

**LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
October 27, 2015
5:00 P.M.
Lawrence Municipal Building**

Present: Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire NJ
Sue Varga, Community Representative
Tim Drew, Police Representative
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Susan Stahley, Rider University
Chip Meara, Mercer County Alliance Coordinator
Lisa Snyder, Project Graduation

Absent: Christine Lee, Recreation Department
James Kownacki, Council Liaison
Ann DeGennaro, Lawrence High School

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

B. Grant Activity Reports

PETS/CIA– No report.

Camp Fire NJ –Count on Me Kids classes are currently being presented at the first grade classes at Slackwood School. Additional classes are being scheduled at Eldridge Park School.

Project Graduation – Lisa Snyder represented Project Graduation. She informed the group the monthly parent planning meetings are underway. The calendar for the upcoming school year includes the following:

January –Fundraiser for Mr. LHS
March 13 – Pancake Breakfast at Applebees
May 6 – Mr. LHS
May – Senior Breakfast

There was a discussion regarding how to reach parents with the information about the Parents Who Host Program. The group discussed placing advertisements in LHS concert and play books. There will be two plays and the graduation program could have an ad placed in it.

Community Awareness

Community Day was cancelled for 2015 due to anticipated bad weather.

Tim Drew reported the Lawrence High School Haunted High School event was a success. About 300 students attended the event. A police officer was funded by the LADA to be present at the program. The students were well behaved and it was a fun, pleasant atmosphere for those who attended.

Susan Stahley from Rider University reported on activities at the Rider campus. Thursday, October 24 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm there will be a fair in recognition of Octsoberfest. There will be give-a-ways and crafts activities geared to drug and alcohol prevention. At 8:00 pm, there will be a NOPE vigil. NOPE stands for Narcotics Overdose Prevention Education. Paul Ressler, the individual who drafted and advocated for New Jersey's Overdose Prevention Act will be present at the vigil. After the vigil, the film "Kids Are Dying" will be presented in Sweight Auditorium at 9:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Susan continues to conducted drug and alcohol awareness throughout the campus with the Cash Cab activity.

The film "Anonymous People was shown last week on campus.

"Talk About It Tuesday" program continues at Daly Dining Hall on Tuesday evenings. Susan speaks with the students about a variety of topics on Tuesday evenings during the dinner hours at Daly Dining Hall.

Coordinator Report – The first quarter report for the 2015-2016 grant has been submitted to the county. Carol Chamberlain reminded the grantees that program evaluation forms must be submitted for all programs funded by the GCADA.

C. New Business

Susan Stahley announced High Focus treatment center is coming to Lawrence. There will be an open house in December.

Chip Meara shared that Capital Health System will be sponsoring a physician program entitled "Do No Harm". The focus of the program is to discuss overprescribing of medications by physicians and the ways to reduce such practices. The program is scheduled for November 7 at Capital Health. The program will be presented in conjunction with The Partnership for a Drug-free NJ.

D. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is December 1 at 5:00 p.m.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson