

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE MINUTES

May 27, 2014

5:00 P.M.

Lower Level Conference Room Lawrence Municipal Building

Present: Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Jena-Rose Coluccio, Coordinator
Steven Groeger, Lawrence Township Recreation Department
Melody Powell, PEI Kids
Susan Stahley, Rider University
Tim Drew, Lawrence Township Police Department
James Armstrong, Boy Scouts of America Troop 27
Dorian Armstrong, Boy Scouts of America Troop 27

Absent: Ann DeGennaro, Lawrence High School SAC
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire NJ
Alison Labowicz, Project Graduation Representative
Susan Varga, Community Representative

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes from our April meeting were reviewed and approved on May 27, 2014.

B. Grant Activity Reports

Camp Fire NJ – No report.

Project Graduation – No report.

Rider University – Susan Stahley showed LADA the calendar of events for Sexual Assault and Alcohol Awareness Month. One exciting event she planned was the “Rider Cash Cab,” where she would rent a golf cart, pick students up on campus, ask them questions about sexual assault and alcohol awareness, and then give them prizes for correct answers. Other events being held during this month include “Mocktails”, which are alcohol-free social events, a walk called “Stomp Out Stigma,” and “Lollanobooza,” which consists of multiple alcohol- and drug-free activities, such as karaoke, photo booths, money machines, balloons, cotton candy, glitter tattoos, popcorn, games, and over \$2,000.00 in prizes. She also collaborated with the Hero Campaign for one of the events planned during this busy month. She reported she is also planning on working with the Bronc Radio Station and already getting ready for College Alcohol Awareness Month in October. She will also be participating in the Peer Institute being held at The College of New Jersey next week, and will be joining other speakers to teach college students certain topics in order to be peer educators. In addition, Susan is planning trainings for the Residential Assistants on campus and an orientation for new students. She is also working on creating social media

accounts, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, to reach out to more students and create more of a presence on campus. Finally, she organized Safe Rides with Triple A Taxi, where students have three rides per semester and can call this service for a sober ride home.

Chairperson – Carol reported that the last quarter reports are due June 30, 2014 and the new grant year starts July 1, 2014. She also talked about how successful the medication drop box in Lawrenceville has been and reported that over 200 pounds in prescription medications have been collected. Also, cards explaining the “Good Samaritan Law” have been distributed to multiple organizations and people.

PEI Kids – Melody Powell reported that there will be one more meeting before reports are out and they are still currently testing their program and students.

LMTI – No report.

Coordinator – Jena-Rose Coluccio reported that she will be attending a training on the “Parents Who Host Lose The Most” Campaign at the next Prevention Coalition meeting. She also reminded the LADA that the quarterly reports are due June 30, 2014 and that this was the last meeting of the summer, so all members should work on the reports that are due soon. She said she will be sending emails out over the summer and to look out for them, especially in regards to National Night Out and Community Day, where volunteers will be needed. She would also like to plan a meeting with the LADA grantees in order to talk about the new grant year.

Community Awareness – National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Lawrence Community Day is scheduled for the first Sunday in October.

Also, Tim Drew, our representative from the Lawrence Township Police Department, reported that the police organized their annual crash car linked with post prom. He explained that on the morning of prom and post prom, there is a simulated drunk driving accident. The car is left outside and the school brings the seniors out in the morning to see it. They talk about the virtual fatalities and the driver gets arrested in front of all of the seniors. Then, the students go back to their classes and they talk about what they saw and the entire drunk driving process with teachers and a police officer. It is a very powerful and moving event that the township believes prevents drinking and driving accidents the night of prom.

In addition, Steven Groeger from the Lawrence Township Recreation Department reported that there will be fireworks at Rider University’s lake on July 5, 2014. All of the expenses used for this night come from money raised at fundraising events throughout the year. It is a time for Lawrence residents to get together and see a beautiful firework show. Their next fundraiser for this yearly event will be on June 7, 2014 at Captain Paul’s Hotdog Stand. He also reported that the National Special Olympics is coming to Rider University and The College of New Jersey during the week of June 14, 2014 to June 21, 2014. There will be 3,500 athletes attending and the event now accommodates athletes, their families, and younger athletes not in the Special Olympics.

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 general meeting will be scheduled for after the summer months. There will be a meeting for the grantees only, hopefully within the next month, to go over the new grant beginning July 1, 2014. Emails will be sent out over the summer for any events needing volunteers.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jena-Rose Coluccio
Coordinator