treatment people...I would think that if we hold this forum we would want to hit prevention, intervention and enforcement people and I would hope we could bring in people from all three areas to talk about the various issues facing the communities. So, how far out do you suggest we might hold that forum?

Mr. Caron interjected if I may make a suggestion also adding in a public relations component of this. We had talked earlier about some of the issues with parents hosting teen parties and the drinking and drugging going on with parent's consent and the damages that affect our community that if we were to educate at this forum so that the school personnel and enforcement and other providers are having that opportunity, that voice, we could hit the timing late spring being very timely when the parties are starting to happen and the teens are starting to be out and about more.

Chairman O'Neil stated my guess would be we could get Manchester Community Television (MCTV) to participate in it so that we're getting word out to the general public. I would think that John Rist representing the School District would be able to coordinate and get as many of their people involved and I'm sure colleagues here from the Police Department would be able to handle the law enforcement side and some of the legislation that's going on and other issues they may have going on in the City, so I think we could bring everyone together, we just would have to make a list of who we need to bring in...I don't know that we need to bring anyone from our side, anymore people because we're a pretty good amount of people now who those presenters would be the key, I think...so, when you mention late spring might be a good time to do it.

Mr. Caron stated early May or late April.

Mr. Craig stated if I may suggest perhaps we should have a subcommittee just to talk about that and get the list of agencies and names of people who should participate and I think, Joe, that your agency has all of that information already.

Chairman O'Neil stated, Chief, I think that's an outstanding idea. I would suggest...I don't want to speak for the non-profits, I think the non-profits need to figure out who would represent them on that subcommittee...from the City side I think we need to have representation on the subcommittee from Health either Elaine or Fred or someone else that's determined, someone from the Police Department, at least one person from the School District whether it's John or Dr. Bass or whoever, Youth Services...so I think that's a great thought and I'll make sure we follow-up on...Joe, do you want to head this or do you want Louis to head this subcommittee.

Mr. Harding replied whatever you want is fine with me. How about if we co-chair it?

Chairman O'Neil stated fine then Joe Harding and Louis Craig will co-chair the subcommittee noting we will make sure we will get representation from Health, School, Police, Youth Services and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Mr. Craig stated I just think that we ought to give anybody who so desires the opportunity to speak in front of us that wants to express themselves, does that make sense.

Chairman O'Neil replied that's fine. Pick a date, the City will come up with the facility, let us worry about that...if you have some suggestions, but let us worry about any of those costs (if there are any). We'll find a sponsor or two for some lunch, etc. and try to keep any costs down to a minimum, but most important is who we have there.

Mr. Harding stated for clarification we would be able to invite people from the general public who would be interested, I think that's great.

Chairman O'Neil stated I would hope that we could get a balance from the three areas thought.

Mr. Harding stated this wouldn't be presenting so much more of a facilitated discussion, so we might want to consider actually having a professional facilitator to come in and handle this forum.

Chairman O'Neil stated we could or we could just...if we used a place like this, for instance, we could just have people come in and make presentations, some dialogue back and forth...it's recorded here both verbatim by the clerk as well as MCTV.

Mr. Craig stated I think that you, Mr. Chairman, would make a wonderful facilitator and I think that you should be our facilitator for whatever event we have, does that make sense to you.

Chairman O'Neil replied it does, Chief, thank you. So, we'll make sure that Elaine gets back to Joe with who from Health, Kevin or Scott will get back from the Police Department as to who will be their representative on this subcommittee, John will get back with regard to the School District and we'll make sure that we touch base with Youth Services and EAP from our side and I think you folks will be able to cover most of the non-profits. Am I missing anyone because the non-profits would include a number of the prevention and intervention people.

Mr. Caron asked out of curiosity what size of a forum are we looking at doing? Does anybody have an idea, are we looking at having a discussion among 20 stakeholders or 200?

Chairman O'Neil replied the mission of the committee that's here today is not necessarily state-wide issues or even regional issues but really Manchester issues although that can kind of get into the outlying communities, but really what can Manchester do for Manchester and we wouldn't want to be talking about programs in the seacoast or in the north country, we really need to talk about what we can do here in Manchester.

Mr. Craig stated I think what we want to do and it's been defined before, we want to know what the problems are within the City of Manchester and what can be done to correct those problems.

Sgt. Kelly stated maybe John can attest to this...in years past at the schools usually around pre-graduation time we get together law enforcement in the schools particularly the high schools and run some sort of seminar or assembly educating the kids on drinking and driving and things of that nature especially with the spring time coming up and things of that nature. I've been getting together with our Sgt. Jim Kinney from the Traffic Division and what we're looking at is getting together with Dr. Bass and that's something that I have to do and getting together and forming something at the three public high schools involving an assembly type thing for drugs and alcohol...especially, we figure, during the pre-graduation time and I know that the State Police have done that in the past and they've showed films and things of that nature. We're looking at some other means or some other forms of education out there and if there is anyone that can offer anything we're going to be getting together on that in the near future to hopefully show the kids something.

Chairman O'Neil asked are you looking for some assistance maybe from some of these other agencies?

Sgt. Kelly replied not necessarily assistance but maybe ideas especially from a law enforcement prospective you look at that time of the year and all the parties they do and we're realists here, everyone see it as in years past you see the parties, the alcohol and things of that nature...maybe there are ideas other than just getting hundreds of kids together for an hour at school and showing them a film for 20 minutes, maybe there's some sort of ideas, it doesn't require a lot of thought but if you have any ideas or anything that we could gather and show these kids.

Mr. Rist stated obviously I'm in favor of anything we can do to educate the teenagers of Manchester about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. With teenagers you must present the "spectacular". It must have "shock" value to create a thought pattern of "oh my goodness" and I've seen in the past and I don't know if the MPD still does it or the State Police, they used to take a vehicle that was very damaged in an accident and they'd drop it off in front of Memorial High School with a sign "drunk driver" or "two killed" or something like that which is terribly gruesome, but the shock value I think for teenagers can be effective, it can create...all we want them to do is think about the choice and so obviously the School Department is more than ready, willing and able to do anything. The 800 or in case of Central the 2,400 student assembly I'm not sure that works. We had the convincer on the seatbelt thing when I was at Central before where you sit in the seat and they strap you in and then they show how hard it hits at 10 mph...that was very effective the year that that was at Central, so obviously I think sometimes a speaker can be effective...of course, each school has their own Student Assistance Program Coordinator which deals directly in confidence with teenagers and these people would be someone we want to check with also to see what kind of contribution they may be able to make to the forum and to provide very specific information about the level of abuse of alcohol and drugs at the high school level. So, whatever, bring it on we're all for it.

Sgt. Kelly stated one question that was posed to me by a parent was that's fine and great for all these things but what about the kids...they're going to do it, what are you going to do about those kids, what can you do for us as far as the kids that do get in the car and drive and they mention the fact of designated drivers or something to that effect...I think you open up a whole new can of worms (i.e., are you promoting that type of behavior and things of that nature). These are just different questions that have been brought to my attention and other than your typical film showing a dead person and things of that nature.

Chairman O'Neil stated we may be talking about two separate issues. One, is how do we get the message out to our young people and schools and secondly, how can we take the information that the Police and School have and bring it back to this committee so we can try to come up with hopefully some permanent programs to address it. I don't know if you agree at this point, Kevin...taking the message out but also the ability to...as John said, get the Student Assistance people to make presentations to us and what are they seeing in the schools...

Ms. Therrien stated let's not forget about the Weed & Seed Program; that grant calls for education and we've done some. More with the Drug Task Force presenting more to the parents, but I believe there's other things that we can do especially the Coalition that a lot of us belong to in Northern Hillsborough County

right now that just got some intervention money and some money for more beds and some family workers to address substance abuse, so I think that Weed & Seed would look to it because they're mandated under that grant to do more of it, so maybe we could tap into them. And, the LADAC that's been going around is on my staff so I can offer that too and maybe we can work together on that.

Sgt. Kelly stated something that we're looking at is an hour long thing in each of the high schools, these are just things that I'm thinking of...presentation(s) to maybe include the two things that the Chairman had talked about earlier...prevention and show these kids what could happen.

Ms. Therrien asked might there be actually someone who can speak who's attested to or has had a loved one...sometimes they have certain people who have had loved ones lost by a drunk driver and that really hits home, a live person that they can relate to.

Sgt. Kelly replied yes and we've had people who were the drivers in a drunk driving accident where somebody died and their having to live with that is very powerful too. It was called "Just One Night".

Ms. Therrien stated the prison also allows us to bring people out for those purposes too, so keep that in mind and sometimes that makes more of an impression on the kids when they can physically see that and experience the pain that they're still going through for causing something like that.

Mr. Harding stated just so that you're away of it Mark Thompson from the Attorney General's Office, I think, next week is holding a meeting with a number of people and I'm going to be there to talk about other methods for reducing underage drinking and driving and they're looking for some creative things beyond what they have currently been doing.

Chairman O'Neil asked am I getting from the committee that they would like the committee to play a little bit of a role or help support some sort or coordinated spring program with our high schools, is that the message I'm getting here?

Mr. Rist stated this is in the initial phases with me, I have to run it by Dr. Bass...

Chairman O'Neil stated it makes a lot of sense and maybe, Chief, if I can ask John Rist as a Principal do the schools individually usually do programs or is there a coordinated program from the District?

Mr. Rist replied each school pretty much does their own thing in promoting responsible driving and behavior. We now have the Community of Caring at Central High School and West does too and we have picked up different themes and this can be involved in a monthly theme, for example. So, each school really does their own thing, there is no District wide program that we're using now other than they've provided the...

Chairman O'Neil asked do you see an issue with a District wide program?

Mr. Rist replied I don't believe I see an issue at all.

Chairman O'Neil stated it would be the same message taken to all the high schools.

Mr. Rist stated you can save duplication of effort and put together one dog and pony show on this topic that works three ways at each high school, I think you'd save time and you can present a better program probably.

Mr. Craig stated this is one of the subjects that I was going to bring up. One of our goals should be prevention programs in the schools and I think we ought to gear this around proms during the latter part of the year. But, another thing that my agency did we sought a grant through the Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol and we received \$2,500 to present a prevention program to all of the junior high schools, so even though we're talking about high schools, I think it's very important that we also discuss the junior high schools and the School Board has allowed my agency along with Demand Treatment to go into the junior high schools and make a presentation to them and to pass out flyers about drugs and alcohol and we intend to do that and I've talked to Dr. Bass about this and when we get approval of this and we've discussed it with all of the high schools, I should say the middle schools, the middle school counselors and they wholeheartedly agreed to participate and to assist us in this. Our goal is to have people who have suffered from alcoholism and who recovered from the usage of drugs and alcohol and I'm talking about young people and there are a lot of young people out there and can tell these young children about the problems they've had, what they've lived through and hopefully so they won't do the same thing. In addition to that the flyer that we intend to give out will explain different messages about drugs and alcohol and we've also received preliminary approval from MacDonald's that if they take this flyer home and discuss it with their parents about drugs and alcohol and the parent signs it then they can go to MacDonald's

and get a hamburger or cheeseburger and Coke or whatever to give them an incentive to talk to their parents about drugs. So, I think not only should we be talking about the high schools but we should be talking about the middle schools as well.

Chairman O'Neil stated even though this program has been developed is there a way through the resources of this committee it can provide some support to you with regard...

Mr. Craig replied I think the mere fact that we're aware of it and this committee supports it...I did receive \$2,500 for the printing of the brochures. I've already talked to the warden from the Women's State Prison and they have an awful lot of people in the Women's Prison who are willing to talk to these kids, so it's a question of timing, when should we do this and Dr. Bass said that he's receptive to it and it's just a matter of sitting down with him and/or a representative from the School Department to figure out the best timing of it. But, I think that the fact that this committee supports it is important and I'm sure we certainly do. Concerning the high schools around prom night, Kevin, that's a great idea.

Chairman O'Neil stated I think those are three short-term goals for us. One, support you and others in your efforts with the middle school education program; two, support the program that will come about with regard to the high schools; and, thirdly, holding this forum to continue to gather information about the problems in our community. I think those are three goals that if we can work on through these next few months...

Mr. Craig interjected I have a couple more, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman O'Neil stated three of many, Chief, that we could do this spring. I think it would be great before we break in June. So, Kevin, it's just a matter of reaching out for what you need with regard to this in working with the School District and many other people here that would support you putting that program together. Louis, do you have others you'd like to bring up?

Mr. Craig replied I had mentioned this before, I think that when we send out our tax bills and our water bills and I've seen this when you receive other bills like Public Service and they always have something in there is you want to contribute to a non-profit. I would like to see, and I don't know if it can be done or not, but I would like to see a flyer in there about drugs and alcohol, a message that when

people receive their water bills something about...do you know about...what is ecstasy is all about, how does marijuana affect your children...some kind of a message we can sent out every time there's a water bill or a tax bill, just food for thought.

Chairman O'Neil asked are you talking about a specific topic that may go out...

Mr. Craig stated it could change every time we send a bill out.

Chairman O'Neil stated maybe for our next meeting why don't we...I'll try to get everyone together that's involved in billing in the City of Manchester and see if we can make it work. Get EPD and Water involved and the Tax Collector's Office...

Mr. Craig stated maybe we can do something with recycled paper, maybe we can get a donation from a printer or something.

Chairman O'Neil stated I think it's an excellent idea. Those are four good goals for this spring.

Mr. Boldin stated we at GMPC came up with a couple of goals that we wanted the group to consider too. One of the things that we thought would be really helpful is to evaluate the existing prevention programs and see what services could be expanded by expanding current resources and then trying to evaluate gaps in existing sources as a way of developing a strategic plan for possibly seeking more funding in the future. The second one is to explore coordination of these programs on a city-wide basis, on an on-going basis so that whatever plans we do come up with we would be able to make sure that all of the key players are aware of the various resources and the various resource development efforts in the City. We also thought about an accountability audit of all the programs that would be a part of this initiative. In other words, measuring the projected outcomes from the resources that are developed in the City and to make sure that those resources would actually meet those goals. One idea is also to make this information available through community access either through internet or through Manchester Public Television, but just have a community-wide access and increase the entry points into all of these programs so that parents, children and other service providers in the community would have an idea about all the resources that are out there and how to engage in those. The next one was essentially to look at what specific needs would be met in the various grades on an after-school basis. What kinds of things should be going on when school gets out so that young people have alternatives to drug using and alcohol using youngsters.

Chairman O'Neil asked would the first two, well maybe not the accountability audit, but at least the first two items you mentioned...if we hold this forum that we're talking about in the spring time and invite anyone and everyone to come in, do you think we'd be able to get the information we need on what truly is going on in the community.

Mr. Boldin replied there are a couple of different things that are going on right now that will probably enhance that. One thing is the GMPC group that's meeting outside of this committee that's really just targeting on prevention and prevention resources in the City has already started a taxonomy and we're projecting that that will be done by April 1st. That is going to give us a couple of different pieces of information that we don't have now at a pretty sophisticated level. It's going to let us know a broad cross-section although we're not, at this point, 100% certain that we've covered everything that's out there, but we've taken a couple of passes at it and we think it's going to give us a broad cross-section of not only what programs are out there but what ages of children they serve, how they actually look at substance abuse prevention and then there is also going to be some information that's more allegorical about what those programs do. We think this will be helpful on a couple of different levels. Number one, it will give whatever group decides to pick up this ball a database to kind of start on, some real hard numbers to take a look at. The allegorical data will also make the information collected in this important and pertinent to different kinds of people besides the people sitting at this table. So, if GMPC's able to finish this project and produce it or get it published on the web site that might be a nice piece to look at as this spring forum is taking off just as maybe a part of the starting place for that process. The second thing that's going on is there is a broader group of people, some of which again who sit at this table who are starting to consider overall development of coordinating all youth services, not just from substance abuse but the whole array of youth services across the City and develop a collaborative. This is important for a couple of different reasons. As federal monies have been evolving over the last few years there are more and more requests made that cities actually collaborate in a meaningful way which means coming up with goals, what are you going to produce through the process and so what happens is the different service provider organizations out there end up sitting on a lot of different kinds of advisory boards and even though information gets around, it doesn't get around in a real strategic kind of way. So, there's some energy looking at how to be more strategic about looking at not just substance abuse, but mental health, teen pregnancy, dropouts...all these different initiatives that are going on through the City. I think that group would also be well-apprised of any activities of this committee as we move into the spring and will probably be able to make some important contributions to the process as we move along.

Chairman O'Neil stated I think one of our goals or part of our mission should be this networking, we just need to make sure we don't get spread too far that we're not concentrating because when you start to get into some of that after-school and various after programs, after programs...I think I agree with you that they're not all talking with one another and there probably is duplication of services. That might be a little bit beyond our scope although I agree with you that it can tie into the issues of substance abuse, but I'm not suggesting we limit what we do but we may want to crawl before we walk before we run here and I think there are some issues specifically that the City of Manchester itself can play a role in helping to address and one of them is getting the word out and as Louie talked about tax bills...we have a great system with MCTV, we now have a very active web site in the City and what we probably need to do or maybe I can do in between meetings is get some of the City agencies together to see exactly what we can do to get the word out so the City can bring those resources.

Chairman O'Neil addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Discussion relating to pending legislation.

Chairman O'Neil stated I know the last time Detective Fuller gave us a pretty good overview on HB179 and I know Sgt. Kelly was up testifying at our last meeting on it, so I don't know if there's anything either one of you want to update us on or any other legislation the members of the committee might be aware of.

Sgt. Kelly stated I was up there last week. We were meeting once-a-month and last week I was up there for another meeting...

Chairman O'Neil stated, Kevin, why don't you give us just a basic overview.

Sgt. Kelly stated HB179 the old one was raising the age of majority back up to the age of 18 in the State of New Hampshire and what I've been doing is keeping an eye on it. Once-a-month we're meeting up in Concord...Joe Diamond the Director from YDC was proposing this bill. In any event, I was there last week and it looks like they've tabled it for now. We're going to get together in April, tentatively scheduled for April.

Chairman O'Neil asked is this a law enforcement initiative or is it an initiative of all in serving the youth or young adults of the state?

Sgt. Kelly replied it's a combination...you mean who proposed it, is that what you mean?

Chairman O'Neil replied not necessarily who proposed it...I know it came from the people at YDC, but I know on the other side was the law enforcement community and kind of in between are the various school district, social service agencies that are serving these people in the 17 or 18 year old age group. Has there been a collaboration to talk about the pros and the cons of it?

Sgt. Kelly replied yes and this is what this House Subcommittee was formed for and pretty much the people involved in this subcommittee...you have representatives from the Public Defender's Office throughout New Hampshire, you have prosecutors throughout New Hampshire, you have law enforcement, social services and a vast array of different agencies involved.

Chairman O'Neil asked is there a formal report issued currently?

Sgt. Kelly replied there hasn't been one yet. Like I said the last I knew was that it was tabled and the next time we're suppose to meet is in April.

Chairman O'Neil stated there probably will not be any legislative action then this spring.

Sgt. Kelly replied not that I know of, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman O'Neil stated it's kind of a big issue.

Sgt. Kelly stated it is in a lot of circles and like I mentioned before in one of your previous meetings here, a lot of people here have a lot of passionate feelings about this for obvious reasons and with me being one of them and again for those few who have been around Manchester for years, exclusively back in the early 90's you recall how the City...there were some serious problems...you're talking downtown Manchester, but in the schools and the cities surrounding Manchester and with the drugs and the burglaries and everything that comes along with it because we were getting a lot of kids coming up from Connecticut, New York...where the age of majority is 16 coincidentally and they were coming up here and selling their drugs, they were coming up by the van loads. I was an officer within the Juvenile Division working the night shift and there was a period of three or four weeks where we were getting these kids coming in and getting arrested at twelve, one o'clock in the morning...where are you from...Massachusetts, Queens, New York, Hartford, Connecticut...how old...17. Because the age up here 17 they were considered a juvenile where right down in their home states they were considered adults. Another aspect you've got to look at for this too is you're getting these kids locked up from states (i.e., Connecticut, New York, etc.) who's paying once they get in our court system. This is all

coming under the State of New Hampshire's funds for juvenile resources and there's not a lot of resources out there. Money for juvenile services, it's very tight right now and you throw a whole other group of 17 year olds in there especially from out-of-state. Why are we paying for services to out-of-state kids?

Chairman O'Neil stated so it's your belief that there most likely will not be any action by the legislature on that bill/law as it is currently written will probably remain in tact as least for this year.

Sgt. Kelley replied yes.

Chairman O'Neil asked is there any other legislation that anyone is aware of that they may want to share with the committee?

Mr. Harding replied I will have to get the particulars on it but I just received notice of some legislation requiring treatment for DUI offenders but I would need to get more information to this committee and I can do that and send it out.

Chairman O'Neil stated just to review...Joe and Louis will Co-chair the Forum Subcommittee and work with the various agencies and each City agency will be asked to provide a representative to that subcommittee to set up a forum sometime in late April or early May. I think the committee would like to be supportive in any way we can with the middle school program, Louis, that you're involved with and I think the Police Department and others develop the high school program in conjunction with the School District. I think the committee would like to be involved and be supportive as we can and provide any resources that may be needed. I will work on (in between meetings) how we can get not only this forum that's held monthly and is on MCTV but how we can get different information out to the citizens of the City either through various bills utilizing the services of MCTV or the City web site. So, we'll work on that and try to have some kind of report for the committee at the next meeting which is scheduled for February 27th at 3:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before the committee, on motion of Mr. Craig, duly seconded by Mr. Caron, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee