



**Minutes of the Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams (MACC)  
Chatham Township Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Rd.  
March 13, 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 (Recreation)  
Heather Flaherty (SAC)

**Call to Order and Reading of the Mission Statement**

Salena called the meeting to order at 9:03 am and 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**

No comment.

**Minute Approval - February 14, 2024**

Motion (1) Larry McCann  
(2) Heather Flaherty



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## **Reports**

### **Morris County Municipal Alliance Coordinator**

Amy reported on behalf of Kensie Fosko.

- Brochures will be provided by the County (10-15 copies each).

### **MACC Coordinator (Amy Lewis)**

- Chamber of Commerce Health and Wellness Day was held on March 2, 10-2 pm: 200 people attended. MACC had a table with a spin wheel and handouts.
- Township Trust: Amy mentioned the Township Mayor informed her that there is a MACC trust fund at the Township. The money can be used for more programming, materials, etc.
- Lafayette PTO meeting: March 21, 9:30am: Samantha and Selena will give a presentation on MACC.
- Updated website: [chathamacc.org](http://chathamacc.org) Website is now up to date with programs, events, minutes, agenda, etc.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Grant Coordinator Update**

- **HOPE (Healthy Outreach using Peer Education)**
  - National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week table during lunch: Looking to collaborate with Mending Minds or SADD/TATU to have a table during lunch period providing facts on drugs/alcohol.
  - Meeting on 3/3-LMTI training: 6 students attended
  - Stanley Center tour after MACC meeting: Looking to have HOPE meetings there. Possibly use for a teen dance or quarterly event.
  - Next meeting: 4/14. Salena will join for Marijuana education awareness campaign

### **Local Events/Municipal Alliance Member Comments**

- National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week: March 18-24
- National Alcohol Awareness Month: April
- NJPN Annual Conference: May 16-17

### **Other:**

- Alcohol Use and Its Role in Cancer Risk - RWJ: April 2 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm via Zoom.
- Parents Who Host Lose the Most: Have new signs for June.

Adjournment at 9:43 am

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(2) Selena Mahr

Next Meeting: April 10, 2024 at 9 am