

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE

MINUTES

February 25, 2020

9:00 A.M.

Manager's Conference Room

Lawrence Municipal Building

Present: Carol Chamberlain, Health Department Representative, Coordinator
Susan Stahley, Community Representative
Ryan Dunn, Lawrence Township Police Representative
Shubha Sharma, Project Graduation
Kelly Nitti, Community Representative
Jeff Radice, Recreation Department Representative
Rabiah Asif, Lawrence Township Health Department

Absent: Ann DeGennaro, Superintendent of Schools Representative
Nancy Bergen, Recreation Superintendent
Edward "Chip" Meara, Mercer County Coordinator
Naeem Aktar, Community Representative
Julie Stockman, Community Representative
Jayshree Kalwachwala, Project Graduation
Malissa Arnold, Community Representative

1. Minutes

The minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Grant Activity Reports

a. PETS/CIA

No report for this meeting.

b. Camp Fire New Jersey

Kelly Nitti reported three Safe and Sure classes being held at Ben Franklin, Lawrence Elementary School, Slackwood Elementary, Eldridge Park School and Little Kids College. She proposed summer programs for first and second grade students at Lawrence Township camps. Programs would be 1 week long in collaboration with the recreation department.

Teens on Fire high school and eighth grade students have created Public Service Announcements in collaboration with the Bronc Radio. The PSAs will be played during commercial breaks. Topics include teen dating violence, underage drinking, vaping and marijuana.

Upcoming events include a 5K run on May 21, 2020.

c. Project Graduation

Shubha Sharma reported on Project Graduation updates. Tabling was done during the open house for rising ninth graders students and their parents. New families have been added to the email list for updates.

Project Graduation tabled at the Lawrence High Open House in February. Parents Who Host information was distributed.

The entertainment budget for Project Graduation is to be discussed at their next meeting. Planning for Fall Fest 2020 will also be discussed at that meeting.

Upcoming events include the fundraiser for Mr. LHS. Bowling at which 15% of the food purchased to go towards Project Graduation. Corporate letters have also gone out for fundraising. Zumba will be held at NJAC at the end of March.

Other events include community outreach at a local Indian restaurant to educate parents in the Indian community on alcohol and drug abuse. The Lawrence Health Department will share materials for the event. Depending on the response from this event, there is a possibility of expanding event for further community engagement at Shake Shack.

d. Community Awareness

Ryan Dunn reported on DARE activities in the schools. There is a DARE graduation tomorrow of 270 fifth graders at Lawrence Intermediate School. St. Ann's School DARE program is running in its sixth week.

The medication drop-off deposits are counted and removed every Monday in the Police department. An average of 18lbs of medication is collected each week.

Upcoming events include tobacco surveillance in the spring for underage tobacco sales. A spring medicine cabinet clean out event at the senior center is also being planned. The date for the Egg Hunt at Central park is also TBD. Lastly, Café Du Pain is hosting a Cookie with an Officer fundraiser for the Police Department in honor of an officer who passed away of cancer. The fundraiser will be March 7th. The Police Department will be conducting Tobacco Age of Sale inspections in the upcoming months.

e. Sticker Shock

Carol Chamberlain and Ryan Dunn are looking to expand sticker shock to other liquor stores. The next store location is to be determined. Kelly Nitti will assist. Date is TBD, possibly around Spring Break.

f. Rider University

Susan Stahley reported on the Rider University orientation where 80 students and parents showed up.

Tabling has started at Dalys on Tuesdays for "Talk about it Tuesday" Tabling also occurs in Sweigert Hall on Mondays. Topics vary from alcohol poisoning signs and ways to destress without alcohol.

There are currently 14 interns to help out with various programs across campus. Choices Alcohol Drug classes have resumed. Susan recorded a video for graduate students to learn how to co-teach.

During pop-up Prevention Coalition events, BAC cards were distributed with incentives like Starbucks cards.

There were 200 PCMC SMART packets made by 12 students.

Susan also met with several students who had alcohol or drug infractions on campus.

Susan also attended fraternity and sorority presentations this past week. These were annual presentations about the strengths, weaknesses and risk management for alcohol and drug harm reduction on campus.

Upcoming events include the Current Drugs Trends 2020 on April 2, 2020 at Rider University. Flyers will be shared with GMPHP, BRONC radio and the schools.

g. Recreation Department

Jeff Radice reported on recreation activities. Winter programs are being wrapped up and summer programs are being coordinated. New classes have been added to the summer program list which includes swim lessons and adult water aerobics during the week.

Packets are also being put together for Senior Connect. Packets will include all social media messages for seniors who may not have access to the internet. Packets will be made available in the municipal building as well as the senior center.

Upcoming events include the Memorial Day Parade on May 23.

h. Coordinator Report

Carol Chamberlain reminded the group the grant is in its third quarter. She reminded the group that reports are due first week of April.

COVID-19 information was shared with the group.

3. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be held March 24, 2020 at 9 a.m.

4. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chamberlain, Coordinator