

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014 - 3:30 P.M.

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Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Member Pella, who read the opening statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Attendance:

Present	Absent
Judge H. Robert Switzer 3:50	James Harris
Kim Burns	Robert Schall
Dena Danz	Anna Strang
Staci DiMattia	
Nicholas Pella	
Stephen Slusarski	
Paul Weldon	
Brian Wilson	

Charles Kerley, the new Atlantic County Alliance Coordinator attended the meeting to review with the members what he will be looking for from us. Charlie advised that he plans to hold additional meetings for us to learn the new procedures and to make sure we are properly trained.

Member Burns stated she attended the other meetings and learned nothing. Member Danz stated that the meetings were of no help while trying to complete the new grant application.

Coordinator Kerley wanted to know why we struggled so much on the grant application. Member Danz and Member Burns stated that we never had to do it before that it was always taken care of by Joe Campitelli, in addition to that the meetings that were held did not offer help on completing the grants or the logic modules. Coordinator Kerley said that we can expect changes during the fiscal year.

Budget revisions will need to be done after July 1st if we want to change money from one program to another and the proper forms will need to be completed. We do not need to get GCADA approval to move funds for anything under \$2000, however we still need local and county approval.

Chairman Switzer arrived and swore in the members of the Alliance for the year 2014.

Coordinator Kerley stated that our grant application has been sent to GCADA for their review.

Member Danz stated that one item was added to the application. This was the prescription drop box. This was added with no funding at this point, however, once the box arrives sometime in July and is up and running, we may need to move funds around to have posters and literature printed. The prescription drop box will be available to the public 24 hours a day 7 days a week and our plan has been approved by the DEA. Laurie Smith and the Regional Coalition are working with Member Weldon to get the box in place by summer.

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Member Burns brought up information in reference to an ordinance being put in place to have tobacco free parks or at least smoke free areas. She wanted the Alliance to be aware that the information was sent from Atlantic Prevention to the Mayor with an ordinance packet for committees review. This is a project they are working on with the High School kids and she was seeking support from the Alliance. She advised that Linwood, Somers Point, Hamilton Township and Atlantic City already have this in place. Most members supported this, however, Chairman Switzer had a few concerns in reference to smokers rights and the fact that second hand smoke dissipates outside. Member Burns stated that it was not right to subject the children to seeing it, smelling it or being bothered by it at the fields and the excess liter that it causes. She wanted to make the Alliance aware if the Municipality created this ordinance that her office would help with prevention activity and signage. Member Burns stated Atlantic County is ranked 19th in the state for its smoking rate. Chairman Switzer disagreed and stated that it comes down to cigarettes vs alcohol with health issues and deaths and more information would be needed for his support.

Member Weldon advised the alliance that April 26th will be the drug take back day and that it will be located in the main court lobby area from 10am until 2pm. Member Slusarski stated that every time the municipality participates in the drug take back, we collect over 60 pounds of unused/expired medication. Member Slusarski said that when we get our new drop box in the summer there is also talks about bringing out a mobile unit to collect medication in retirement communities.

Member Danz brought up that Galloway Township did a billboard from the alliance in reference to drugs and alcohol and they used Absegami Athletes for it. She suggested we look into this and use our High School students in order to get a message out to the community especially during prom and graduation. The alliance members agreed this would be a good idea and Members Danz and Burns will look into it.

Member DiMattia stated that the High School will be holding a pre-prom meeting at 7pm on 4/9 and during the day on 5/1. Parents must attend the meeting if their child plans on attending the prom. Parents will be given a slip showing attendance and the student will need to turn that in when purchasing their tickets. Member Weldon added that he along with Sgt. Cherie Burgan will be doing a presentation and talk during both of those meetings. Member DiMattia stated the prom will be held in Wildwood this year at the Convention Center on Saturday, June 7th. Students will not be permitted to drive, they will either need to take the motor coach buses that are included in their ticket prices or they will need to show receipt for their limo. Member DiMattia stated that approximately 65% - 70% of the students will take the buses.

Member DiMattia stated that during the pre-prom meetings with parents they will also be advised of the Host Liability Laws should they decide to allow their students to have a party at their home. In addition to that the meeting will address the expected behavior at the prom. This year the school will also be giving every student a Breathalyzer before they enter the bus or if they go by limo before they enter the prom.

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Member DiMattia asked if the Alliance had a table cloth that she could use during the meetings so she can put out the EHT Alliance brochure. She was advised that we do not have one, however Coordinator Kerley stated that he would get her the County Alliance tablecloth for the meetings.

Member Danz and Member Slusarski excused themselves from the meeting as they needed to attend the Police Entrance Exam. Chairman Switzer advised that he would notify them if another meeting date was set, since Coordinator Kerley advised the board that they needed to meet quarterly.

Meeting adjourned at pm.

H. Robert Switzer, Chairman

Dena L. Danz, Recording Secretary