

**Minutes of the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance/Youth Services
Commission
April 3, 2018**

Mayoral-Appointed Members Attending

John Malay, Chair, Township Committee Representative
Linda Wooldridge, BOE Representative
Johnny Graves, Clergy Representative
MJ Postal, Senior Citizen Representative
Amy Button, William Annin Middle School SAC, School Representative
Sherri Harris, Citizen Representative
Tracy Baldassare, Bernards Township Police Department
Joan Harris, Citizen Representative
Isabel DiPalo, Student Representative
Swapna Uradi, PTO Representative
Cathy Phillips, Substance Abuse Representative
Zoe Pettit, Citizen Representative
Katy Soulas, Civic Group Representative
Alexandra Timoney, Student Representative

Other Attendees

Lucy Forgione, Health Department
Jennifer Sorensen, Somerset County Alliance Coordinator
KateLynn Patronick, Youth Services Commission
Roseann Cervelli, Central Jersey Family Health Consortium

Members Not Attending

Kaitlin Cartoccio, Vice-Chair, Health Department 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.

Minute Approval

Tracy Baldassare made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6, 2018. Isabel DiPalo seconded. The minutes were approved.

Reports

Somerset County Alliance Coordinator – 3rd quarter reports are due on April 10. A Municipal Alliance Roundtable Discussion on the grant process will be held on April 16. A presentation on Addiction, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse will be held on April 18 in Bridgewater. A panel discussion on opioid use is scheduled for April 25 in Hillsborough. Christopher Jakim from the DEA is one of the panelists.

Youth Services Commission – KateLynn Patronick will visit the Be Well Girls program at William Annin on May 1. “The Hopeful Heart” support strategy workshops will be held on April 16, April 26 and April 30 at 27 Warren Street in Somerville.

Community Programs Coordinator – Lucy Forgione reported that the Student Stressor Survey will be administered to students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 at the end of May. Dr. Harlow will tabulate the results.

Agenda Items

Presentation on Vaping and E-Cigarettes – *Roseann Cervelli, Central Jersey Family Health Consortium*

Ms. Cervelli presented information on:

- Prevalence of e-cigarettes and other electronic delivery systems among youth.
- Dangers and potential future ill effects of vaping
- Advertising to influence young people
- JUUL devices, which are very popular with students for vaping
- Vaping marijuana
- Vaping alcohol

Grant Coordinator Update

The Pathways to Mental Health Resource Fair was held on March 22. Kaitlin Cartoccio taught Youth Mental Health First Aid training on March 17 and March 24; 20 people completed the class.

RAAD students will present “Teen Talk,” which will be held on April 11 at 7 pm in the Ridge cafeteria.

Upcoming events:

1. Youth Mental Health First Aid – May 10, Bernards Township Library.
2. Save the Dates – Charter Day (May 19) and Twilight Challenge (June 3).

Ridge Booth – an LMTI booth is planned.

Local Events

The Community in Crisis Hub had its official opening and ribbon-cutting on March 28.

Lucy Forgione and John Malay are working on an anti-smoking/anti-vaping initiative at parks in Bernards Township.

Adjournment

Johnny Graves made a motion to adjourn. Joan Harris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wooldridge