

**LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 27, 2018**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Manager's Conference Room**

**Present:** Lisa Snyder, Project Graduation  
Susan Stahley, Community Representative  
Nancy Bergen, Superintendent of Recreation  
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson  
Brynn Holbrook, Assistant Coordinator  
Malissa Arnold, Program Coordinator, PCMC and Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction (MCADA)

**Absent:** Susan Varga, Community Representative  
Naeem Aktar, Community Representative  
Dr. David Maffei, Council Liaison  
Ann DeGennaro, Superintendent of Schools Representative  
Lt. Joe Amodio, Police Representative  
Kelly Nitti, Community Representative

**1. Review of Minutes**

The review of the minutes from the February 27, 2018 meeting were tabled until the April 24, 2018 meeting.

**2. Grant Activity Reports**

Project Graduation – Lisa Snyder reported that the March 25<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast, a fundraiser in support of Project Graduation, was a success. Upcoming events include a fundraiser at Leonardo's on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Mr. LHS on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Senior Breakfast on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Graduation Party on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Concession food with Sticker Shock stickers will be served at Mr. LHS. Malissa Arnold is considering tabling before and after a dinner fundraiser or Mr. LHS.

Lisa Snyder reported that local chaperones are needed for the high school's Graduation Party. Planning committee meetings are continuing on the first Monday of each month.

Campfire – Teens On Fire will be doing Sticker Shock on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Libby's Liquors. Little Kid College is currently ongoing and will be ending on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Programs in Eldridge Park end on April 14<sup>th</sup> and programs at Slackwood will end on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Programs in Lawrence Elementary will begin on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Saint Ann's is having Campfire NJ's programs in their kindergarten, first grade, third grade, fifth grade, and seventh grade classes, and Saint Ann's is interested in partnering with Campfire's Teens On Fire. Teens from LHS and NDHS are encouraged to continue to join Teens On Fire.

Community Awareness – Carol Chamberlain reported on recent and upcoming community events. The Sustainability Fair, held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Rider University, was a success. The Alliance had information on Project Medicine Drop and safe medicine disposal. Health Kids Day, through the Trenton YMCA, will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 2:00 on Rider’s Campus. The Alliance will be tabling at the event and will have information on vaping, e-cigs, and safe prescription drug disposal.

The St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo, a fun, family-oriented event, will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Carol discussed STRIVE at the Hamilton YMCA, which is a wellness program for young people who are out of treatment for drug use. The program focuses on life wellness during recovery.

Sticker Shock – Teens On Fire, through Campfire, will be doing Sticker Shock at Libby’s Liquors on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Parents Who Host – Carol Chamberlain reported that the Route 1 Diner has Parents Who Host ads on their placemats for the next three to four months. In the future, Parents Who Host ads may use hashtags to encourage greater community interaction.

Rider University – Susan Stahley reported on upcoming and past events. The Annual Safer Spring Break Awareness event was held twice and was successful. The events were fun, substance-free awareness events that gave students safer Spring Break options depending on their Spring Break plans.

Upcoming events include the Eggcellent Egg Hunt, sponsored by the BRONC radio station, which is taking place on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Eggs with money and prizes will be hidden at Rider. Rider is hosting a health fair on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Alliance and MCADA are tabling at the event. A community needs assessment will be administered at the fair, and a distracted driving demonstration will take place at the health fair. Stomp Out Stigma, a mental health and substance abuse awareness event, will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. LaLaNoBooza, a fun, substance-free party, will take place on the night of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The event will be beach-themed, and the Alliance will give away beach balls.

In April, Safe Rides will start back up. Rider is working with Lyft to bring back the service that allows students to get a Lyft to Rider for free if they are in an unsafe situation.

Susan is planning a tailgate with mocktails, but a date has not yet been set. Wellness Ambassador Training is being planned at Rider.

Coordinator Report – Brynn Holbrook reported that the grant cycle ends on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The grant ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, so all Alliance members will need to have used all of their available funds or have informed Carol Chamberlain of their plans to use their funds by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Recreation – Nancy Bergen reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, and that summer camp programs are now enrolling. MCADA is considering partnering with the Recreation Department to create a summer program.

Nancy has continued to work on the issue of smoking in the parks. An ordinance may be passed that will not allow smoking in the parks. The Alliance and MCADA are in support of an ordinance that bans smoking in these public spaces.

#### **4. Upcoming Events**

Upcoming events include the Rider Student Health Fair on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Healthy Kids Day will be held at Rider on April 14<sup>th</sup>. LaLaNoBooza will be held on the night of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Other Business**

Malissa Arnold reported that a law enforcement training will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ewing Police Department. It will cover ID procedures, including fake IDs. Informational banners have been placed in the Trentonian and other local newspapers that include information on alcohol. A NARCAN training will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. April 28<sup>th</sup> is DEA Take Back Day. Individuals can anonymously and safely dispose of prescription drugs. April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Malissa has materials with event and awareness ideas for the month.

**6. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain  
Chairperson