

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting Minutes September 19, 2012

Meeting Call to Order:

President Derek Bastinck called to order the meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) on September 19, 2012, at 7:30 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, Cindy Martinez, Claude Bienstock, and Carol Wagner. Representation from Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention were introduced: Carol Sprague and Allison Goldshlag. The Council liaison, Kurt Peluso was also present.

Approval of Minutes:

C. Martinez made a motion to accept the July 25, 2012, meeting minutes and it was seconded by C. Bienstock. All present were in favor. More votes are needed to approve minutes of the meeting.

Treasurers Report:

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

Corrspondence: None to report.

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 Project Graduation and End 420 Program. C. Wagner recommended submitting grant proposal for 2013 was approved by Mayor and Council and a resolution was done and submitted to the Bergen County Alliance by August 30th.

Old Business:

None to report.

Explorers Update: D. Bastinck reported that there are 21 Explorers group who are meeting 2 times per month and participating in Ride-a-Longs and planning the upcoming camping trip in early November. Recruitment is being done at FLHS.

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 Memorial Middle School officials never sent in reports of substance abuse prevention activities. Therefore, the \$500 funding was not given to the graduating class. A purchase order for \$999 for the FLHS Class of 2012 Project Graduation Activity was paid.

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

FLASE Donation: C. Wagner reported that \$50 was sent for a ½ page ad for publication of the FLASAP logo and meeting information in the FLASE newsletter being given out for the November 17, 2012 Dinner Dance fundraiser.

National Night Out/August 7, 2012: C. Wagner reported that she and Pat Lenart volunteered time to distribute literature and giveaways on substance abuse prevention.

New Business:

Modification of Activity/ DARE replaced by Another Activity: In that DARE is not being reinstated by FLPD, an activity modification plan was completed and submitted to the BC Municipal Alliance Coordinator. The activity was changed to Reflections and Creative Intervention. The big concern is getting a sufficient number of middle school students to a scheduled program at the Community Center. The best chance of getting participants would be to offer the program in the schools, but, the Reflections group already provided a program in the public schools. The SAC was contacted and she was looking for funding for another program of her choice. There was outreach to St Anne School who seemed very interested.

Discussion and Underutilized Alternative Activity funding—Ideas?: Carol Sprague and Allison Goldschlag provided several suggestions of how the remaining Alternative Activity funding can be utilized such as: a sand art activity and a river rock activity. Both activities teach about values and can be done at the Street Fair. There was consensus amongst FLASAP members present to offer these activities at the Street Fair. Carol Sprague will plan and implement these activities. C. Wagner will email the membership for input from those not present and coordinate FLASAP participation with the Street Fair organizers. D. Bastinck promised the assistance of the Explorers. Other suggestions for future activities included: 1) Carol Sprague and Allison can provide a “Too Good for Drugs” which is a problem-solving activity for 1st and 2nd graders, 2) Outreach to FLHS trainer/supervisor of FLHS Weight Room and give out literature on the negative effects of steroids use, and 3) DWI program offered by Steve Benvenisti which the FLPD would like to schedule for March 2013 in the schools.

Fundraising:

Entertainment Book Fundraiser: C. Wagner informed the FLASAP members that Entertainment Books are in and that a press release was submitted to the Fair Lawn Community News and Borough Newsletter. Books are to be sold for \$30.00 and available for sale in the Health Department. FLASAP members were asked to take one or two books on consignment to sell.

Next Meeting 2012:

The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 7:30 PM in Room 201 of the Municipal Building

Meeting Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by D. Bastinck and seconded by C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM. All were in favor.