

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
June 26, 2012
5:00 P.M.
Manager's Conference Room
Lawrence Municipal Building

Present: Steve Groeger, Lawrence Township Recreation Department
Laura O'Mara, Homefront
Kelly Nitti, Campfire U.S.A.
Ken Dunn, Community Representative
Melody Powell, P.E.I. Kids
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Sue Varga, Community Representative

Absent: Richard Monnacchio, Community Representative
Tonia Moore, School Representative
Bryson Edgar, Lawrence Township Police Department
James Kownacki, Mayor, Council Liaison

A. Minutes

The minutes for the meetings of April 24, 2012 and May 22, 2012 were reviewed and approved.

B. Introduction of Coordinator

Carol Chamberlain introduced Ken Dunn as the new coordinator for the LADA. Ken will be assisting with the grant preparation and reporting. Ken is a Lawrence resident who has previously and currently serves on the committee as a community representative.

C. Grant Activity Reports

LMTI - No report.

Camp Fire U.S.A. - The Camp Fire program will be presented in the new school year at Little Kids College and Ben Franklin School.

PEI Kids - No report.

Project Graduation - Steve Groeger reported the evening went very well. Door prizes were distributed throughout the night. Discussion with the parents indicated both fundraising events and the request for volunteers were poorly promoted this year. There was very little marketing for the pancake breakfast and not many people were aware of the request for volunteers the night of the event.

DARE - No report.

Community Awareness - Carol Chamberlain reported the LADA will have a table at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Volunteers are needed to be at the table.

Also, Community Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 12:30-4:00 p.m. Community Day will be located at the Yeger Drive side of Village Park. Volunteers are also needed for this event.

C. New Business

Second Quarter Reports - Carol Chamberlain reminded everyone the second quarter reports are due July 2, 2012. Copies of the reporting forms were available for the grantees. The handout from the Governor's Council explaining acceptable documentation and back-up paperwork was distributed to the grant recipients.

2013 Grant Applications - The 2013 grant application process was reviewed. Carol Chamberlain distributed a copy of the 2012 budget for the grant. Any changes requested for the 2013 grant are to be submitted to Carol by July 15, 2012.

Sue Varga asked if there are programs at Rider University. Carol said the radio program "Inside Your Mind" is sponsored by the Alliance. Sue Varga said she felt there should be more done at Rider. Carol said there is a new substance abuse counselor at Rider. She will invite him to our September meeting.

D. Other Business

Sue Varga said she had read on the Patch that some young men had been arrested for possession of marijuana. She asked what help is available for these people. She was told this is a police issue and the LADA is not involved directly. Sue Varga is interested in making sure people arrested for possession of drugs are aware of where help and resources are available. Carol suggested an article be written with resources listed in the article. The article can be submitted for publication in the Patch and if approved the information may be posted on the Township website.

D. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

E. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson