

Working Together: A Coalition for Safe and Healthy Communities

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ARTICLE 1: Name

The name of this coalition will be Working Together: A Coalition for Safe and Healthy Communities. (The community represents the areas of Pine River-Backus, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley and Northland Community School Districts).

ARTICLE 2: Vision/Mission

Vision Statement:

We envision a safe and healthy community free of the impact of substance abuse and its negative effects.

Mission Statement:

Working Together to prevent substance use by our youth through community collaboration, resulting in an improved quality of life.

ARTICLE 3: Organization

The Coalition will consist of individuals residing in, working in or committed to youth in the community.

ARTICLE 4: Membership

The coalition is open to any residing in, working in or committed to youth in the community. Members will represent: Youth (persons 18 years or younger), Parents, Business community, Media, Schools, Youth serving organizations, Law Enforcement, Religious or fraternal org, Civic and volunteer groups, Health care professionals, State, Local or tribal agencies with expertise in the field of substance abuse, Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse.

ARTICLE 5: Meetings

The Coalition will meet monthly to conduct official business. Official business will include but not limited to: committee reports, discussion of projects and goals, creating sub-committees, bylaw review, etc. While it is hoped that members attend all meetings, it is desired that members attend at least 9 meetings per year.

ARTICLE 6: Sub-Committees

Sub Committee should be responsible for goals and projects of the Coalition and will have a Chairperson. Committees will report progress at the general meetings. Each subcommittee will appoint a Chair Person.

ARTICLE 7: Decision Making:

All decisions will be reached by consensus. Current chairs will appoint a nominating committee to replace them when their term is up.

ARTICLE 8: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year will begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

ARTICLE 9: Amendment to the By-laws

Bylaws may be amended once each year at the January meeting and approved by simple consensus. Any proposed changes must be submitted to coalition members one month prior to this meeting.

ARTICLE 10: Rules of Order-

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order will govern any rules of Parliamentary Procedure not covered by these By-Laws.