

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE MINUTES
February 25, 2014
5:00 P.M.
Manager's Conference Room
Lawrence Municipal Building

Present: Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Jena-Rose Coluccio, Coordinator
Steven Groeger, Lawrence Township Recreation Department
Susan Stahley, Rider University
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire NJ
Susan Varga, Community Representative

Absent: Tim Drew, Lawrence Township Police Department
Sharon Kane, PEI Kids
Melody Powell, PEI Kids
Kathleen Labowicz, Project Graduation Representative
Ann DeGennaro, Lawrence High School SAC

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes were tabled until the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

B. Grant Activity Reports

Camp Fire NJ – Kelly Nitti reported that CampFire NJ is the organization's official new name! Kelly informed us that CampFire NJ has completed the Safe & Sure program at Little Kids College and the Count On Me Kids program at Ben Franklin Elementary School. CampFire NJ is also planning on completing programs at Elridge Park Elementary School, Slackwood Elementary School, and Lawrenceville Elementary School in the near future.

Project Graduation – Kathleen Labowicz could not be present at the meeting, however sent her report via email. Practices for Mr. LHS are under way and the showing will be May 3rd. Graduation balloons are currently for sale for the graduation ceremony on June 18th. As a fundraising event, Café Domenico's will donate 20% of their sales for all meals on April 11th.

Rider University – Susan Stahley reported that she is hosting a Health & Wellness Fair at Rider University from 11:00-1:30 on February 27th in the Student Recreation Center. There will be about twenty tables there, consisting of both inside and outside organizations. Some tables include Blood Pressure & BMI's, testicle and breast exams, condom giveaways, and free t-shirts. Some organizations that will be present are Womanspace, the Prevention Coalition, Henry J. Austin, Hero Campaign, Princeton Health Care, PEI Kids, and Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance.

Chairperson – Carol Chamberlain reported that in regards to the Lawrence Prescription Medicine Dropbox pamphlets, she is going to get in touch with the Lawrenceville School and funeral homes in the area. The pamphlets are already at the Senior Center. One of the Health Department’s nurses will be attending Rider’s Health & Wellness Fair to represent the LADA.

PEI Kids – No report.

LMTI – No report.

Coordinator – Jena-Rose Coluccio reported that she will be scheduling times to see programs carried out by CampFire NJ and PEI Kids. She would also like to attend an LMTI meeting after school. As for the Prescription Medicine Dropbox pamphlets, she will be visiting the Lawrence Public library, the two CVS pharmacies, and hopefully two independently owned pharmacies and local realtors to ask if the pamphlets can be displayed at these locations. The pamphlets will also be brought to Rider University and potentially The College of New Jersey. After checking with the members and asking their thoughts, all were in favor of the meeting time remaining 5:00 pm. Finally, the Capacity assessments were handed out to the members to complete.

Community Awareness – Lawrence Community Day is scheduled for the first Sunday in October. April is Alcohol Awareness Month and some potential ideas include teaming up with Rider events, having a Sticker Shock, and planning a talent show at the nearest mall. St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo/Safe Kids Day is scheduled for May 10th at 9:00 am.

C. Old Business

There was no old business brought before the LADA.

D. New Business

Sue Varga, Community Representative and Nurse Educator, reported that she might be able to provide trainings for the LADA.

E. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jena-Rose Coluccio
Coordinator