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Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse October 18, 2011

Call to Order

The two hundred sixty sixth regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess announced that notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 – 10:4-21).

Roll Call

Katelyn Assenheimer called the roll. Members present and absent were noted for the record.

Approval of Minutes – September Meeting

The minutes from the September 20th meeting were approved as amended by the members of the Council. (Y-8; N-1; ABS-6)

Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance Presentation

Heidi Khame, Coordinator of the Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance presented the Council members with an overview and highlight of the some of the programs that her Alliance offers.

The Alliance, which encompasses Hopewell Valley, Hopewell Borough and Pennington, was established fifteen years ago and has fifty active members. The Alliance currently offers twenty four programs throughout the community.

Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth Initiatives is Hopewell Valley's largest program and currently uses a third of the Alliance budget. This program includes information on 40 developmental assets that are most widely used throughout the state.

Ms. Khame shared the challenges of not being able to survey students in schools to acquire information on drug and alcohol use. She encouraged the Council members to support any resolution that is drafted regarding this matter. Ms. Khame also raised the question of whether or not an Alliance could file to be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. This would help the Alliance raise funds outside of their grant.

Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey Presentation

Angelo Valente, Executive Director of the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) informed the Council members that the second annual American Medicine Chest Challenge would be held on Saturday, November 12th.

New Jersey is the first state in the nation to participate in this kind of event. This is a collaborative community effort between the Partnership, New Jersey Prevention Network, the Governor's Council, the Drug Enforcement Administration of New Jersey as well as the Sheriff's Association of New Jersey.

This campaign consists of five steps: inventory of prescription medications, making sure these medications are secured, disposing medication when it is no longer needed, taking medications exactly as directed and lastly, to inform children on the dangers of taking medicine that is not prescribed to them. Each campaign can be personalized to include different ethnicities and it is also available in eight different languages.

Any additional information can be found at AmericanMedicineChest.com.

Executive Committee – No Report

Alliance Committee – No Report

Interdepartmental Advisory Panel – No Report

Planning Committee – No Report

Criminal/Juvenile Justice Subcommittee – No Report

Legislative Subcommittee

The Legislative Subcommittee met on October 6th. Acting Executive Director John Hulick attended this meeting to provide the members on the direction of where GCADA is headed as well as his vision for the 20/20 Blueprint.

Harry Morgan from Hendrick's House also attended this meeting to share his concerns about Bill A3636/S2443 which establishes a Medicaid Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project in the Department of Human Services. The Committee did not

take any formal action on this bill since there was no representative from the Department to clarify this project.

No new bills were discussed at this meeting. The Legislative Subcommittee will meet on November 2nd.

Treatment Subcommittee – No Report

Veterans and Military Ad Hoc Committee

Nick Petrozzino informed the Council that the Resource Guide is in rough draft form and the book should be available for distribution by Veteran's Day.

Other Business

Paul Ressler suggested that it would be beneficial if the Executive Committee met quarterly so new members could be better familiar with what is being worked on within GCADA. He also proposed inviting one of the ten schools offering drug addiction residency to speak at the Council regarding the new definition of drug addiction as put forth by the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Erica Morgan invited the Council members to the grand opening of the Hamilton Recovery Center on Friday, October 21st.

Bob Zlotnick informed the Council members that there would be a Designated Driver "Hero Walk" on Sunday, October 23rd in Ocean City.

The Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction will be hosting a workshop on Friday, December 9th regarding Designer Drugs. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Sprechman.

Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director John Hulick informed the Council members that the 2012 County Plans were due to the office on Monday, and all but two counties have been submitted. Staff is reviewing these plans for any deficiencies. An RFP review committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1st.

Site visits for 2012 have been scheduled. GCADA staff will take the information from these reports as well as the Mercadien audit findings to create trainings that would help the Alliances in areas they are lacking.

Mr. Hulick thanked his assistant, Kelly Ardente and other GCADA staff for their work on clearing out files from the GCADA office. Twenty years worth of data was sent to Archives and Records Retention.

Mr. Hulick also shared some articles that he had found on New Jersey websites regarding various Alliance activities. He was pleased that the Alliances were receiving positive news coverage.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman, Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

John Hulick
Acting Executive Director