

**Minutes of the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance/Youth Services  
Commission  
June 5, 2018**

**Mayoral-Appointed Members Attending**

Kaitlin Cartoccio, Vice-Chair, Health Department Representative  
Linda Wooldridge, BOE Representative  
MJ Postal, Senior Citizen Representative  
Isabel DiPalo, Student Representative  
Cathy Phillips, Substance Abuse Representative  
Amy Button, William Annin Middle School SAC, School Representative

**Other Attendees**

KateLynn Patronick, Youth Services Commission  
Jamie Sutton, William Annin Middle School  
Abigail Phillips, RAAD  
Cindy Fleischer

**Members Not Attending**

John Malay, Chair, Township Committee Representative  
Tracy Baldassare, Bernards Township Police Department  
Swapna Uradi, PTO Representative  
Katy Soulas, Civic Group Representative  
Joan Harris, Citizen Representative  
Zoe Pettit, Citizen Representative  
Johnny Graves, Clergy Representative  
Alexandra Timoney, Student Representative

**Call to Order**

Kaitlin Cartoccio called the meeting to order at 6:07 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.

**Reports**

**Somerset County Alliance Coordinator** – GCADA is buying the license for “We’re Not Buying It 2.0” and paying for the training.

**Youth Services Commission** – KateLynn Patronick reported that 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports are due July 3 and the 2018 application is due June 15. A new handbook will be available in September. There is a new policy that any adult who works with youth in Somerset County must be fingerprinted and undergo a background check. The Sheriff's Department will do this at no charge.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Grant Coordinator Update**

The Youth Services Commission grants still need one more approval before being submitted to the county office. The \$5,000 annual grant is for RAAD and WAMS Breathe, which is a new after school club at WAMS for boys and girls that starts in spring 2019. Students will learn mindfulness, yoga, and techniques for managing school stress. Be Well Girls will not be offered in 2018-19.

A competitive grant application was submitted for a new Peer Educator's program at WAMS. This program is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and will focus on wellness, kindness and a drug and alcohol free lifestyle through school wide programs and Morning Meeting lessons.

### **Student Stressor Survey**

Will be completed this week.

### **RAAD**

Congratulations to Hersh Gupta and Isabel DiPalo, who are both graduating. Dylan Hicks and Stanley Chu are the RAAD co-presidents for 2018-19.

### **Twilight Challenge – Sunday, June 3**

This event raised \$6,000 plus \$1,500 in race fees.

### **Upcoming Events**

1. RAAD Car Wash – June 16
2. Party in the Park – August 1

### **Ridge Booth**

A September booth will tie in with Suicide Prevention Week at Ridge.

### **Local Events/Member Comment**

The Bernards Township Committee approved the Stigma Free resolution on May 15, 2018.

Kaitlin Cartoccio and Joan Harris are teaching several classes in Youth Mental Health First Aid to administrative staff and teaching staff in July and August.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wooldridge