

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
January 25, 2011
5:00 P.M.

Present: Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Steve Groeger, Recreation Superintendent
Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police
Tonia Moore, LMTI
Laurie Wilson, Project Graduation
Rich Monacchio, Community Representative
Melody Powell, PEI Kids
Jim Kownacki, Council Liaison
Margarita Leahy, Rider University
Absent: Betty Donahue, Coordinator
Kim Taylor, Community Representative
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire

- A. Member introductions were made.
- B. The minutes for the December meeting were reviewed and approved.
- C. Grant Reports
 - a. Camp Fire – No report
 - b. LMTI – Anti-bullying week was recognized in December. Morning announcements were made each day, a bulletin board was dedicated to bullying and Rachel’s Challenge was presented.
 - i. Random Acts of Kindness were completed by LMTI students in December.
 - ii. In January, LMTI met weekly to discuss upcoming projects.
 - c. Coordinator – Carol Chamberlain reported on behalf of Betty Donahue. The county has not received approval of the 2011 grant yet. The final 2010 grant report has been submitted to the county and has received initial approval.

The stress management training that was scheduled for this meeting will be re-scheduled at a later date.
 - d. PEI Kids – The anti-bullying program started today at LIS. The program will be presented to all the 5th graders. A questionnaire is distributed to the students to get their feedback. Problem solving strategies are discussed with the students. Students are also given an opportunity to discuss personal bullying incidents with PEI staff.
 - e. Project Graduation- Laurie Wilson reported LHS graduation will be on June 17th. Project Graduation will begin at 7:00 p.m. There are 283 seniors in the graduation class this year. Committees are currently being developed for the various jobs the parents need to complete. Mr. LHS, a fundraiser for Project Graduation will be held on April 14 at the high

school. Alliance brochures are distributed at Project Graduation activities and they will be distributed at the school play in March.

- f. DARE – The DARE program is currently being presented to all the 5th graders at LIS. It will also be completed with the 5th graders at St. Ann’s School in the spring.

D. LADA By-Laws – Carol Chamberlain explained LADA by-laws have no date of adoption on them. She is requesting LADA members review the by-laws prior to the February meeting. At that meeting the LADA will discuss the by-laws and vote on the formal approval of them. Copies of the LADA by-laws were distributed at the meeting.

E. New Business

- Rich Monacchio asked about the Safe Homes program. He said this has been a successful program in other towns and he feels it could be a successful program in Lawrence. It was discussed that parents at LMS could be asked to participate rather than the LHS parents. Suggested contacts at LMS are Mindy M or Peggy Tamasa.
- Steve Groeger suggested the Lawrence Service Center/Homefront be asked to participate in the LADA. Carol Chamberlain said she would invite Christine Leigh from Homefront to the next meeting.
- Jim Kownacki said the anti-bullying program at the County Alliance dinner was very informative. He asked Monica Barria to forward the power point presentation from the dinner to him in order to share it with the LADA members who didn’t attend the county dinner.
- Margarita Leahy announced there is an AA group which meets at Rider University on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- Carol Chamberlain said Betty Donahue will be stepping down as the coordinator of the Alliance. The coordinator position will need to be filled for the 2011 grant year. Carol said she will bring the job description to the next meeting. If anyone is interested in the position, Carol is the contact person for the details of the position.

F. Next Meeting- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22 at 5:00 p.m. The by-laws will be reviewed at that time and the calendar of events will be discussed.

G. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson

Approved 2/22/11

