

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

September 25, 2003

**3:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall 3rd Floor**

Deputy City Clerk Paula L-Kang called the meeting to order and entertained a motion to elect a Chairman Pro-Tem.

On a motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Marty Boldin, it was voted to elect Joe Harding as Chairman Pro-Tem.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Alderman Pinard, Detective Fuller, Marty Boldin, Judy Cooper, Elaine Douville, Amy Hanulec, Joe Harding, Tom Farrell, LuAnne Oatman

Absent: Alderman O'Neil, Sgt. Favreau, Dr. Frank Bass, Laurel Buccino, Ron Caron, Louis Craig, Tom Jordan, John Rist, David Scannell, John Stephen, Ellie Therrien

Messrs: Peter A. DalPra

Minutes of meeting held June 26, 2003.

Minutes of meeting held August 28, 2003.

Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes of June 26, 2003 and August 28, 2003 will be brought back to the Committee at their next meeting.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Review and discussion relative to 2:00 PM Workshop on Executive Summary.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding asked has everyone had a chance to give a quick review of the information we've put together so far? What we had discussed doing was further refining this document. I think that some work could still be done in that area but we've got it narrowed down. Just to explain briefly that the references at the end are all to the actual testimony that was provided at the May 12th meeting, so on the last page, the reference page, you'll see that at the end of the section in this Executive Summary, it might have a footnote and that footnote would bring you back to the last page there and that reference would be to the actual transcript from the Forum. So if people wanted to look up additional information or the full text of the testimony they could do that. I think we should be disseminating that with this Executive Summary. Having said that, this is testimony that was provided by key people that were invited to the Forum as well as citizens from Manchester and does not currently include any comments from the Special Aldermanic Committee. So I think we probably have an obligation even to include some comments and I would ask maybe each of you to...it might be easiest by email or otherwise to send me your comments. What would you want to include in here? And then there could actually be a section that's comments from the Special Alderman Committee. So if we refine the document from the information that's currently in there, we include comments from the special committee, I think the other piece that needs to be done is just to format the document into a more attractive, more appealing looking document. Maybe put a graphic of the City Hall on it or something and I have a person that works for me that could help in that area. Having done those pieces, then what we had talked about doing at our two o'clock meeting, which we really didn't get to because we didn't have enough people here, was what is our plan to disseminate this to some key people in the City. We talked at our last meeting about maybe making a formal presentation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, to the School Board, maybe to the Police, Fire Department, maybe to business groups, business and industry associations, the Chamber of Commerce, something to that effect. So it would be helpful in my mind if people had some ideas around that. Who would like to participate in that committee that's going to develop this strategy and plan?

Marty Boldin stated I will help out.

Elaine Douville stated I'll help out also. I'd first of all like to thank you for doing such a great job on this draft. I did have the opportunity to read it a little bit before the meeting. In reading through it quickly, I think we added a little bit about seeing who the key stakeholders might be that can...some effective leadership people. Maybe the Healthy Manchester Leadership Council, finding a way to filter the information down to our schools and see what programs are available in the schools and what we could provide for the schools, but focusing the full gamut down from the schools age population and all the way up. Is that what we were hearing from the people who provided testimony came from their individual

organizations and represented a wide range of ages. So I think we need to make sure we're covering the full gamut.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding asked so could we take this opportunity now? It wouldn't have to be an all-inclusive list. Do we actually for the record come up with a list of who we would like to start presenting this information to? So why don't we open that up for discussion?

Mr. Boldin stated I think a lot of the places you mentioned, the School Board, School nurses, Healthy Manchester Leadership, Chamber of Commerce. There are a couple of different collaborative groups around the City that are already looking at major issues related to youth. One is the Youth Solutions Initiative, Makin it Happen; there are thoughts of starting a citywide youth coalition. That would be a group that could get the information. Care New Hampshire is another one and the PBIS (Positive, Behavioral, Intervention...) Initiatives in the schools. This is a model funded to help schools retain drop outs and it's a pretty large initiative here in Manchester that Alliance for Community Supports is working on in conjunction with UNH and Juvenile Justice.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding asked and so we would present this information to the people involved with that effort?

Mr. Boldin responded because it coordinates services between schools, service providers and the juvenile justice system.

LuAnne Oatman asked wouldn't you also want to make this available...I know you're on the Governor's Commission. I think this is something that should be made available to them and I think also the people up at Data Per. Alice Burning, Rob O'Hannon would be interested in this information. I know our board would be interested in it.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated I think we're coming up with a number of groups that we could provide this information to and there's a number of ways we could provide. On the one hand we could send it to them and maybe have one individual meet with them. Some other groups we might actually want to do a presentation like to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, like to the School Board. Any thoughts along those lines?

Mr. Boldin stated this is just a turning the thought around a little bit. What about inviting those groups to come here? Inviting at least representatives from several of those groups to come here during one of these meetings and really giving the information to large network of people at one time.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated I think that would be great if we could get them to come, but we may actually have to go to them. That's my thinking. I'm not sure. And on the one hand we might think that inviting some people here, some that might come, if it's a larger body like the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the School Board maybe we need to go to them. I think actually it could work both ways.

Ms. Oatman asked how do we intend or do we intend to address anything that has to do with the youth voice? I know that a young person had actually written the testimony to be included because she did not want her name put with it, and I'm not sure when I looked at the big document, I didn't notice her comments there and also I know that the problem doesn't only exist only among youth but, youth is a large portion of it and we're always talking about it but they're not represented and I think if we're going to do some presentations and some conversations out there, I think we need to have youth with us and talk about it as well because it's not just us, an adult problem. They're sometimes at both ends of it.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding asked is that something that you could facilitate?

Ms. Oatman answered we can facilitate it. I would just need to know that there was support by this group to bring youth to the table.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding asked what do other people think about that? I think it's a great idea but it's beyond what we've talked about so far because it goes beyond the Forum. So it's actually inviting young people to participate in some other kind of forum or some way to have that happen and including that information with that that came out of the Aldermanic Forum.

Ms. Oatman stated there may be a way to tie some of this and I don't know if it can happen but, Makin It Happen has held two forums already where we've had youth sit down with service providers and the business community to talk about the issues around substance abuse in their schools, and in their homes, and in their neighborhoods, and I know some here have been at those forums and those comments and notes and discussions have been written up and there may be a way to tie it together. And there is a group of interested youth that do care about what's happening to their friends and in their homes and things and they want to be a part of the conversations. So it may not be as difficult as it sounds when I first suggested it.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding asked does it make sense people that maybe we do an addendum to the Aldermanic Forum that would include comments from young people on the issues? Was there a particular name for those forums?

Ms. Oatman answered we just call them community breakfast forums. I know Real you were at our first one and I know Pete you were at our second one and that was a good group. There were nine kids there that were willing to just talk about what's going on.

Mr. Boldin stated if we're thinking about making a presentation it may not be a bad idea to partner with a group like Makin It Happen, so we could produce both pieces of information during the same kind of information sharing session.

Amy Hanulec asked do you tape any of the information from those forums?

Ms. Oatman answered we haven't made any videotapes. The kids are a little reluctant to be taped. Some of them did allow their pictures to go in the newspaper, but we do have at every table a recorder so I have all of the comments that were made and we just kind of labeled it like high school sophomore from Central or something like that. The group that we're working with now is not afraid to come out to things like this and talk and are very well spoken and I think pretty knowledgeable about what they're talking about.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated we don't have a quorum here so maybe this is almost what we hoped the two o'clock meeting would be. Maybe we could come up with...if there's some consensus here, that we could come up with some recommendations that we can make at our next regular scheduled meeting at three o'clock, the fourth Thursday next month. Right now we can't even make a motion. Is that correct? So if we can't really make a motion then we could at least come up with some ideas if there is an agreement to do that. So to kind of capture this a little bit, there's a recommendation...is there a consensus or agreement amongst this group that we should recommend to the Aldermanic Committee that we include an addendum that would provide some comments and feedback from young people about these issues in Manchester?

