



**Minutes of the Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams (MACC)
Chatham Township Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Rd.
February 14, 2024 at 9 AM**

Members Attending

Amy Lewis (MACC Coordinator, Westfield/Borough Health Educator)
Samantha Austin (Health Educator, Westfield Regional Health Dept.)
Selena Mahr (Chair/Parent)
Larry McCann (Twp Recreation)
Kay Kaiser (Borough Board of Health)
Roubi Slavropoulos (Borough Board of Health)
Vicky Bukey (Project Community Pride)
Jim Lattoz (Chatham Twp PD)
Nishika Agarwal (NYU Student)
Angelina Rajram (NYU Student)

Call to Order and Reading of the Mission Statement

Amy called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and Selena read the mission statement: MACC promotes prevention as a means to reduce substance use disorders and build a healthier community. MACC commits to helping residents of the Chathams, of all ages, thrive by providing evidence-based prevention programs, community building programs, advocacy and support resources aimed at addressing factors that contribute to substance use disorders.

Staff Comment

None

Minute Approval - January 10, 2024

Motion (1) Larry McCann
(2) Vicky Bukey



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Reports

Morris County Municipal Alliance Coordinator

Amy reported on behalf of Kensie Fosko.

- Amy was trained in the new reporting system (MAGS-Municipal Alliance Grant System) on January 17.
- Amy will attend the County meeting on February 20.

MACC Coordinator (Amy Lewis)

- Footprints was completed at St. Patrick School on February 8. Evaluation was completed by the classroom teacher; it was very well received.

Agenda Items

Grant Coordinator Update

- **HOPE (Healthy Outreach using Peer Education)**
 - HOPE partnered with The Mental Health Club at Chatham High School for “Random Act of Kindness Month” on February 2. The table included a poster and post it notes where students shared their random act of kindness. Students that participated were given a random act of kindness token to pass on and a February calendar that had random acts of kindness ideas for every day.
 - Sticker Shock was implemented on February 8 at Bottle King and Cottage Deli and Wine.
 - HOPE is planning to partner with SADD/TATU for National Drug & Alcohol Week table (March 18-24) at the High School.

Local Events/Municipal Alliance Member Comments

- Chamber of Commerce Health Fair: March 2, 10-2 pm: Amy will staff the MACC table with HOPE students.
- National Drug & Alcohol Week: March 18-24
- NJPN Annual Conference: May 16 & 17
- LMTI: August 19-23

Other:

- Teen Filmmaking Workshop Presentation by Nishika Agarwal and Angelina Rajram. The workshop would focus on filmmaking and how it can help teen mental illness.
- Discussed initiatives for National Alcohol Awareness Month in April.

Adjournment at 9:45 am

Motion (1) Selena Mahr

(2) Kay Kaiser

Next Meeting: March 13 2024, 9 am