

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting Minutes July 25, 2012

Meeting Call to Order:

President Derek Bastinck called to order the meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) on May 23, 2012, at 7:55 PM. The meeting was held in Room 201 of the Fair Lawn Municipal Bldg., 8-01 Fair Lawn Ave, Fair Lawn, NJ.

Attendance & Introduction of Community Members:

A sign in sheet was circulated. Present were: President Derek Bastinck, Vice President Dennis Carney, Cindy Martinez, Claude Bienstock, Lorraine Fleming, and Carol Wagner. Representation from the Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources was: Intern Amna Khan.

Approval of Minutes:

C. Martinez made a motion to accept the May 25, 2012, meeting minutes and it was seconded by D. Carney. All present were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

No report was available in absence of the Treasurer, C. Logan.

Corrpondence: Annual Fundraiser letter from FLASE – Fair Lawn Association for Special Education is holding a dinner dance fundraiser and distributing a newsletter listing supporting organizations: ½ page ad is \$50.00, ¼ page ad is \$30, full page ad is \$100.

Activity Reports:

Grant Coordinators Report: C. Wagner presented and provided copies of the FLASAP grant activity report on the YTD expenditures for the Saturday Seniors Activity and the Alliance 2013 grant funding which was decreased by \$480.00. Each activity except TASE was decreased by \$60.00 FLASAP can revise the funding allocation for each activity. C. Wagner recommended submitting grant proposal for 2013 and revising funding for each activity later on. The grant proposal needs to be submitted with Mayor and Council resolution by August 30th.

Old Business:

Year 2012 “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” Activity: Intern A. Khan reported that the “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” Activity implemented in May/June resulted in distribution of 27 signs at the schools, parks and some residential properties to promote an awareness of the “Parents Who Host” Activity to educate parents in the community about the liabilities they incur when underage drinking occurs on their property and the importance of preventing underage drinking. A press release was submitted to the Fair Lawn Community News for outreach to residents to post a “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” signs. C. Wagner also gave pamphlets to the Library and Community Center. Intern A. Khan distributed 400 brochures at the supermarkets in town and A. Khan reported that there was a lot of resistance from the community, one resident who accepted a sign for the lawn stated that she received complaints from neighbors. Some store owners berated the intern and would not put up signs, window clings and signs to the food establishments in town. Recommendations for the future: 1) Make program convenient by delivering and picking up the signs, 2) For anyone who posts a sign

on their lawn will automatically receive a chance to win a prize, 3) Cover water bottles with a sleeve stating “Parents Who host, Lose the Most!” and give them out to parents at graduation commencement exercises, 4) brainstorm on developing incentives for store owners.

Explorers Update: D. Bastinck reported that the Explorers group is still meeting and participating in planning future events.

Big Brother/Big Sister Mentoring Activity: The discussion on the Big Sister, Big Brother/ Mentoring activity was postponed until future meetings since there were no FLHS students or staff at the FLASAP meeting.

Project Graduation: C. Wagner reported that an email was sent to the Principal of Memorial Middle School that FLASAP approved funding of \$500 pending receipt of reports of substance abuse prevention activities. A purchase order was encumbered for \$999 for the FLHS Class of 2012 Project Graduation Activity.

Overview of FLHS “Teen Suicide” Prevention Program: Topic was postponed in absence of J. Marcella.

“420” Activity: D. Bastinck, D. Carney and Sara Cupo presented three (3) sessions on June 13th at the FLHS. The speakers shared their true life experiences growing up, 2 speakers relate experiences with alcohol at a young age and how it affected their family life and now have overcome the addiction. Three hundred (300) students attended.

Canoe Regatta: C. Wagner reported that the Canoe Regatta was cancelled in June for lack of participant registration and is now being postponed until the Spring of 2013. It was thought that scheduling in late September or October would be too cool for people to want to participate.

New Business:

Municipal Alliance County-wide Training on June 13, 2012: C. Wagner reported on the county-wide training that she attended. Two potential vendors of GCADA approved substance abuse prevention programs who gave a presentation included: 1) the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute Summer Leadership Conference; and 2) “Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs”. C. Wagner gave a brief synopsis of each presentation and has literature for anyone who would like to review it. Both sounded like good programs but there is not sufficient time to modify the Alliance plan, get it approved and promote Teen Leadership Conference for this year since the conference is held in July and early August. There was discussion amongst the FLASAP members present at the meeting that the teen leadership conference may be a program to consider for the next year if there is an interest by teens to participate and to find a chaperone willing to volunteer their time. Regarding “Hooked on Fishing” program, it may be difficult to implement here due to lack of ideal fishing areas.

Discussion of Ideas on Modification of Activity DARE: In that DARE is not being re-instated by FLPD, there was discussion amongst FLASAP members regarding implementing another activity for sixth graders such as Improvisational Acting Workshops on substance abuse prevention topics. C. Wagner will gather more information on the logistics of offering the program possibly after school between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM at the Senior Center of Fair Lawn Community Center and allowance for food for the participants.

Nominations and Elections of Officers: C. Martinez nominated and C. Bienstock seconded the motion for the following slate of officers and general membership appointments for term September 2012 through July 2013:

President: Derek Bastinck

Vice-President: Dennis Carney

Treasurer: Chuck Logan

Secretary (Recording/Corresponding): Carol Wagner

Members/Trustees: Cindy Martinez, Lorraine Fleming, Sara Cupo, Claude Bienstock, James Marcella, Susan Gioia, Elyss Frankel, Eileen Yeager.

All members/trustees present were in favor.

FLASE Donation: D. Carney made a motion and C. Martinez seconded the motion to FLASAP send \$50.00 to FLASE for a ½ page ad in the FLASE Fundraiser Newsletter. C. Wagner will forward on the FLASAP logo with information on meetings.

National Night Out: National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. FLASAP members were asked to participate. An email from FLASAP Council Liaison, K. Peluso suggested that FLASAP promote “Parents who Hose, Lose the Most” campaign.

FLASAP Participation in St. Jude’s Bike-a-thon Fundraiser: The consensus by FLASAP members present was to not participate in the anticipated St. Jude’s Bike-a-thon in the Fall. It was not believed that FLASAP presence would advance the awareness of substance abuse prevention

Entertainment Book Fundraiser: C. Wagner informed the FLASAP members that Entertainment Books, Inc., is attempting to get FLASAP’s business back by giving FLASAP a higher percentage on the proceeds for each book sold than proceeds received in the past, and we will receive the books for sale in August before schools and retailers. Books are to be sold for \$30.00 and FLASAP will be allowed to keep \$13.50 per book. A motion was made by C. Martinez and seconded by D. Carney to accept 30 books on consignment to sell. All members present were in favor.

Meeting Schedule for September 2012 through December 2013: The FLASAP members agreed by consensus to keep the FLASAP meeting on the 4th Wednesday evening of the month at 7:30 PM with the exception of September, 2012 and December 2012 and any holidays in 2013 when the meetings will be changed to the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month.

Next Meeting 2012:

FLASAP members present at the meeting were reminded that the FLASAP meeting for September has been changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month due to observance of Yom Kippur on the 4th Wednesday of September. The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

Meeting Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by C. Martinez and seconded by D. Carney to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. All were in favor.