

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
October 29, 2013
5:00 P.M.
Manager's Conference Room
Lawrence Municipal Building

Present: Tim Drew, Police Chief Representative
Steve Groeger, Recreation Superintendent
Kathy Labowicz, Project Graduation
Susan Varga, Community Representative
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire U.S.A.
Edward "Chip" Meara, Mercer County Alliance Coordinator
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson

Absent: Ken Dunn, Community Representative
Melody Powell, P.E.I. Kids
Ann Degennaro, L.M.T.I.
Dr. David Maffei

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the May 28, 2013 and October 1, 2013 meetings were tabled.

B. Grant Activity Reports

LMTI - No report.

PEI Kids - No report.

Camp Fire U.S.A. - Count on Me Kids is being taught at Ben Franklin Elementary School in the first grade classes. Safe and Sure is being taught at Little Kids College. Each program is a six-week program. Each session is thirty minutes long.

Project Graduation - Kathy Labowicz reported the Project Graduation activities are currently being scheduled for the upcoming year. Mr. LHS will be held in Spring 2014, as will the pancake breakfast. The Senior Breakfast will be May 16, 2014 and Project Graduation is scheduled for June 18, 2014.

There was recently a voluntary program held at the high school which encouraged students to share and confess previous concerning events in their lives. Students who attended spoke about many issues including alcohol use in their families and how it affects their lives. The program was held during the school day. Sue Varga was concerned about the lack of privacy in such a program. Kathy indicated the program was well received by the students. Kathy offered to gather additional information about the event and share it with the committee.

Community Awareness - Carol Chamberlain reported she and Melody Powell participated at Community Day. Information about the Alliance was distributed to residents who attended the event.

Coordinator Report - Carol Chamberlain reported the third quarter report was submitted to the county. In addition, the paperwork has started for the extension of the 2013 grant to June 2014. A resolution for the extension is on the Council agenda for November 7, 2013. The programs for 2013 will be extended into the first two quarters for 2014.

C. Old Business

Needs Assessment - Carol Chamberlain said she spoke to the county about revising the priority area of the next grant cycle. The county suggested keeping the priority area as it is since the data supports it. Other issues, such as marijuana use and the misuse of prescription drugs can be integrated into the programs which will also address underage drinking.

D. New Business

Carol Chamberlain attended the Mercer County Prevention Coalition Meeting. The Coalition is looking for towns to implement the Sticker Shock program. This program uses young adults to visit liquor retailers and have them sign a pledge they won't sell liquor to underage people. The thought was Rider students can be recruited to assist with this project. Tim Drew indicated the police have worked on a similar project in the past.

E. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson