

**Minutes of the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance/Youth Services
Commission
June 6, 2017**

Mayoral-Appointed Members Attending

John Malay, Chair, Township Committee Representative
Kaitlin Kordusky, Vice-Chair, Health Department Representative
Linda Wooldridge, BOE Representative
Cathy Phillips, Substance Abuse Representative
Mary Jane Postal, Senior Citizen Representative
Katy Soulas, Civic Group Representative
Johnny Graves, Clergy Representative
Tracy Baldassare, Bernards Township Police Department
Joan Harris, Citizen Representative
Swapna Kumari, PTO representative
Isabel DiPalo, Student Representative
Hersh Gupta, Student Representative

Other Attendees

Lucy Forgione, Health Department
KateLynn Patronick, Youth Services Commission
Jennifer Sorensen, Somerset County Municipal Alliance Coordinator

Members Not Attending

Zoe Pettit, Citizen Representative

Call to Order

John Malay called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. All attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Welcome and reading of the Mission Statement by John Malay. 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.

Public Comment

None.

Staff Comment

Kaitlin Kordusky thanked everyone who helped with the Twilight Challenge.

Minute Approval

Tracy Baldassare made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2, 2017. Cathy Phillips seconded. The minutes were approved.

Reports

Somerset County Alliance Coordinator – Jennifer Sorensen reported that GCADA approved the county plan for 2017-18. Freeholders will sign the letter of agreement on June 27. Contracts will be sent out in July or August, but funding will be issued and programs can run as planned. Upcoming dates: June 8, annual volunteer appreciation dinner. June 20, presentation for parents on synthetic opioids and THC extractions in Hillsborough Municipal Building. Fourth quarter report and program evaluations due to county on August 15.

Youth Services Commission – KateLynn Patronick reported that she received the competitive and annual grant applications. Third quarter reports are due July 3.

Community Programs Coordinator – Kaitlin Kordusky reported that the Girls on Track program will not run in 2017-18, due to poor attendance. Thirteen girls will run in the Girls on the Run 5K on June 11.

Agenda Items

RAAD

The RAAD group met twice in May. The students worked on new questions for Charter Day; topics were vaping and new questions for young children.

Twilight Challenge – June 4

The fundraising goal was reached. Kaitlin thanked everyone who got sponsors. There were a lot of volunteers this year. Ninety runners participated.

Hope in Life – June 7

This is a suicide awareness event for parents and students. It will be held at the Millington Baptist Church.

Summer Programs

- Party in the Park – July 26 at Harry Dunham Park.
- Panera fundraiser – August 2, 4 pm to 8 pm.
- LMTI – August 21 through 25. Thirty-five students are attending, including 9 YACs.

Ridge High School Booth

Mary Jane Postal would like to do a booth in September, but she needs a co-chair to help. She will collect materials over the summer.

Local Event Watch

Empowerment Day for William Annin 8th graders will be held on October 27, 2017.

Member Comment

Linda Wooldridge reported that concerns about vaping at Ridge and William Annin were raised at the June PTO President's meeting.

Adjournment

Isabel DiPalo made the motion to adjourn. Mary Jane Postal seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.