

**Minutes of the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance/Youth Services
Commission
January 9, 2018**

Mayoral-Appointed Members Attending

John Malay, Chair, Township Committee Representative
Kaitlin Cartoccio, Vice-Chair, Health Department Representative
Linda Wooldridge, BOE Representative
Cathy Phillips, Substance Abuse Representative
Johnny Graves, Clergy Representative
Zoe Pettit, Citizen Representative
MJ Postal, Senior Citizen Representative
Amy Button, William Annin Middle School SAC, School Representative
Sherri Harris, Citizen Representative
Alexandra Timoney, Student Representative
Katy Soulas, Civic Group Representative

Other Attendees

Lucy Forgione, Health Department
KateLynn Patronick, Youth Services Commission
Abigail Phillips, RAAD
Kaniya Mahdi, RAAD

Members Not Attending

Tracy Baldassare, Bernards Township Police Department
Joan Harris, Citizen Representative
Isabel DiPalo, Student Representative
Swapna Kumari, PTO Representative

Call to Order

John Malay called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. All attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Welcome and reading of the Mission Statement by Kaitlin Cartoccio. 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.

Minute Approval

Johnny Graves made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2017. MJ Postal seconded. The minutes were approved.

Reports

Somerset County Alliance Coordinator – Everyone turned in the RFA, which was due after Christmas.

Youth Services Commission – KateLynn Patronick reported on two upcoming workshops: January 26, Sex Trafficking and February 2, Gangs.

Community Programs Coordinator – Kaitlin Cartoccio reported that the current Logic Model will be in effect until the end of 2019, so it does not need updating now.

Agenda Items

Welcome New Members

Amy Button, School Representative

Sherri Harris, Citizen Representative

Alexandra Timoney, Student Representative

Nominations

Vice-Chair – unanimous vote for Kaitlin Cartoccio

Secretary – unanimous vote for Linda Wooldridge

Grant Coordinator Update

Kaitlin Cartoccio emailed the 2018 meeting dates to all Municipal Alliance members.

Fifteen RAAD students are applying to be YACs at LMTI in summer 2018.

Applications are due January 27. Six RAAD students attended the LMTI prom on January 6.

Upcoming Events

1. Crazy Stressed, Dr. Michael Bradley. January 31 at Ridge HS and February 1 at Bernards HS.
2. Med Drop Drive Thru – March 10
3. Mental Health Resource Fair – March 22 at Bernards Township Library
4. Save the Dates: Charter Day, May 19 and Twilight Challenge, June 3.

2017: Year in Review

Kaitlin Cartoccio distributed a handout that describes all 2017 events and programs.

Subcommittee Discussion

Members suggested keeping the RHS Booth and Fundraising/Twilight Challenge subcommittees and adding new subcommittees for Mental Health/Stigma Free and Communications. Other suggestions were: make Local Event Watch an agenda item instead of a subcommittee and remove the Public Relations/Marketing subcommittee.

RHS Booth

MJ Postal is planning a booth on dating and healthy relationships in February. LMTI usually does a booth in April.

Local Event Watch

- Chris Herren at Watchung Hills Regional HS – January 10
- Love More for Julius – January 13 at a coffee shop in New Brunswick
- Ryan's Story – presentation for parents by John Halligan on bullying, cyberbullying and teen depression – January 30, 7 pm, WAMS auditorium
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Training – planned for April/May

Municipal Alliance Member Comment

Joan Harris was accepted to go to Youth Mental Health First Aid training in Washington, DC.

A Stigma Free Club at Ridge High School was recently approved.

Kaitlin Cartoccio will be talking with Ridge faculty about vaping at the February 7th faculty meeting.

Adjournment

John Malay made a motion to adjourn. Katy Soulas seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wooldridge