

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
March 28, 2017
5:00 P.M.
Manager's Conference Room

Present: Lisa Snyder, Project Graduation
Ann DeGennaro, Superintendent of Schools Representative
Susan Varga, Community Representative
Susan Stahley, Community Representative
Kelly Nitti, Community Representative
Lt. Joe Amodio, Chief of Police Representative
Jeff Radice, Superintendent of Recreation Representative
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Lewis Korngut, Community Representative

Absent: Naeem Aktar, Community Representative
Dr. David Maffei, Mayor, Council Liaison

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Ann DeGennaro made a motion to approve the minutes. Kelly Nitti seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

B. Introductions

Lewis Korngut, the newly appointed community representative was welcomed to the Alliance. Members each introduced themselves and their programs to Mr. Korngut.

C. Grant Activity Reports

Peer Education Training

Ann DeGennaro reported on recent activities completed by students in the peer education training group.

- For the past month, the Change in Action (CIA) students have been participating in Dating Violence Awareness activities. One activity included faculty members in which a dating abuse scenario was re-enacted in the school cafeteria.
- The CIA students are participating in an Autism Awareness fundraiser.
- Marijuana Awareness Month will be recognized in April. The students are planning activities to bring awareness of the effects of marijuana.
- The CIA students will be participating in a focus group which to survey individuals about underage drinking, marijuana and opiate use.
- April 19th is the tentative date for a parent workshop at Lawrence High School. The parent-teacher conferences will be taking place during that week. The program, "15 Minute Child Break" is presented by Partnership for Drug Free NJ. It is expected the program will be 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm.

Camp Fire New Jersey –

Camp Fire teens will be assisting with Sticker Shock in April. The Franklin Corner Tavern has agreed to participate in Sticker Shock again this year.

Camp Fire has a new opiate prevention program for sophomores. Kelly Nitti has offered to present the program to the CIA student group.

The classes at Lawrenceville Elementary School are finishing up next month.

Project Graduation – Lisa Snyder said the committee continues to meet monthly working on the following activities:

- Mr. LHS – May 5, 2017
- Lawrence Signs of Support fundraisers
- Senior Breakfast – June 2, 2017
- Project Graduation – June 20, 2017

Lisa Snyder offered to share information about Parents Who Host at the concession table at Mr. LHS. Parents Who Host pledge cards and stickers will be distributed at the event.

Project Graduation is looking for volunteers for the senior breakfast and for the night of Project Graduation.

Community Awareness

Susan Stahley will be hosted a health fair entitled “For the Health of It” for students during the lunch hours. The LADA distributed information on e-cigarettes and vaping.

Other local community agencies which address substance abuse prevention and treatment were also present at the health fair.

Susan Stahley is participating at Strive to Thrive workshops on the Rider campus. These programs will be lunch time lectures.

Coordinator Report

Carol Chamberlain reminded the grantees the third quarter of the current grant cycle will end on March 31, 2017. Third quarter reports will be due for submission to Carol C. by April 10, 2017. All grantees are required to submit a report of activities for the third quarter regardless if funds were spent.

Sticker Shock

Student volunteers are needed for the Sticker Shock project which is to be completed in the fourth quarter of the year. Camp Fire teens will be participating on spring break.

Parents Who Host

An advertisement will be published on the placemats at the US Route One Diner. Ad space has been purchased for the months April – October.

Lisa Snyder has offered to share awareness materials at the upcoming Mr. LHS event. Stickers and brochures will be provided by the LADA.

D. Upcoming Events

Jeff Radice from the recreation department announced the Memorial Day Parade will be held the Saturday before Memorial Day. Participants are being recruited for the parade.

E. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

F. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson