

**LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 29, 2016**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Manager's Conference Room**

**Present:** Lisa Snyder, Project Graduation  
Ann DeGennaro, Superintendent of Schools Representative  
Susan Varga, Community Representative  
Susan Stahely, Community Representative  
Kelly Nitti, Community Representative  
Lt. Joe Amodio, Chief of Police Representative  
Dr. David Maffei, Mayor, Council Liaison  
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson

**Absent:** Naeem Aktar, Community Representative  
Jeff Radice, Superintendent of Recreation Representative

**A. Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting were not available for review. Tabled to next meeting.

**B. Grant Activity Reports**

Peer Education Training – Ann DeGennaro reported about recent activities completed by students in the Peer Education Training group.

- Back to School Night at Lawrence High School – Students played Jeopardy with parents to share their proposed goals for the school year.
- Breakfast with Santa is planned as a community service event in December.
- Students are creating social media messages.
- Eighth grade presentation on decision-making skills has been developed.
- A program for parents is being planned for the spring.
- Challenge Day was coordinated with police officers Caloiaro and Burns. There were 125 students and fifty teachers who participated in Challenge Day which included an activity named “Cross the Line”. Ann DeGennaro said Challenge Day was a success and it is hoped it can be done again.

Camp Fire New Jersey – On December 15<sup>th</sup> the Safe and Sure program will start at Slackwood School. The curriculum covers topics including decision-making, consequences, safe touch, bullying, coping skills, and drug and alcohol education. The leaders become trusted adults for the students allowing for open dialogue in the classroom.

The first grade classes at Slackwood School will start in December and the first grade classes at Ben Franklin Elementary School and Eldridge Park School will begin in January 2017.

Camp Fire teens will be assisting with Sticker Shock in the upcoming months.

**Project Graduation** – Lisa Snyder said the committee planning meetings continue monthly working on the following activities:

- Mr. LHS – May 5, 2017
- Lawrence Signs of Support fundraisers
- Senior Breakfast – June 3, 2017
- Project Graduation – June 20, 2017
- Pancake Breakfast at Applebee’s

Community Awareness

-Susan Stahley reported posters were posted throughout campus at Rider for the Great American Smokeout.

- Student group PITOCUS at Rider will be presenting an MTV documentary on heroin.

- E-Cigarettes and Vaping were suggested as a topic for the BRONC Radio show “Inside Your Mind”. E-toke is an online education program about vaping and e-cigarettes.

Sticker Shock – Store visits are being planned for early 2017.

Parents Who Host – Carol Chamberlain is looking for events and activities where information on Parents Who Host can be shared.

**C. Other Business**

Lieutenant Amodio explained the police received a Cops N Shops grant. This program is supported by the ABC. Participating liquor stores include Libby’s, Franklin Tavern, Joe Canal’s and Larry’s Wine and Spirits.

**D. Next Meeting Date**

The Annual Mercer County Alliance Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2017. In lieu of the normally scheduled meeting on January 24, 2017 all members are invited to attend the county dinner. This is an opportunity for alliance members to learn about the activities being done by other municipal alliances in Mercer County and to share ideas with other alliances in Mercer.

**E. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain  
Chairperson