



COUNTY OF HUNTERDON NEW JERSEY

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION MENTAL HEALTH BOARD



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LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 2:30 p.m.
Human Services Conference Room I
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

MEMBERS PRESENT

R. Bernot	C. Honthy
S. Bruder	P. Lisi
E. Newton	L. McClintock

STAFF

D. Paulmeno

GUESTS/PACADA LIAISON

K. Rodriguez

I. CONVENE: OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

“This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 – 10:4-21. Notice of this meeting has been provided in the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Courier News, and the Hunterdon Review. A public notice announcing this meeting has also been placed in the lobbies of the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, the first floor of the Main Street County Complex, 71 Main Street Building #1, Flemington, NJ; the first floor of the Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, 314 State Route 12, Flemington, NJ and County Clerk’s Office.”

Co-Chairperson, R. Bernot opened the regular meeting of LACADA at 2:55 p.m. with a quorum present. Introductions were made.

II. MINUTES: S. Bruder moved to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting. E. Newton seconded. Motion passed. Minutes accepted as presented.

III. REPORTS:

A. County Update: D. Paulmeno reported that Christine Hammerstone was appointed as the new Department of Human Services Administrator. She is currently the Division Head of Social Services and will also be overseeing that position until someone is hired.

Hunterdon County will be holding a Mental Health Forum on Monday, May 23, 2016 at Hunterdon Central Regional High School. The key note speaker will be Mary Jo Codey, wife of Richard Codey, the 53rd Governor of New Jersey. She will be discussing mental health and her personal struggle with it. Flyers were distributed.

- B. Municipal Alliance (MA) Update:** D. Paulmeno reported that she has been working with all five Alliances on the County brochure. A sub-committee has been formed to work on the brochure and review/update the information along with adding a que code. The Alliances will be presented a draft upon completion. Hopefully, the brochure will help with membership and encourage more people to get involved. S. Bruder commented that schools need to reach out more to the parents. They need to get involved and changes need to be made that encourage participation. S. Bruder offered to assist schools in helping to market municipal alliance programs. D. Paulmeno stated that she would inform the Alliances.

Central Hunterdon: The Alliance participated in the JP Case 10-Year Anniversary Food Truck event. Planned activities consisted of the construction of a mosaic, photo booth, dance contest and visit from a therapy dog. Among the completed programs for the Alliance was the STOP program. It means “stop making poor decisions.” This program is geared towards high school students who are in violation of the drug and alcohol policy. It teaches them how to say “no” when placed in difficult situations.

Voorhees: The Alliance sponsored a flower sale for Mother’s Day. The Improbable Players will be presenting on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Voorhees High School.

Del Val: The Alliance will be sponsoring the Improbable Players program on Thursday, May 19, 2016. They perform skits for kids in the 11th and 12th grades. Performances consist of situations involving mental health, substance abuse, etc. There is a new CFO in Alexandria Township. Christopher Hart will be replacing Edward Rees who retired in March.

South Hunterdon: The Alliance funded a new program called “Don’t Drain Your Brain.” It took the place of the “Too Good for Drugs and Alcohol” program. Students at Lambertville Public School participated in the program.

North Hunterdon: The Alliance is preparing for their graduation sign fundraiser. Safe in Hunterdon will be presenting their program on Monday, May 23, 2016 to the North Hunterdon senior class on alcohol infused dating violence.

- C. PACADA Update:** B. Rother, Assistant Criminal Division Manager for Criminal Case Management, Pretrial Services, Vicinage 13 attended the April meeting. He presented on Bail Reform which will be going into effect January 1, 2017. This program will assist with the arrest of an individual and determine if they are a repeat offender or if their release is a threat to the community. An evaluation process will take place and if there are any problems, they will not be released. B. Bernot added that the traditional procedure of bail was to guarantee an individual’s appearance in court. There are some conditions and economic issues that affect members of the community. If two different types of people commit the same crime, one may not be able to pay their bail. The Reform is to make the system fairer for that individual. Discussion ensued. D. Paulmeno is trying to schedule B. Rother to present at the September LACADA meeting.

D. Paulmeno informed the committee that Anderson House will hold a golf outing on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Stanton Ridge Golf Club. Turning Point will also sponsor a golf outing on Monday, July 25, 2016 at Brooklake Country Club.

- D. HSAC Update:** D. Paulmeno reported that the HSAC’s main focus now is organizing a Community Needs Assessment. On April 7, 2016 a sub-committee met for a preliminary planning session. Program

funding will also be examined to determine where it would be the most beneficial.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Human Services Advisory Council Liaison: D. Paulmeno questioned the Committee to see if anyone would be interested in being a liaison to the HSAC. The committee meets once a month with the exception of August, November and December. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. S. Bruder and L. McClintock both expressed interest. D. Paulmeno will discuss with Human Services coordinator, D. Childers, who oversees the HSAC.

B. Narcan Training: D. Paulmeno stated that there is currently, no additional funding in the budget for this training. She will discuss with the Human Services administrator but does not know if it will be approved. At this point, if anyone is interested in attending a training, they should contact local resources.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next meeting of LACADA is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., in the Large Conference Room at the Department of Human Services.