

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE MINUTES

January 28, 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
Sharon Kane, PEI Kids
Melody Powell, PEI Kids
Susan Stahley, Rider University
Alison Labowicz, Project Graduation Representative
Ann DeGennaro, Lawrence High School SAC
Jeffrey Garcia-Sanchez, LMTI Student
Marjorie Garcia-Sanchez, LMTI Student
Emily Pham, LMTI Student
Mary Joy Albano, LMTI Student

Absent: Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire Boys and Girls
Tim Drew, Lawrence Township Police Department
Susan Varga, Community Representative

A. Review of Minutes

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

B. Grant Activity Reports

Chairperson – Carol Chamberlain reported that there is now a drop box for old, expired medications in Lawrenceville inside the police station. You do not have to be a Lawrenceville resident to drop off expired medications.

Project Graduation – Alison Labowicz represented her mother at the meeting tonight, since she could not make it. She reported there are no new developments that she knows of with Project Graduation as of yet.

PEI Kids – Sharon Kane introduced the mission of PEI Kids for those who were new to the meeting. She talked about the CAP program, TEEN CAP, and cyber empowerment. She also exchanged numbers with both the Rider University representative and the LMTI students in hopes of collaborating on projects together in the future.

Rider University – Susan Stahley is Rider University's new Substance Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Coordinator. She talked about her hope of introducing Supporting our

Sober Students (SOS) to Rider University and also working closely with those associated with Rider's radio station, *Inside Your Mind*, which broadcasts wellness topics.

LMTI – The students from LMTI were very eager to talk about what they do in general, as well as some plans for the near future. LMTI raises awareness about drug and alcohol prevention to both Lawrence High School and the community. In the community, they oftentimes plan fun activities for elementary students. The LMTI students also talked about their experiences at Camp Mason, where they had team building activities, speakers, etc. They also shared stories about how they changed, gained new insights and perspectives, and felt true acceptance from all of their peers. For the month of February, the LMTI students would like to raise awareness about relationship abuse in their school. Some ideas they have for the event include candy grams with messages about preventing relationship abuse, silhouettes in the hallways that have facts and statistics about relationship abuse on them, and possibly a skit as well.

Coordinator – Jena-Rose Coluccio is the new Coordinator and is still learning the process. This was her first general meeting and she is planning on meeting with Carol Chamberlain next week to work on the grant for the 2014-2015 school year.

Community Awareness – Lawrence Community Day is scheduled for the first Sunday in October.

C. Old Business

There was no old business brought before the LADA.

D. New Business

There was no new business brought before the LADA.

E. Next Meeting Date

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

F. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jena-Rose Coluccio
Coordinator