Alderman Pinard stated what we need to do here and we've been going around now for quite a few months, I'm here and I'm also with the Concord people and we're having problems all around the DWI, we're having problems in the high schools with the drinking and this is what this committee is all about. I think what we need to do is a publicity stunt of some sort. We've got to get the newspaper behind us; we've got to get the TV channel behind us. We've got to get the message out. We are not getting the message out of what we're doing. I've had a lot of you people on my Manchester on the Move show to try to get the thing. LuAnne and I and those kids, it was a great, great morning. But again we left the Puritan and nothing. We come over here and we talk and we've been talking and getting good ideas. We had the other summit last week, I understand today that it was a real success at Dr. Sabato's. But what do we do? This is what we're here

for. This is what you're saying Joe, you're looking for ideas. We've got to do that first step. Communication is the number one thing that's missing in my feeling and I think that maybe we should invite somebody from the *Union Leader* to participate with us. Maybe we should get Channel 9 or the other channels, because without the message we are going to stay in these chambers forever. We've got to get out of those doors.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated so you're basically talking about some type of media event where we could get the information out. Can I suggest that once we do finally get this document finalized and that we're maybe making our first presentation to maybe the Board of Aldermen if we're so lucky to be able to do that, then maybe we could invite the media to that and also make sure that they're well aware of what's in the document and the comments that were made as well as the recommendations.

Alderman Pinard stated Mr. Chairman what we've got to decide is, we're talking a wide range here. We're talking alcohol, we're talking drugs, we're talking DWI, we're talking...we've got to pick one subject to have a major news conference and the word is that maybe we should call it declaring war in the City, because it is ruining our City, ruining our kids. This is where this news blitz would come in. But we've got to pick up one or two items that we're going to focus on. Does anyone else have any ideas?

Det. Fuller stated I've been here since the first meeting and I think we failed in the initial meetings to set clear definitive objectives. We came up with a mission statement and I was just rereading it again, and I don't know that we have done anything yet to address this mission statement. We're all communicating; I would disagree with Alderman Pinard in our level of communication. I think it's very good. We have people from a lot of agencies who are communicating on a monthly basis at a bare minimum. Many of us are communicating on a daily and weekly basis, but we don't have a definitive goal in mind. Our goal is very vague, which is to ultimately the last portion of it is "come together, working together to reduce alcohol and drug problems". The only definitive idea we've come up with so far, or tangible idea, is the one by Louis Craig and we're still working on that, and it will happen. I know Louie would like to see it a little quicker, but it will happen. I have to look to the results of this summit and I question what our goal is in going around to, for instance the School Department, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and presenting this to them. There's nothing in this document that we don't already know, which is that there is a problem with alcohol and drugs within this City as in every other community. That's the reason that we all were brought together. It is a common problem and I think we're spinning our wheels if we go before everybody and reiterate the problem. Nobody has forgotten this and I don't know what the objective is. If somebody can enlighten me as to what the

objective is to go around and dedicate some time to meeting people to show them a ten-page draft that says we have a problem with alcohol and drugs. I might be missing it and I'm as guilty as anybody else. I don't have any tangible ideas to give, but I think we need to refocus our energies on tangible ideas, set timetables, and then evaluate our results afterwards. If we need to make modifications and improvements to our course of action, then that's what we need to do. But to date, I don't know that we've done anything tangible yet other than meet and talk and invite many people to tell us that alcohol and drugs are bad things. Something again we already knew because we were brought together for this reason.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated I think that we're part of the choir. That we know that, I strongly disagree that there's an acknowledgement by the majority of the citizens of this City or even of some of the key people including the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and on the School Committee and maybe if they're hearing comments or seeing in black and white, comments from people from the City that they really are concerned about it, then they might be more likely to want to do something to support efforts to reduce these problems. I guess it's a matter of perspective. In my opinion it would be time well spent to try to really get this information out. That was the reason for having the forum in my mind.

Mr. Boldin stated if I could just piggyback with what Det. Fuller is saying. I think even if we go ahead and have the forum, and we get the information out there, my question, and I'm not sure Scott if this is what you're asking or not, but my question is if we activate a group of people with this information, what are we activating them towards? And this may be even a broader question than what Det. Fuller is saying; is it in the mission of this agency to activate the community at large toward a goal. Be it a broad-based goal or a very specific goal. One of the pieces of data that's come up to me over and over again is the number of losses in treatment beds in the City, and I think that's an appalling statistic and I don't know that, I would agree with you Joe, I don't know whether or not everybody in Manchester knows that, but even if we got that out there for everybody, it begs itself. What are we going to do about it? Are we just going to say well we've lost a bunch of treatment beds, call Senator D'Allesandro, call Senator Gregg and say help us out? Or is the City going to take upon its shoulders to improve the treatment and prevention delivery system and is this a group that spearheads that effort? There's a piece of me that strongly shares I think in sentiment with what Det. Fuller is saying and I appreciate Mr. Craig's efforts to get this group to go ahead and move forward and do some things, but there's a significance of agency representation at this committee. We have the ability to reach out to many of the key stakeholders in the City of Manchester and I hope it's not beyond us to be able to sit down and say, here's a tangible result we want at the end of this. Louie Craig said during one of the first meetings that we had that the last time this group got together one of the accomplishments at the end of their meeting time was the

creation of the SAPS in the high schools. And I think that's a nice legacy for a committee to do and I'm wondering if this committee is up to a similar kind of task. We have access to the people at the dapper, we have access to people in federal government, there are funding sources available to us. Should we be sitting down and thinking about how to use this information to activate and organize a portion of the community to improve the treatment and prevention delivery system in the City?

Det. Fuller stated if I could add one thing. I put it out for people to ponder and consider. So look at the problem of alcohol and drugs. It is a monumental task, it's a monumental problem to try and get tangible results. What I put out to you folks to consider is that we redefine or limit the scope of what we're going to attack first, which is do we potentially want to attack and try and fix juvenile issues regarding alcohol and drugs, or do we want to go for adult issues. Because they are two distinct issues in my opinion and we'll need to approach them in different ways. To further expand on it, do we want to go after the issue of alcohol consumption and abuse or drug use? And I understand that they are the same but I'm going with your illicit drugs, your hardcore drugs, controlled drugs, prescription drugs? Or do we just want to bottle them up into one category, because again we're looking at different types of people who are going to abuse alcohol and those that will abuse the drugs and many of them will abuse both. But I think we really need to narrow down the scope of our plan of attack here and define what we want to fix first, go in small increments and then as we get a handle on one problem, and we feel we've done as much as we can, move on to a greater problem and maybe some day, years from now, we will have encompassed all of the issues that surround us.

Ms. Oatman asked is it really the job of this task force though to fix it? I see it more as we get the conversation going, there's facilitation, you go out and you do raise awareness. Because one of the things that I think came up at some of the breakfast forums we've run, we think everybody knows there's a problem, but they don't. There's moms and dads living in denial, one of the moms looked at me and said my daughter told me it was like this at her school but I totally didn't believe her until I heard other kids. I thought she was just exaggerating. That's just one case. If we're looking to mobilize the community, I'm not sure this group takes the place of the programs and services and the human service agencies that are out there doing the services, but if you keep the dialog going and you engage the community and they begin to own what's happening, then they are going to support when it's time to support an agency that's going for funding or something comes up regarding a policy change in the City or age of accountability. Whatever it is, whatever the issue is, immobilize the community and something like this gives agencies like mine and others the tools we need when we're looking for background information to put in about the City regarding the need and saves

my having to go out and convene this huge forum to touch base with the community and get their opinion. I've got their opinion and I can site this Aldermanic task force and anybody that writes grants for funding for programs can do that, but I see us as mobilizing and enabling and assisting and providing the leadership in getting the message out there but not being the fixers as this group. That was my assumption when I came into this. I could be totally off base on that.

