

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
October 28, 2014
5:00 P.M.
Manager's Conference Room

Present: Melody Powell, P.E.I. Kids
Susan Stanley, Rider University
Chip Meara, County Coordinator
Tim Drew, Police Chief Representative
Sue Varga, Community Representative
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson

Absent: Steve Groeger, Recreation Superintendent
Ann DeGennaro, L.M.T.I.
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire U.S.A.

A. Review of Minutes

Minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

B. Grant Activity Reports

LMTI - No report.

Project Graduation - No report

Camp Fire U.S.A. - No report.

PEI Kids - Melody Powell reported scheduling at the schools is currently being coordinated. She also mentioned PEI Kids attended Community Day. Several people stopped by the table.

PEI Kids also had their initial community meeting for "Enough Abuse" in October. The meeting was well attended by many people representing community agencies in Lawrence. PEI is eager to offer the "Enough Abuse" programs throughout Mercer County.

Community Awareness - LADA was represented at Community Day by Carol Chamberlain, Kelly Nitti and Sue Varga. People who stopped at the table were offered information about the Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance.

Coordinator Report - Carol Chamberlain introduced Chip Meara from Mercer County. There was a brief discussion about the first quarter grant report which is due. Chip asked for a schedule of events. He would like to attend the programs funded by the grant.

C. Old Business

Calendar of Events - Carol Chamberlain once again requested LADA members submit the information about upcoming events. These events will be included on the LADA calendar on the township website.

D. New Business

Rider University - Susan Stanley provided an update on activities at the university. In recognition of Alcohol Awareness Week, BAC-blood alcohol content cards were distributed on campus.

Rider also offers "Safe Rides" a program in which students can get a free taxi ride back to campus if they drank too much. The program is well received. The protocol has been adjusted for students misusing the program.

Sticker Shock - Carol Chamberlain said the LADA is currently looking for youth volunteers to assist with implementation of the Sticker Shock program. The program can be done at a liquor store or possibly at a pizza shop. Suggestions included LMTI students, Rider students and Camp Fire teens.

Great American Smokeout - Carol Chamberlain asked for suggestions of locations for Great American Smokeout information to be distributed. Any ideas for sharing smoking cessation information are welcomed.

Opiates - A question was asked about current trends in drug use. Tim Drew indicated the use of opiates is increasing not only in Lawrence but throughout the region. The typical progression is the misuse of pills which tends to lead to the use of heroin.

The question was then asked how the community can address these issues. Suggestions included parent education programs which include information about the current use of these drugs, the access to pills in homes and the behavior changes to look for in children using opiates.

The question then was raised how to reach parents in the community. It was suggested Ann DeGennaro may be able to provide insight into parental connection. Carol Chamberlain said she would discuss this with Ann DeGennaro as a starting place.

E. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is proposed for Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

F. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson