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Call to Order

The three hundred and twenty fourth regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Public Member and 2nd Vice Chair Gregg Benson.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Mr. Benson 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. Mr. Benson informed the Council that this meeting would be for informational purposes due to the lack of quorum.

Council Member Service Recognition

Juan Colon from the State Police, Department of Law and Public Safety and Elizabeth Manley from the Department of Children and Families were both presented with a plaque for their service to the Governor's Council. Celina Levy thanked them for their dedication and for being both professionally and personally involved in GCADA.

Presentation: "Practice Variations in the Care of Substance Exposed Infants and their Mothers Among New Jersey Birthing Hospitals and Outpatient Providers"

Venita Nankoo, epidemiologist from the Department of Health, Healthcare Quality and Informatics Unit gave an overview of the New Jersey Birthing Hospital Survey.

The purpose of this survey was to gain better understanding of the protocols and practices used in the care of substance exposed infants and their mothers. This was the first study of its kind in

New Jersey and the findings will be used by state and local agencies for educational interventions. Information reviewed included the use of universal screenings, types of screenings used, and circumstances surrounding the use of the screening tools. The presentation is available on the Department of Health website.

The survey was a collaborative effort between the Department of Health, New Jersey birthing hospitals, the New Jersey Departments of Human Services and Children and Families as well as New York and New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas. It was distributed to 50 birthing hospitals and 200 outpatient pediatric providers in the state.

Acting Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Celina Levy shared that work continues on the Master Plan and she thanked the Council members for taking the time to provide the information requested and to Sean Campbell for the support he is providing to both her and Rebecca Alfaro.

Ms. Levy continues to represent GCADA at the Suicide Prevention Committee and will provide an update of the next phase at the March meeting.

Ms. Levy asked that Rebecca Alfaro share that the New Jersey Prevention Network Conference would be held on May 18th at the Atlantic City Conference Center. GCADA will again be offering 200 scholarships to participating Alliance members as well as Council members. These scholarships will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

Rebecca Alfaro and Sean Campbell will be facilitating Mental Health First Aid Trainings for the Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention, Peer Support Recovery Specialists. The first one will be on March 9th for at Robert Wood Johnson-Barnabas Health training site.

Adjournment

Gregg Benson adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.