Det. Fuller stated I had just the opposite assumption so I guess right off the bat I think we have a need to clarify what our exact tangible objective is.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated I think that makes a great amount of sense. Because we could all be sitting here thinking we have different ideas. Quite frankly I'm thinking that this has been about public awareness and getting the influence of this committee to try to get something to happen in the City. If we do a public awareness campaign in my mind there's people out there that care about criminal justice issues, there's people out there that care about youth, there's people out there that care about the elderly and how these issues impact on their lives. But unless we get the information out there that says how they are impacted and the things that we could actually do effectively address these issues, then I don't think we're going to get the inertia that's needed to go for it. In my mind Senator D'Allesandro and his testimony caught it very well. I think if you're looking for something to hang your hat on, this is his testimony: *a) recognition of the seriousness of the problem and most people do not have that recognition or will not assent to that recognition. The problem does exist both in the area of alcohol and drugs. Once we have recognized the fact that these problems exist and we have to deal with the problem. That problem has to be dealt with families, by institutions, by services orientated agencies that can help deal with these problems.* I think if we're not going to do that, if we can't get the City to do that, we're really not going to get very far. In my mind.

Det. Fuller stated I would only submit that at least I'm on the opposite page from what you are and LuAnne and that has just come to light now and I think maybe we just need to touch on that probably at our next meeting. To make sure that everybody is on the same page, and if we're not, regroup and define an objective for us as to what our task really is.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated that makes great sense. To have us come together to actually define what our objectives are.

Det. Fuller stated I look at the mission statement and it is vague and it can apply to the way I think we should be doing things and the way each one of us thinks we should be doing things. I guess we have to have definitive parameters.

Elaine Douville stated I will second that too in looking at the mission statement too. Make Manchester a healthier and safer community by working together with outside agencies that already exist or working towards us find new places for people to go for this treatment. What does that mean? Working together?

Alderman Pinard stated I was at a meeting this morning at the Highway Commission and Chief of the liquor enforcement Mr. Moore was there and he spoke and he just came back from a conference and the problem is all over the country and I'd like to suggest that I invite Chief Moore at the next meeting because he is very concerned about what's going on on the liquor part and I think that maybe that as our first mission we should tackle the alcohol. Because I think the Manchester Police Department is doing a good job with the drugs. Let's get the alcohol going and then we'll jump on the other. Chief Moore will be more than willing to come over and address this group. Maybe we should have a news conference that the Chief is going to be here, this is the purpose, this is the war we're going to declare, DWI or whatever. Maybe Chief Jaskolka can even address. But this is where we've got to start.

Det. Fuller stated Alderman Pinard I think that's a good idea, but I think it might be premature in looking to do that at the next meeting. Again, I think that would be contrary to what the direction I think we've started to go in and that we need to establish our own priorities and objectives first. And if we bring him in next month, again it doesn't go towards some of the thought processes that the members have.

Alderman Pinard stated I agree with you but we've got to start somewhere and I think that the priority should be let's go do it. The Chief will come over and address us of what he's find out in other parts of the country, which is going to help us here. I mean it's up to you. I have the gentleman right on the fingertip and he's willing to come at any time. We've got to get started. We've to do something.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated may I suggest that we do both but maybe at the next meeting we can focus on our objectives. Because we need to all be on the same page otherwise we're really going to floating, and then at one of the subsequent meetings that we will have Chief Moore come address the group, because I think he could provide us with some great guidance. Getting back to the executive summary, if you look at the bottom of the first page it does have objectives for us disseminating this information. So at least in respect to this document, is there some discussion on that and whether these objectives are appropriate and well founded?

