

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE

MINUTES

October 24, 2017

5:00 P.M.

Manager's Conference Room

Present: Lisa Snyder, Project Graduation
Lt. Joe Amodio, Police Representative
Susan Stahley, Community Representative
Dr. David Maffei, Mayor, Council Liaison
Nancy Bergen, Superintendent of Recreation
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Brynn Holbrook, Assistant Coordinator

Absent: Susan Varga, Community Representative
Naeem Aktar, Community Representative
Ann DeGennaro, Superintendent of Schools Representative
Kelly Nitti, Community Representative

1. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the May 23, 2017 and September 26, 2017 meetings were reviewed. Corrections were needed to the Project Graduation report pertaining to dates of events and an event needed to be added to the Rider University report. Additional review is needed at the November meeting.

2. Grant Activity Reports

Project Graduation – Lisa Snyder reported on upcoming events. The Project Graduation Senior Breakfast is scheduled for the morning of Lawrence High School's Prom, June 8, 2018. Graduation will be on June 20, 2018, and the Project Graduation party will take place the night of June 20th. The Project Graduation party is the group's main event of the year, and it is considered to be an alternative activity for students, a fun substance-free event.

Community Awareness – Brynn Holbrook reported that Community Day, held on October 1st, was a success. Community Day gave community members health and safety information, entertainment from local organizations, food from local vendors, and fun, health-related activities.

OctSOBERfest was held at Rider University on October 19, 2017. The fair hosted local health organizations, and Rider students were able to walk around to the organizations' tables and receive stamps to win a prize. The Alliance educated about the harms of smoking and vaping and demonstrated the visible impact of smoking through a smoking simulator.

Scream Screen, a substance-free, Halloween-themed event complete with a drive-in movie was held on Friday, October 20th. The event was a huge success with about 1,500 Rider students and community members in attendance. The Alliance gave out approximately 550 glow in the dark frisbees and the Camp Fire Girls helped pass out Alliance health promotion information.

The New Jersey law which will increase the minimum smoking age to 21 and go into effect on November 1, 2017 was discussed. The law bans the sale of tobacco and tobacco products, including vapes and e- cigarettes, to anyone under the age of 21. The law mandates that retailers that sell tobacco to and individuals who purchase tobacco for anyone under the age of 21 will face fines.

Sticker Shock – No activity.

Parents Who Host – Carol Chamberlain reported that the Route 1 Diner has ads for Parents Who Host on their placemats and will continue to until early next year. Signs for Parents Who Host were also available and posted in the community at Lawrence High School's Homecoming.

Rider University – Susan Stahley reported on several recent and upcoming events at Rider University. OctSOBERfest, held on October 19th, hosted 12-15 community organizations and was visited by over 300 students.

Rider University is continuing with its Wellness Achievement Certificate program. Two additional students have completed alcohol education this year.

Greektoberfest, an event which will promote alcohol awareness to Greek life at Rider, is on October 25th. Other upcoming events include The Great American Smokeout on November 16th. Plans for this year's Smokeout are still being decided. Rider University's Homecoming is from October 27th until the 29th. Rider University is exploring the idea of becoming a tobacco-free campus. A forum will be held on November 14th to discuss this possibility. The Lighting of the Library, an event at Rider University, will be held on November 16th.

Rider University will be hosting Princeton Healthcare to present on smoking and smoking cessation later this year.

3. Review of First Quarter LADA Report

The First Quarter Grant Report was reviewed with all those in attendance. The balances for all Alliance members in attendance were discussed.

4. Upcoming Events

The Great American Smokeout is on November 16th. Alliance members discussed possible events and programming that could be done.

Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the Lawrence Police Department, will be held on Thursday, October 26th and is considered a fun, safe, Halloween-themed event.

5. Other Business

Mayor Maffei reported on new state legislation which is being proposed that would allow all restaurants to serve beer and wine without having to undergo the existing liquor licensing process. The Mayor is against the proposed legislation and has temporarily halted its progress, though it will likely come up again soon. The Alliance supports the Mayor's position on the proposed legislation.

Lt. Joe Amodio reported that the Lawrence Police are now participating in Program CARE which provides any drug-related arrestee the option to receive treatment for addiction. If the person decides to pursue treatment, their case will be postponed until after they have completed treatment. The Lawrence Police also have START kits in their lobby. START kits contain drug-related information and contact information for local organizations and treatment facilities.

Smoking in local parks was discussed. It was suggested that the Alliance look into counties and towns which have smoke-free parks so Lawrence may adopt similar signage or ordinances. Signs to discourage smoking in public parks are being explored for the time being.

5. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for November 28th at 5:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brynn Holbrook
Assistant Coordinator