

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
October 23, 2018
9:00A.M.
Manager's Conference Room

Present: Lisa Snyder, Project Graduation
Jeff Radice, Recreation Department
Susan Stahley, Community Representative
Ann DeGennaro, Superintendent of Schools Representative
Kelly Nitti, Community Representative
Malissa Arnold, Program Coordinator, Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction
Jude Aptaker-Shine, Oaks Integrated Care
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson

Absent: Lt. Joe Amodio, Police Representative
Nancy Bergen, Recreation Superintendent
Naeem Aktar, Community Representative
Dr. David Maffei, Council Liaison

1. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the September 25, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Grant Activity Reports

Project Graduation - The next planning meeting is scheduled for November 5. Program updates will be available after that meeting. The dates for the Project Graduation activities are not on the school calendar yet.

PETS/CIA – Ann Degennaro is preparing for the Haunted High School which will take place October 26 at Lawrence High School. This activity is for students to experience a fun activity which is alcohol and drug free. Social norm messages will be presented in various ways throughout the evening.

The Lawrence High School has established a new vaping policy. Anyone caught vaping on school property may be drug tested.

Faculty training is being established to teach faculty members how to raise awareness of social norm statistics with the students.

Ann provided presentations to the freshman students about how to be happy. Five ways to be happy in high school were shared with the students.

Community Awareness – LADA information was shared at Community Day. Carol Chamberlain was at the LADA table. Information will be distributed throughout the community for the Great American Smoke-out.

Barbara Sprechman will be presenting a talk at the Lawrence Senior Center on the topic of alternatives for pain management. The focus of the discussion will be on limited use of opioids by seniors.

Sticker Shock – No activity.

Parents Who Host – The group discussed possible events and venues at which Parents Who Host information can be shared.

Rider University – Susan Stahley provided the following updates.

OctSOBERfest was held on October 16 at Rider. Fifteen agencies shared information with students in the two –hour program.

TIPS Training was held for 18 fraternity members at Rider University.

Susan Stahley is continuing to offer wellness information to students on Tuesday evenings at the BRONC Dining Hall. She will be there this evening.

Coordinator Report – Carol Chamberlain reminded the group that the grant is in the second quarter. The In-Kind Match form was reviewed for the grantees. The second quarter will cover all activities between October 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

Camp Fire NJ – Kelly Nitti reported the programs at Ben Franklin will be starting shortly.

3. Upcoming Events

Jeff Radice provided information about upcoming events sponsored by the recreation department.

- The swim program and basketball program will be starting for the winter months.
- Art classes are being offered on Saturdays.
- The wrestling program will begin in mid-November.
- Veterans Day will be celebrated on Veterans Day at Town Hall at 11:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

4. Other Business

Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction/Prevention Coalition of Mercer County -
Malissa Arnold reported Narcan training will be offered on November 15 at the Mercer Council offices on Brunswick Pike.

5. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2018 at 9:00 am.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson