

**LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 27, 2012**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Susan Varga, Community Representative  
Mark Ubry, Lawrence Police Department  
Steve Groeger, Recreation Superintendent  
Tonia Moore, School Representative  
Laura O'Mara, Homefront  
Laurie Wilson, Project Graduation  
Suzanne Rose, Homefront  
Richard Monacchio, Community Representative  
Barbara Sprechman, Mercer County Prevention Coalition  
Jenna Murphy, TCNJ Intern  
Monica Barria, Mercer County Alliance Coordinator  
Carol Chamberlin, Chairperson

**Absent:** James Kownacki, Mayor, Council Liaison  
Kelly Nitti, Campfire  
Melody Powell, PEI Kids

**A. Focus Group by Barbara Sprechman**

Barbara Sprechman from the Prevention Coalition of Mercer County conducted a focus group survey with LADA members. Questions were asked about underage drinking, marijuana use, heroin and prescription drugs. The results of the survey will be collated with other focus group surveys conducted throughout the county.

**B. Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 28, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**C. Grant Activity Reports**

LMTI - Tonia reported March was Team Building month. LMTI conducted various team building activities in March.

This Saturday, LMTI will be conducting a Spring Fest event for children. This is a fundraiser for the LMTI students to raise money for students to attend camp this summer. Tonia Moore also distributed flyers for the LMTI t-shirt sale. This is also a fundraiser for LMTI.

DARE - The DARE program is currently being conducted at LIS and St. Ann's School. Over 300 students are participating. The police will be conducting a simulated car crash on prom day after the senior breakfast.

Camp Fire Boys and Girls - No report.

PEI Kids - No report.

Project Graduation - Mr. LHS is scheduled for April 5, 2012. There were two restaurant fundraisers. One was at Cheeburger Cheeburger and one was at Domenico's. The amount of funds raised has not yet been reported.

Graduation is scheduled for June 20, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. The prom will be on April 20, 2012. The senior breakfast on prom day is sponsored by Project Graduation parents. Tonia Moore added the third grade letter writing project will be conducted in conjunction with the prom. Laurie Wilson will attend the senior breakfast to distribute literature. Laurie Wilson also said there are PSAs available with safe prom information from the Division of Law and Public Safety.

A letter is being sent to parents at LHS requesting donations for Project Graduation.

Community Awareness - Carol Chamberlain distributed the revised LADA brochures to everyone at the meeting. This brochure will be used at community events to inform residents about the LADA.

The St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo and Kids Safety event will be May 12, 2012 from 9:00-1:00 P.M. Rich Monacchio has volunteered to man the table from 9:00-11:00 A.M. Additional volunteers are requested.

Coordinator - Carol Chamberlain reminded everyone the first quarter reports are due April 1, 2012. Hard copies of reporting forms were distributed. Monica Barria reminded everyone of the need to submit the reports on time. The Governor's Council will not be reimbursing grantees who submit late reports.

Carol Chamberlain also distributed information about Quitline and the Tobacco-Free newsletter.

**D. New Business**

Sue Varga asked if there are any upcoming free trainings. Carol Chamberlain said she is not aware of any at this time but will forward any trainings to the LADA members when she receives the announcements.

**E. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date is April 24, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain  
Chairperson