Ms. Hanulec stated I think I'm wondering about disseminating this information into different committees. The School Board, the Aldermanic Board, I'm not saying that that's not important but are we looking to target the public? Because I don't think targeting the public, getting this information to other committees is going to get us to that goal. If that is even a goal? Are we trying to get the public more interested and make the public aware of the problem? Or are we trying to get other people who are involved in committees and different agencies in Manchester involved?

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding responded in my mind that we're trying to inform the citizens of Manchester, but it's also very important that we get the support from public officials. Because if we don't have the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen and other City officials behind these efforts, then I don't think we're going to get very far as any policies that will support what we're looking for.

Ms. Hanulec stated I agree with you and I guess I'm kind of in a piggy back on what Det. Fuller said, if we do something that's concrete and actually what Alderman Pinard suggested maybe doing some kind of news event to get the people interested and show the Aldermen of Manchester, that look these people are interested, this is what's going on, here's a concrete task that we're doing. I don't think just presenting the information is going to make enough of a statement to make an impact. Plenty of people make statements all of the time. We had the forum, clearly there's a problem but when are we going to get it out there and shown here it is.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated I think that makes sense. I think we are going to get the Board of Aldermen to sit up and notice this and the School Board is they're hearing from the citizens of Manchester that this is important to them. I think it works both ways.

Mr. Boldin stated Joe as I was listening to Det. Fuller and you talking and discussing the issue, I do think that there's something that even if we are just about information sharing and we're not about a specific concrete task at the end of the day, that we should also consider whether or not this is a group that could make strong suggestions about the way the different service providers and community groups might move to improve the service delivery system or improve awareness or approve prevention services. I don't think we have to start our own treatment program or reinvent the wheel, but I do think that this group with all of the experience and expertise should be able to guide the community in ways to best use it's resources to meet our needs around this issue.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated I think that's a great point because this is a special Alderman committee and that in my mind wields some influence with

other people in the City. If you go to them and say for instance if we present this information to the Healthy Leadership Council and it's coming from the Special Aldermanic Committee that hopefully that's going to bear some weight. I think we need to be asking some of these leaders in this City to step up to the plate and do something. I think we need to be asking the hospitals in this City to step up to the plate and do something. All had medical detoxes here in the past, where are they now? Where is the hospital's commitment to these issues that are so affecting all of their other medical issues that they see every day? And so I think Marty raises a good point, that maybe this committee could be influential in trying to not only raise the issue but getting some of the key people in the City to do something about it.

Mr. Oatman stated if I could ask a question. I'm probably jumping the gun just a little bit but when we're ready to do a public awareness, a big time campaign or something, will we invite a public relations company or something to assist us with that so that we're sure we're communicating the message in the way we want it communicated and not saying things in a silly way or anything like that?

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding replied I think that makes all of the sense in the world. We could invite Al Sprague's outfit.

Ms. Oatman stated I know High Point Communications does a lot too with...at least tobacco prevention.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated so that's something that we could ask of them to donate their time and expertise and help us really put forth an effective communication message because we probably don't have the ability to do that, because we are involved in similar circumstances. And you're right, you really need to target who you are going to be addressing this to in order to be effective. Where do we go from...how do we kind of wrap this all up today and package this that will be helpful to us to present this to our next Alderman committee?

Alderman Pinard stated I think at the last meeting I asked going over the list of the people that...but I think that we should call or have somebody the ones that haven't shown up in a long time, but I think if we're going to work we've got to get some people that are here. It's all right to miss, but when you miss almost a whole year, I don't think that they want to participate. So I would recommend that maybe the City can look into it and update our list.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated I think that happened, didn't it?

Ms. Douville stated Alderman Pinard I think that Valerie Fysh, the Clerk of the committee, did call other members and unfortunately she's not here to day, so I'll bring it to her attention. I believe she does have the people who do want to continue to be members and those that don't.

Alderman Pinard stated at the next meeting we should have a list of who is who and then we can bring in some new members. Maybe we should get somebody like Mark Beaudry, public relations right in the City of Manchester. Maybe somebody from the Rotary or the Lions or something like that. You're talking about civic people. There are the civic people there that maybe should be here helping us.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated that was the other group I was trying to think of that they would help us out too.

Ms. Douville stated I believe this list is updated. The current list is dated September 19th and certain members were already deleted from here.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding stated yes a number of people were deleted from that list that were not attending regularly. So to summarize, at our next meeting we're asking first of all that the full committee consider what our objectives are? Is that the first order of business?

Det. Fuller stated I would agree. I know we can't make any formal motions or anything but, the reason I said it was to kick it out and for the next 30 days we start, those who are here, start thinking about that issue.

Ms. Douville asked are we going to make the difference or are we going to give the information to other key people who can make a difference within their agency or with the existing programs. In thinking about what we've been talking about it just comes to mind that a lot of this is money. A lot of people realize there is a need for whatever it might be and near to my heart is obviously school and youth, introducing more programs down into the school level, but it takes money. So we need to convince the School Board that money needs to be allotted to address these issues because they have escalated to this point. The public has spoken, these are the statistics, this is what our children need, this is what we're offering them now in the schools, or this is what little we are giving them now to address these issues, and we get to our youth who are affected in all ways like you said. Either themselves or their family with this condition. So I think we need some clarification on presenting information to them or are we making the difference?

Det. Fuller stated if I could say one more thing. I don't believe that our thought processes are as opposite as maybe I initially portrayed them. I do agree with

LuAnne and yourself that we're not going to be necessarily the doers. I think that we are going to be communicating with the other agencies. My thought is maybe we come up with a course of action. We're going to determine what the course of action would be and then we'll look out into the communities for the people and organizations who can better follow that course of action. We're the representatives at this point. We come up with the idea and find out who can do this. So it's not as polarized as I initially sound, because we're not going to be the ones pounding the pavement and actually putting hands on demonstrations, or whatever we come up with, but we will be bringing in those resources within our community that will be able to do that for us.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding responded I think that makes perfect sense. Try to make recommendations to the community to take action and to those agencies that are able to do that. I think that's great. Secondary to maybe us better defining our objectives, I would propose that we continue to discuss how it is we are going to utilize this information. Do we want to make presentations to some keyboards or groups or is that not the best way to proceed? I think there's probably a number of different ways to get this information out there. Some groups we might just want to mail it to them. You may want to have it available in the library, other groups we may want to present to. We're going to have to decide what it is we want to do with it. I think its some great information. I think a lot of people came here provided testimony and I think it would be unfortunate if we didn't utilize that in a timely manner. So hopefully we'll do something with it. So I would ask that that be also on the agenda for our next meeting. Also, Louie is going to be very disappointed that we didn't talk about his brochures today, but Pete is probably here to whip us about that in his stead.

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Update on brochure to be included in School Department's mass mailing.

Peter DalPra, Serenity Place, stated the brochure is ready to go. Probably by the middle of next week we'll have all of the quotes we need and it will be reformatted by Ron Caron and I'll be getting it to Dr. Bass's office.

Ms. Douville stated for a point of clarification, there are two district brochures that we're talking about?

Mr. DalPra answered yes.

Ms. Douville stated I guess I'm a little confused about that.

Mr. DalPra stated the one I'm talking about is the *Responsible Parent*.

Ms. Douville asked the one that's going to be distributed through the school? And the second brochure to be included in the Water Works mailing, involves what?

Chairman Pro-Tem Harding replied we haven't done a lot of work on that one. But there is a second brochure and it is intended to be distributed with water bills if that becomes possible. There's some issues around that, whether that can happen and logos and advertising.

Ms. Douville stated which had come up in June. When we spoke about that I think we had talked about a lot of families not seeing a water bill, renting an apartment or whatever, so in order to get it out through the kids at school might be a better way to get it to a lot of the homes with no mailing charge.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Marty Boldin, it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee