

# Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting Minutes January 23, 2013

## Meeting Call to Order:

President Derek Bastinck called to order the meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) on January 23, 2013, at 7:48pm. 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, Susan Gioia, Claude Bienstock, and Carol Wagner. Also attending were: Carol Sprague, ATOD consultant.

## Approval of Minutes:

C. Martinez made a motion to accept the Dec. 19, 2012, meeting minutes and it was seconded by C. Bienstock. All present were in favor.

## Treasurers Report:

No report was available due to absence of Treasurer, C. Logan.

## Activity Reports:

**Grant Coordinators Report:** C. Wagner presented and provided copies of the FLASAP grant activity report on the YTD expenditures for the entire year of 2012 .Most of the Grant Funds that were remaining as of the Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were spent by Dec. 31, 2012 specifically : Big Brother /Big Sister Mentoring Program \$1700, Explorers \$1800, TASE \$350. Parents Who Host, Lose the Most \$275, Community Activities \$1626.46. C. Wagner reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr grant report is being complied for submission to the County MAC by the end of January.

## Old Business:

**Explorers Update:** The November camp trip was cancelled due to Super Storm Sandy recovery efforts and postponed until March 2013. The camping trip to Washington D. C. will include a candle light vigil and ATOD prevention programming. C. Wagner requested info. On the agenda & length of each activity & length of each activity & number of Explorers registered to participate.

**Big Brother/Big Sister Mentoring Activity:** C. Wagner reported that she received all of the reports and receipts for the Big Brother/Big Sister Mentoring Program . Subsequently a reimbursement check in the amount of \$1700 was issued.

**ADA Committee Dance:** The ADA Committee Dance is a dance for socialization of disadvantaged residents with several FLHS students assisting. This activity is a community activity under the grant. All receipts and report was received. Hence a reimbursement check in the amount of \$427.46 for purchase of food and supplies for the dance.

**Taste of Fair Lawn Event:** A \$300.00 check was given to The Chamber of Commerce for the Taste of Fair Lawn event. FLASAP members are invited to attend and to promote an awareness on teen access to prescriptions drugs and how to guard against access.

**TASE Program:** The Tobacco Age of Sale Enforcement program was conducted in December by 2 inspectors and 2 teens. Seven retail places where tobacco is available for sale were visited. One warning notice was issued to a retail store that sold tobacco to a minor two \$50 gift certificates were purchased; one for each teen, and \$250 was expended to cover the inspector's time on the project.

**Printing of Brochure for Community Events:**

\$230 was expended for printing of 500 copies of a brochure which is being used to promote Community Activities including the 1<sup>st</sup> Day Run and the Feb 20 "One Pound at Time" event at the Fair Lawn Community Center . The FLASAP and GCADA logos were prominently displayed on the brochure to promote and create an awareness of FLASAP and GCADA.

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

**Good Samaritan Bill:** C. Wagner reported that a follow up online search immediately after the close of the Dec 19<sup>th</sup> meeting revealed that the Good Samaritan bill A-578 has already been vetoed by the Governor. The bill in intended to save a life and would provide immunity from prosecution to persons who are with persons under the influence of alcohol and drugs and call Police for emergency services when the person is in physical distress. Since it was already vetoed with no indication of further action, the letter of support from FLASAP to the M&C and GCADA was not sent.

**New Business:**

**Needs Assessment Questionnaire:** Carol Sprague gave an educational presentation for the FLASAP members present at the meeting on conducting a Needs Assessment of the Community and different ways to gather data and statistics to develop a Logic Model which will be required to obtain the Alliance grant for next year. The process is a Strategic Prevention Framework and focuses on change from program planning to population change. A Rutger's website, SAKAI, has been developed for assisting Alliances. The website provides statistical data for Alliances. C. Sprague offered suggestions on recruiting new FLASAP members as required by the FLASAP By-laws, specifically: 1) asking a person (school RN, clergy, health care worker,...), 2) submitting a press release to the newspapers, 3) updating the Alliance webpages. More info on cost of toolkits is needed.

**Touch a Truck Fundraiser:** S. Gioia announced that she is on a planning committee for a "Touch a Truck fundraiser event on May 19, 2013 (10 AM to 2 PM), at the Garden State Plaza in Paramus. There will be educational activities, therapy dogs, and free food. S. Gioia was looking for free give aways for children. No action was taken by the FLASAP members. C. Wagner said that she would contact the health officer in Paramus who works with the Paramus Alliance.

**Next Meeting 2013:**

The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at 7:30 PM in Room 201 of the Municipal Building

**Meeting Adjournment:**

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