

**LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 1, 2013**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Manager's Conference Room**  
**Lawrence Municipal Building**

**Present:** Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson  
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire U.S.A.  
Melody Powell, P.E.I. Kids  
Ann Degennaro, L.M.T.I.  
Tim Drew, Police Chief Representative

**Absent:** Steve Groeger, Recreation Superintendent  
Sue Varga, Community Representative  
Dr. David Maffei, Councilman  
Ken Dunn, Community Representative  
Lisa Snyder, Project Graduation

**A. Introductions**

Two new committee members, Officer Tim Drew and Ann Degennaro from Lawrence High School were introduced. Officer Drew will be the police chief representative. Ann Degennaro is the new LMTI advisor.

**B. Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the May 28, 2013 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

**C. Grant Activity Reports**

LMTI - Ann Degennaro reported ten Lawrence High School students attended the week long camp this year. Ann accompanied the students. It was her first time at the LMTI camp. She said the experience was meaningful to the students and to her. She said this year the students will be focusing on peer education. The group will concentrate on substance-free activities. She is looking forward to working with the students and starting new initiatives in the upcoming year.

The students will be participating at Back to School Night this month.

PEI Kids - Melody Powell reported there was no activity for this quarter.

Camp Fire U.S.A. - Kelly Nitti reported programs will be conducted at Ben Franklin Elementary School and at Little Kids College in the next couple months.

Project Graduation - No report.

Community Awareness - Carol Chamberlain reported Community Day will be on Sunday, October 6th from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The event will be at Village Park. Melody Powell volunteered to assist at the table to distribute brochures. Carol encouraged everyone to stop by the park on Sunday.

Coordinator Report - Carol Chamberlain reported the third quarter reports are due by Thursday, October 10, 2013. All reports must include receipts and invoices for all reimbursement requests. Also, evaluation information needs to be submitted for all programs which have been completed.

**D. Old Business**

Needs Assessment - Carol Chamberlain reported the needs assessment was completed in July 2013. The assessment included key informant interviews, student interviews and the review of data and statistics. The results indicated underage drinking and access to alcohol were the predominant issues. Marijuana and prescription drugs were also identified as issues by students at the high school.

Tim Drew and Ann Degennaro commented on the assessment. It was suggested the priority focus for the upcoming grant cycle be revised to either marijuana or prescription drugs. Carol Chamberlain explained that data would need to be provided to the GCADA to support the revision. Carol Chamberlain said she will check with the County Coordinator to see if the change to the priority focus area was possible.

2014 Grant - Carol Chamberlain explained the first half of the 2014 grant will be an extension of the 2013 grant. This means each program funded in 2013 will be funded for fifty percent of the amount for the first six months of 2014. Anyone who has questions regarding their program for 2014 can contact Carol Chamberlain. Anyone with program suggestions for 2014 should also contact Carol Chamberlain.

**E. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, October 29, 2013.

**F. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain  
Chairperson