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STATEMENT OF INTEREST: I began my journey in the ToP methods in 2008 when a regional training was offered. The TFM book sat on my shelf for five years. In 2013 I decided that I should take another look at the methods as a potential next chapter in my life. Being funded on soft money (grant funds) that were to expire in the Fall of 2015 I knew that I needed to start writing that next chapter. I began by revisiting the TFM and TSP class. I knew I was in the right place. All the community work I was doing NEEDED these methods. My passion for the methods was ignited. I attended the 2014 Minneapolis Gathering and came away with a leadership role with the PHiT team. I learned a lot about the history and gained experiences with the veterans of the methods. At some point in 2014, I became involved in the Annual Gathering team where we said, "Let's make it happen," and 2015 Aurora Gathering took shape. I completed my Certification at that gathering. I continued my learning journey through the Masters in ToP in 2014 and completed that in January of 2015. I am currently in the Apprentice Journey with a completion date of someday. I hope to be able to serve as a board member who sees the big picture while treasuring the roots and the foundation that is based in making community level change happen through the collective voice.

BIO: Angie has served as the director of the local non-profit Kossuth Connections coalition since 2000. She is also one of the founders and directors of the state-wide anti-drug coalition, Alliance of Coalitions for Change (www.AC4C.org). Through that role in that non-profit, she coordinates the efforts of anti-drug coalitions across the state with state-level partners. Angie brings her skills as a Certified ToP Facilitator to the coalition work and has been featured in 2014 and 2016 at the CADCA (Community of Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) Leadership Forum Idea Fair in Washington DC.

Angie serves as a Capacity Coach for Iowa Department of Public Health Partnership for Success / Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant from SAMHSA. She supports local community coalition leaders as they develop alcohol prevention coalition efforts. Angie has demonstrated the ToP methods at work through her role as a Capacity Coach. As a result several of the coalition leaders have sought out training to gain the skills to use locally.

Angie has a Masters in Adult Education Training and Development from Drake University and received her BA in General Studies: Communication, Business and Education from the University of Northern Iowa. In addition to being a Certified ToP Facilitator (CTF), she maintains certification as a prevention specialist (CPS). Additionally, she is a trainer for Intervention Procedures (TIPs) – responsible beverage server training. Through her coalition work she serves on Iowa's State Epidemiology Workgroup; State Prevention Advisory Board; and State Prevention Workforce Workgroup