

**LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
September 22, 2015
5:00 P.M.
Lawrence Municipal Building**

Present: Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire NJ
Sue Varga, Community Representative
Ann DeGennaro, Superintendent Representative
Tim Drew, Police Representative
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Susan Stahley, Rider University

Absent: Christine Lee, Recreation Department
James Kownacki, Council Liaison
Linda Townsend, Project Graduation

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the June 30, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

B. Grant Activity Reports

LMTI – NOW CIA – The former LMTI is now called CIA for Change in Action. This group has a new focus with drug and alcohol prevention and changing the culture in the high school. Some of the programs the group will be working on this school year include: Semi-colon Campaign and suicide prevention. A calendar of events is being developed by the students for the entire school year. October will be Anti-Violence Awareness Month. Currently there are 18 students involved in the program. The group is looking to do activities around Red Ribbon Week in October and they are working on the Haunted High School for Halloween.

Camp Fire NJ. – No activities to report.

Project Graduation – No activities to report.

Community Awareness – The LADA had a table at National Night Out. Susan Stahley, Carol Chamberlain and Kathy Korwin were at the table. There were give-a-ways provided to residents who answered questions on the topic of underage drinking. In addition, residents were asked to complete the community survey for the Prevention Coalition of Mercer County.

The alliance will also have a table at Community Day at Village Park on Sunday, October 4. Volunteers are requested to help at the table to share the message of the LADA.

Coordinator Report – The first quarter reports for the 2014-2015 grant are due at the end of September. All grant reports must include receipts for reimbursement requests. Program evaluation forms must be submitted for all programs. The 2015-2016 grant started July 1, 2015.

C. New Business

Susan Stahley announced High Focus Treatment Center is coming to Lawrence. They have expressed an interest in working with the community.

Susan has started a program at Rider University called Talk About it Tuesday. A different health topic is the focus of each Tuesday. The program takes place in the Daly Dining Hall and is coordinated by Susan.

Susan is also presenting Octsoberfest on October 29 from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm.. This will be an alcohol free event at Rider. It will be preceded by a viewing of the film Kids are Dying, the Michael DeLeon film. All are welcome to attend.

D. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is October 27 at 5:00 p.m.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson