

**Minutes of the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance/Youth Services
Commission
June 4, 2019**

Mayoral-Appointed Members Attending

Joan Harris, Chair, Township Committee Representative
Kaitlin Cartoccio, Vice-Chair, Health Department Representative
MJ Postal, Senior Citizen Representative
Johnny Graves, Clergy Representative
Cindy Fleischer, Citizen Representative
Cathy Phillips, Substance Abuse Representative
Zoe Pettit, Citizen Representative

Other Attendees

Lucy Forgione, Bernards Township Health Department
KateLynn Patronick, Youth Services Commission
Jennifer Sorensen, Somerset County Alliance Coordinator
Todd Edelstein, Resident

Members Not Attending

Laurie Albee, Citizen Representative
Audrey West, Student Representative
Swapna Uradi, PTO Representative
Tracy Baldassare, Bernards Township Police Department
Amy Stem, William Annin Middle School SAC, School Representative
Alex Timoney, Student Representative
Katy Soulas, Civic Group Representative
Linda Wooldridge, BOE Representative

Call to Order

Kaitlin Cartoccio called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. All attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Welcome and reading of the Mission Statement by Joan Harris. 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

There was not a quorum to approve the May minutes. Approval will be tabled until September.

Reports

Somerset County Alliance Coordinator – During the summer there will be several webinars for Grant Coordinators to participate in to learn more about the grant reporting. Annual conference at RVCC is on June 5. The 4th quarter report is due July 10, and Forms 10 and 11 are due July 31.

Youth Services Commission – KateLynn Patronick distributed Adolescent Information Data for Bernards Township for 2018. She tracks this data every year. The Somerset County Community Resource Fair will be held on Thursday, May 9 from 2-4 pm.

Community Programs Coordinator – On May 14th, Kaitlin Cartoccio listened in to the GCADA Webinar for grant reporting. All budget reports are due during the summer.

Agenda Items

Grant Coordinator Update - Kaitlin Cartoccio and Lucy Forgione attended the NJPN Conference in Atlantic City, NJ on May 10th. Youth Mental Health First Aid was taught to residents on Thursday, May 16th. 12 new Mental Health First Aiders were trained. Today Kaitlin Cartoccio participated in Ridge Gives Back at RHS and taught “Mental Health 101” and worked on a project with 40 RHS students to create a “Stigma Fontana” in the lobby of the high school.

RAAD – RAAD helped volunteer at Activities Night, the Twilight Challenge, distributing prom letters to seniors, and will be having their final meeting of the 2018-2019 school year on June 16th. The Mental Health working group created a video for freshmen health classes about mental health and local resources. The RAAD car wash will be held on June 15th.

LMTI – Two information sessions are planned for potential LMTI students. So far there will be 8 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members and 3 College Age TI Staff (CATS) attending with Kaitlin Cartoccio.

Peer Educators at William Annin – Students created a “creative corner” for the wellness unit in the WAMS media center. Amy Stem and Jamie Sutton plan on working with Kaitlin Cartoccio to reapply for the competitive grant.

Subcommittee Updates

RHS Booth – looking for booth ideas for next school year.

Fundraising/Twilight Challenge – The Twilight Challenge 5K took place on Sunday, June 2nd. Despite a quick thunder shower the event was well received by the public with over 90 runners, 20 Health Walkers, and 20+ children in the Lollipop Loop. Over \$6,000 was raised for the Municipal Alliance.

Mental Health – Joan Harris is working with Ross Farm for a potential concert. The idea of screening “Screenagers” or Indie Flix’s “Liked” was discussed for a potential screening in January or February.

Adjournment

Joan Harris made a motion to adjourn. Kaitlin Cartoccio seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaitlin Cartoccio
Municipal Alliance Grant Coordinator