

**MINUTES OF THE BERNARDS TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE/YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION**

Tuesday, January 5, 2010  
Bernards Township Municipal Building

**Mayoral-Appointed Members Attending:**

1. Lynn Evelyn, Citizen Rep.
2. Mary Jane Postal, Civic Group Rep.
3. Officer Tracy Alexander, Police Dept. Rep.
4. John Carpenter, Township Committee Rep.
5. Monique Loh, Citizen Rep.
6. Audrey Sherwyn, Board of Education Rep.
7. Dr. Barbara Bush, School District Rep.
8. Fr. Rick Morley, Clergy Rep.
9. Lynn Mourey, PTO Rep.
10. Ellie Todt, Senior Citizen Rep.
11. Kathy Kelly, Bernards Township Health Dept.

**Mayoral-Appointed Members Not in Attendance:**

1. Bob Skea, Citizen Rep.

**Other Attendees**

1. Lucy Forgione, Bernards Township Health Dept.

**Call to Order**

John Carpenter called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Welcome, Introductions and Reading of Mission Statement**

John Carpenter read the Municipal Alliance's mission statement: The mission of the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse is to provide consultation, programs, training and resources to members of the Bernards Township community with the goal of preventing and reducing the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

**Building Youth Grant**

Kathy Kelly reported that the Alliance is carrying over \$61,979 from the 2009/2010 Building Youth grant.

## **Municipal Alliance Overview**

Kathy Kelly gave a presentation on history, structure, programs and goals of the Municipal Alliance.

## **Discussion of 2010 Goals**

Goals for this year are to promote awareness of the Municipal Alliance within the community and increased publicity regarding the Alliance's objectives/programs.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of October 6, 2009, November 3, 2009 and December 8, 2009 meetings were accepted.

## **American Athletic Association**

Dennis O'Sullivan of AAI informed Kathy Kelly of a scheduled presentation at Delbarton on March 5 and 6. He has invited Municipal Alliance members to attend. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

## **Member Comment**

Member comments included:

- support for Municipal Alliance mission
- need for increased awareness within the Township regarding Alliance programs
- determining how the Alliance can support positive parenting
- target age group for prevention programs (middle school and younger)
- need for volunteer to coach Girls on Track
- obscure nature of abuse/addiction issues within Township
- formation of a parent support group
- importance of honest communication and shared responsibility within Alliance

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., with a motion by Rick Morley and motion to second by Mary Jane Postal; all agreed; motion passed.

The next Municipal Alliance meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Bernards Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Evelyn  
Secretary