

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
March 24, 2015
5:00 P.M.
Lawrence Municipal Building

Present: Patricia Calvitto
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Tim Drew, Lawrence Township Police Department
Peggy Tommaso, Project Graduation
Melody Powell, PEI Kids
Sue Varga, Community Representative

Absent: Ann DeGennaro, Superintendent Representative
Susan Stanley, Rider University
Christine Lee, Recreation Department
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire U.S.A.
James Kownacki, Council Liaison

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes were tabled due to the lack of a quorum of voting members.

B. Grant Activity Reports

LMTI – No report.

Camp Fire U.S.A. – No report.

PEI Kids – Workshops are currently being conducted in 13 classes at Lawrence Intermediate School.

Project Graduation – Linda Townsend reported Project Graduation will have a fundraiser at Applebee’s on Sunday, March 29, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

There will be a fundraiser, “Mr. LHS” on April 24th. There are approximately fifty students involved in this fun, substance-free school event. The money raised will be used toward Project Graduation activities.

Details on the Project Graduation evening include that approximately 300 students attend which includes about 75% of the graduating seniors and guests. There are about fifty volunteers needed for the event.

There was a discussion about sharing “Parents Who Host” literature with senior parents. Suggestions include e-mailing parents of seniors and information on Quick News.

Community Awareness – Carol Chamberlain reported there will be a table with LADA information at the Living Local Expo on March 28, 2015. Information about the medication drop box will be distributed. There will also be a table with LADA materials at the St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Melody Powell has offered to participate at this event.

Coordinator Report – The 2015-2016 grant application has been submitted to Mercer County for review. Two new programs were added to comply with the LADA having environmental changing programs. The two programs are Sticker Shock and Parents Who Host. Carol Chamberlain asked the group to consider how these programs can be implemented in the next few months. The county will be conducting an audit of the LADA Grant and Programming in the next week.

C. Old Business

Calendar of Events – Copies of the Calendar of Events were distributed. Carol Chamberlain requested members and grantees to submit events to add to the calendar. The calendar is on the township website at www.lawrencetwp.com.

Sticker Shock – Teens are needed to assist with the Sticker Shock program. It is anticipated the program will be done at a pizza store in town and possibly Joe Canal's.

Parents Who Host Lose the Most – Ideas for sharing this program with parents of high school students were requested. School events which parents attend were suggested. Carol Chamberlain will contact Ann DeGennaro for suggestions.

D. New Business

Municipal Alliance Capacity Assessment Tool – Carol distributed copies of the assessment and requested members complete and return to her. A copy of the assessment tool was also e-mailed to members with the meeting announcement. Carol requested the LADA participants complete the assessment in order to determine where improvements are needed. Sue Varga mentioned the committee is lacking diversity among its members. Also there are no subcommittees.

E. Other Business

Sue Varga reported she received training on the use of Naloxon. There are two versions, the nasal version and them IM version. Her training was for the nasal administration. Paul Ressler from The Overdose Prevention Agency Corporation (TOPAC) presented the training. Sue said people interested in attending a training can contact Paul Ressler. He also has Naxalon available through TOPAC.

F. Next Meeting Date

Carol said she is not available for the next scheduled meeting date. She asked if anyone would be willing to chair the meeting or change the date. No decision was made.

G. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson