



**Minutes of the Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams (MACC)
Chatham Township Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Rd.
January 10, 2024 at 9 AM**

Members Attending

Amy Lewis (MACC Coordinator, Westfield/Borough Health Educator)
Samantha Austin (Health Educator, Westfield Regional Health Dept.)
Larry McCann (Recreation)
Kay Kaiser (Board of Health)
Brian Colatrella (Chatham Borough PD)
Vicky Bukey (Project Community Pride)
Jim Lattoz (Chatham Twp PD)

Call to Order and Reading of the Mission Statement

Amy called the meeting to order at 9:03 am and Larry 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

Amy introduced Samantha Austin, new Health Educator at the Westfield Regional Health Department. She also mentioned the Health Department has contracted services with Madison Borough and she will be the Coordinator for the Madison Alliance Against Substance Abuse.

Minute Approval - December 13, 2023

Motion (1) Larry McCann
(2) Brian Colatrella



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Reports

Morris County Municipal Alliance Coordinator

Amy reported on behalf of Kensie Fosko.

- Amy will get trained in the new reporting system on January 17.

MACC Coordinator (Amy Lewis)

- MACC Secretary still needed. Please contact Amy if you would like to volunteer.
- Amy began implementing Footprints at St. Patrick School on January 4. It will conclude on February 8.
- Amy mentioned there are some vacancies (specifically in the sectors of Youth Services Organizations, Chamber of Commerce, local civic or volunteer group, and Faith Based Organizations) on the Form 3 and asked for input from the Committee.
- Amy suggested switching meetings from monthly to quarterly due to low attendance. It was decided that she would survey the Committee regarding interest.

Agenda Items

Grant Coordinator Update

- **HOPE (Healthy Outreach using Peer Education)**
 - Next meeting is January 11 for the LMTI Training.
 - Planning Sticker Shock week of February 5.

Local Events/Municipal Alliance Member Comments

- Hidden in Plain Sight: January 18, 7 pm, Chatham Middle School
- Chamber of Commerce Health Fair: March 2, 10-2 pm
- NJPN Annual Conference: May 16 & 17
- LMTI: August 19-23

Adjournment at 9:43 am

Motion (1) Vicky Bukey

(2) Kay Kaiser

Next Meeting: February 14, 2024, 9 am