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Legislation Text

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City Council Meeting Date: January 17, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council
City Administrator

From: Ben Martig, City Administrator

Consider Support for Pursuit of Establishing the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use as an Advisory Board or Commission.

Action Requested:

Staff recommends a motion to Support Pursuit of Establishing the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use as an Advisory Board or Commission.

Summary Report:

The Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use has been in effect since 2006. Attached is additional background regarding the Task Force. Mayor Pownell and City Administrator Martig are suggesting that this group be formally created as an advisory board or commission of the City. The belief is that these groups are more permanent in nature and that it would be more appropriate to establish as a formal board or commission if they are going to continue on an ongoing basis.

Staff intends to work with the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use to establish information in creating this group as a more permanent entity.

Alternative Options:

The City Council may have further questions related to this topic.

Financial Impacts:

None.

Tentative Timelines:

Staff is intending to bring this item back in March or April dependent on work with partner members.

ITEM: Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use
REQUESTED BY: Mayor Lee Lansing
SUBMITTED BY: Al Roder, City Administrator
IN CONSULTATION WITH: Pat Allen, Task Force Representative

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The City Council is being asked to support the Mayor's task force on youth alcohol and drug use. The task force will work in collaboration with the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition (RCCHC) and multiple sectors of the Northfield community.

The Mayor's task force will focus on the following objectives:

- To raise community awareness about youth alcohol and drug use;
- To support and encourage efforts to increase community education about youth alcohol and drug use;
- To provide a citizen voice in community efforts to reduce youth alcohol and drug use;
- To examine existing policies and practices in the community around youth alcohol and drug use; and
- To develop and implement the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on youth alcohol and Drug use.

According to student survey results, the number of Northfield 12th graders who have used alcohol in the past 30 days is 54%, compared to 34% in Faribault, and a state average of 46%. The number of Northfield 12th graders stating they have used marijuana in the past 30 days is 22%, compared to 12% in Faribault, and a state average of 18.6%. Members of the Mayor's task force have the energy and enthusiasm for taking a stand on chemical abuse by youth and adults.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2006-026
2. Powerpoint information on youth chemical use

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Introduction/Report:	Al Roder, City Administrator
Motion, second:	City Council
Questions/Comments from City Council:	Mayor and Council members
Questions/Comments from Public, if any (2 minutes/person):	Mayor facilitates
Discussion:	Mayor/City Council
Action on the Resolution:	City Council

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2006-026

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA RECOGNIZING THE MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON YOUTH ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE AND SUPPORTING ITS EFFORTS

WHEREAS, the 2004 Minnesota Student Survey describes unacceptable levels of chemical use by youth in Northfield; and

WHEREAS, since all sectors of the community may contribute to the problems, all are needed to design and implement the solutions; and

WHEREAS, advocating for and with youth to lead healthy lives free of chemical abuse is important to our community; and

WHEREAS, research and planning have been done by the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition (RCCHC) and the Healthy Community Initiative to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Northfield has created a Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol and Drug Use; and

WHEREAS, the RCCHC has agreed to provide staffing and services to the Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:


The City of Northfield is committed to supporting the efforts of the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol and Drug Use along with the other supporting entities.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 3rd day of April 2006.

ATTEST



Interim City Clerk



Mayor

VOTE: Y BOND Y DAVIS Y LANSING Y MALECHA Y NELSON
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Northfield Mayor's Task Force: Youth Chemical Use

2006

Task Force Vision and Values

- We know that abuse of alcohol and other drugs creates problems for our community. We need to look at what contributes to the problems and how we can solve them. This work belongs to more than just parents or schools or law enforcement or treatment providers . . . it belongs to all of us.

Task Force Vision and Values

- We have energy and enthusiasm for taking a stand on chemical abuse by youth and adults. We are advocates for and with youth to lead healthy lives free of chemical abuse.
- We care deeply about standing up for what is best for our kids to create a safe community for all of us.

Why a Task Force?

- Northfield 12th graders stating they have used alcohol in the past 30 days—**54%** (compared to 34% in Faribault and 46% State average)

Minnesota Student Survey Results, 2004

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- Northfield 12th graders stating they have used marijuana in the past 30 days—**22%** (compared to 12% in Faribault and 18.6% State average).

Minnesota Student Survey Results, 2004

Why a Task Force?

- Nearly half of Northfield 8th graders say their peers think drinking alcohol is wrong. By 11th grade, only 8.6% say their peers disapprove of youth alcohol use.

2005 HCI Survey at Northfield Public Schools

Why a Task Force?

- The economic cost of alcohol in Northfield is approximately \$15,432,300 with 18% (\$2,777,814) absorbed by state and local governments.

Minnesota Department of Health formula based on 2001 population.

Economic costs include lost productivity from alcohol-related illnesses; premature death due to alcohol use; healthcare expenditures; costs of alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes, social welfare administration and criminal justice system costs of alcohol-related crime.

What can be accomplished?

- Raise community awareness of youth alcohol/other drug use in Northfield



What can be accomplished?



- Support and encouragement for efforts to increase community education about youth alcohol and other drug use.

What can be accomplished?

- Provide citizen voice in community efforts to reduce youth alcohol and other drug use.



What can be accomplished?



- Examination of existing policies and practices in the community around youth alcohol and other drug use.

Task Force Allies

- Northfield's Healthy Community Initiative
- Northfield's Chemical Health Task Force
- Rice County Chemical Health Coalition
- Rice County Family Services Collaborative

**Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol and Drug Use
Purpose Statement**

The Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol and Drug Use will work in collaboration with the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition and multiple sectors of the Northfield Community.

Beginning work in March 2006, the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol and Drug Use is charged with the following purpose:

1. To raise community awareness about youth alcohol and drug use,
2. To support and encourage efforts to increase community education about youth alcohol and drug use,
3. To provide a citizen voice in community efforts to reduce youth alcohol and drug use,
4. To examine existing policies and practices in the community around youth alcohol and drug use, and
5. To develop and implement the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol and Drug Use.

Mayor's Task Force on Youth Alcohol and Drug Use

