

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE

April 26, 2016

5:00 P.M.

Lawrence Municipal Building

Present: Naeem Aktar, Community Representative
Ann DeGennaro, Superintendent Representative
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire N.J.
Jeffrey Radice, Recreation Representative
Lisa Snyder, Project Graduation
Susan Stahley, Community Representative, Rider University
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Dr. David Maffei, Mayor, Council Liaison

Absent: Susan Varga, Community Representative
Lt. Joseph Amodio, Lawrence Police Department

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Susan Stahley made a motion to approve the minutes with a typing correction under "New Business". Alumni Gum should be Alumni Gym. Lisa Snyder seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

B. Grant Activity Reports

Project Graduation - Lisa Snyder provided an overview of recent activities. She initially explained Project Graduation is not a one time event. It is a series of substance-free events for LHS students and their parents.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Mr. LHS Fundraiser - Friday, May 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Lawn Sign Sales Fundraiser
Senior Breakfast - Morning of the senior prom June 3, 2016
Simulated Car Accident - Morning of the senior prom.

Project Graduation will be 11:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. Parent chaperones and volunteers are needed.

Camp Fire New Jersey - Count On Me Kids and Safe N Sure programs are currently being conducted in the following schools:

Ben Franklin - 6 classes - Count On Me Kids
Eldridge Park School - 3 classes - Safe N Sure
Lawrence Elementary School - 4 classes - Safe N Sure

Peer Education/Change In Action - Ann DeGennaro reported the student group's goal is to create a culture change within the high school. The students are working on substance free activities. In the upcoming school year there will be some changes to the peer leadership group. Each student will be required to sign a contract pledging to live a healthy lifestyle.

Goals for next year's group will include the following:

- Effective prevention program for children Pre-K to grade 12.
- Use students to present prevention programs.
- One goal will be to teach students resiliency.

The peer leadership will be re-trained this summer. It is expected 20-25 students will be trained.

On Friday, May 20, 2016 an in-service training is scheduled at Lawrence High School. The in-service will include information from the E-take and E-chug programs.

Community Outreach - Information on the LADA and medication drop box information was distributed at a local event in March. The Living Local Expo at Rider University was the event. The same information will be distributed at the St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo in May.

The medication drop box information is also available at the police department, the senior center and various offices at the municipal building. The same information is on the township website.

The Mercer County Prevention Coalition has developed pocket cards with information about the Overdose Prevention Act. Lisa Snyder offered to distribute these cards to graduating seniors at the senior breakfast on June 3, 2016. Carol Chamberlain will request 300 cards from the Prevention Coalition of Mercer for the Lawrence High School Seniors.

Rider University will have a substance-free event entitled Lalanobooza. A variety of agencies will be present to share information to the students at this activity-filled event which celebrates the end of classes. Susan Stahley is organizing this substance-free event which will take place on the Rider University Campus.

Coordinator Report - Carol Chamberlain informed the group of Narcan trainings which are available free of charge from the Jersey Shore Addiction Services. This agency received a grant to present the training on the use of Narcan and to distribute Narcan kits to those who receive training. Ann DeGennaro said anyone over the age of 16 years can attend the training without an adult.

The group was asked to share information about the Narcan training to anyone in the community who may be interested.

Two additional events:

May 12, 2016 - Do No Harm- A symposium for faith-based groups to learn how they can help address prevention needs and family support needs related to substance abuse. Flyers have been distributed to churches in Lawrence.

Robert Wood Johnson at Hamilton will be presenting Narcan training at the Wellness Center on May 5, 2016. This program is free to anyone in the community. Narcan kits will be distributed at this program.

D. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

E. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson