

**LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 27, 2011**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson  
Jessica Nitti, Camp Fire  
Scott Wilson, Project Graduation  
Margarita Leahy, Community Representative  
Tonia Moore, School Representative  
Melody Powell, PEI Kids  
Rich Monacchio, Community Representative  
Steve Groeger, Recreation Superintendent  
Nya Toussaint, LMTI  
Joscelin Villalba, LMTI  
Keyona Miller, LMTI  
Aaliyah Walver, LMTI  
Simmone Jordan, LMTI  
Jadira Villalba, LMTI  
Nyere Parish, LMTI  
Ayosola Abebete, LMTI

**Absent:** Susan Varga, Community Representative

**A. Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 28, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**B. Grant Activity Reports**

LMTI Presentation - Eight representatives who attended the LMTI camp this summer came to speak to LADA about their experience. This year Lawrence High School sent four campers and four YACS to the week-long camp. The LMTI students spoke about the activities at camp and the lessons learned throughout the week. Lastly they thanked the Alliance for the funding provided.

The LMTI students also told the group about upcoming activities including a Halloween party, Back-to-School Night at the high school and Community Day where they will be offering face painting.

Tonia Moore also said this LMTI will be celebrating "The Year of Respect". There was a discussion about a mentoring program consisting of the LMTI students working with the PEI students at LIS.

Camp Fire Boys and Girls - Jessica Nitti reported Camp Fire is currently scheduling Safe and Sure classes at Ben Franklin Elementary School and Little Kids College.

PEI Kids - Melody Powell explained the "No More Bullies" program will be presented to the fifth grade students at LIS in November. There will be two days of programs at which the students' thoughts on bullying are discussed. After the program the students will be asked to complete a questionnaire to pinpoint the students' thoughts about bullying. They will also be asked for input on how adults responding to bullying make a situation better or worse.

Skills to cope with bullying are taught through role playing. In addition PEI Kids staff teach students what bullying is, the different types of bullying and the strategies to address bullying. The students are also taught how to talk to adults about bullying they observe or experience.

Melody Powell and Tonia Moore agreed to discuss further a joint effort to address bullying with the help of the LMTI students.

Project Graduation - Scott Wilson reported on the Project Graduation event which occurred in June. The total cost of the event was \$18,280.00. Eighty-five percent of the graduating seniors attended the program which was held at Lawrence High School.

This year there are 282 students in the graduating class. At this time, it appears there is a scheduling conflict for Mr. LHS, one of the bigger fundraisers. The senior prom has been changed to April which is creating the conflict in scheduling.

Project Graduation will have a table at Community Day. The next parents meeting will be October 3, 2011.

Community Awareness - The LADA will have information at Back-to-School Nights. It will be distributed by the health department staff. There will also be a table at Community Day. Melody Powell and Rich Monacchio volunteered to work the table at Community Day.

DARE - No Report.

Coordinators Report - Carol Chamberlain reminded all grantees the third quarter reports are due by October 10, 2011. The forms can be e-mailed to the grantees if needed.

Melody Powell reported no activity for the third quarter. Jessica Nitti reported no activity for the third quarter. Scott Wilson indicated Laurie Wilson will be submitting the report for Project Graduation.

**C. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

**D. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain  
Chairperson