

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP DRUG AWARENESS COUNCIL/MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 08, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: by Chairperson J. Daughtry at 7:33pm

Members in Attendance: M. Campbell, L. Connelly, M. Cooney, J. Daughtry, M. Johnson, S. Marcus, M. Murolo, J. Salamone, J. Scialla, K. Spitz, J. Witty.

Members Absent: C. Beyer (Excused – Email submitted), J. Matias (Excused – Email submitted)

Liaisons in Attendance: M. Palma - B.O.E., D. Danzi – M.T.P.D.

Guests in Attendance: Cpt. A. Caggiano – M.T.P.D.

A motion was made by J. Witty and seconded by Dr. J. Salamone to excuse the absences of members who had previously submitted notice to the Chair of their inability to attend tonight's meeting (as noted above). The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Approval of the Minutes:

M. Johnson reported that the minutes for the May and June meetings would be approved at the next meeting of the D.A.C., following his absence from the May meeting.

Chair Person's Report:

Chair Daughtry reported on upcoming events in the County, with a flier for an upcoming presentation having been sent out to the membership with this week's meeting notice. Chair Daughtry and J. Witty also touched upon a recent article regarding the use of Narcan at a Morris County Quick Check involving Assistant Morris County Prosecutor, Bradford Seabury, who had recently led a presentation on the Opiate Epidemic at the Montville Township High School. Dr. S. Marcus added that Montville Township's use of Narcan for the current year has already reached three quarter's of the prior year's total. This led to a brief discussion as to possible explanations for the increasing use, among which the potential misuse of Narcan was explored. Broadly, Narcan/Naloxone may be improperly used in some cases by professionals, but NJ is now beginning to provide training and materials to families in the hopes of preventing overdoses. J. Scialla also noted that the training received by law enforcement was very detailed, the same provided to medics.

Liaison Reports:

Police – Cpt. A. Caggiano prepared another report, adding on to prior month's submissions. He asked the D.A.C. if they would like to continue receiving a compilation report, or just the new totals for the prior month. Chair Daughtry indicated that a report limited to the most recent period would be fine. Cpt. A. Caggiano and D. Danzi elaborated on the report, noting that there had been one fatal overdoses over the weekend involving a 23 year-old resident that was not factored into the report; this death was definitely related to heroin use. The Police are also working on compiling a map of 2016 arrests related to controlled substances that will be presented to the Township and then shared with the D.A.C. While a final version is not yet ready, the liaisons could share that many of the arrests are tied to major highways.

First Aid – J. Scialla reported that there were 3 calls for overdoses in the prior month. The first involved a 53 year-old male claiming a bad reaction to medication, the second involved a 22 year-old male, and the third was a mutual aid call for a 52 year-old female from Lincoln Park who reported mixing alcohol and pills. Dr. S. Marcus noted that in at least two of these cases, it sounded like the patients were responsive and talking to medics when they arrived on scene.

Dr. J. Salamone raised a quick question for the Police/First Aid Liaisons regarding the number of cases versus the number of arrests listed in the report. Cpt. A. Caggiano clarified that "cases" does not necessarily mean individuals. For example, one case could involve four individuals in a car and lead to 4 arrests, explaining the discrepancy between total number of cases versus arrests listed in the report.

Dr. S. Marcus asked if there was any distinction made in the report regarding synthetic marijuana. Cpt. A. Caggiano replied that no distinction is currently made in the report, though it is typically easy enough to identify on scene.

Board of Education – M. Johnson noted that the Montville BOE voted to approve a change in it's academic calendar for the 2016-2017 school year at its meeting on June 7th. The change would move graduation up to Tuesday, June 20, 2017 in order to accommodate set-up and space requests in preparation for the Township's 150th Anniversary Celebration. Dr. S. Marcus and other members recalled seeing a similar notice circulated by the District via Email this morning. M. Johnson confirmed that notices and revised calendar were

being sent out by the District, and thought it was important to keep the earlier date in mind for next year's Project Graduation preparations.

Township Committee – Chair Daughtry reported on D. Nielson's Email to the committee. Although she was not able to attend, D. Nielson encouraged members to contact her with any questions or comments, and noted that she made a motion at the last Township Committee meeting to return the D.A.C. monies spent on recent mailers that received unanimous support from the Township Committee. The members noted their gratitude to hear that the funds would be restored.

Youth Services – Reports for the period on Youth Center activities were submitted via Email.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Project Graduation Committee: L. Connelly reported that the committee was working with students to expand their use of social media in promoting the event this year by designing custom snapchat filters. Members present recommended making it a contest among the current seniors to design the Snapchat filter for Project Graduation in the hopes of spurring attendance. L. Connelly also noted that the Senior Breakfast was coming up this week, and the Senior Picnic would be held on June 16th; both events hope to attract more sign ups, and will afford students the opportunity to pick up their shirts. Dr. J. Salamone noted that MTHS alumni would also be attending the Breakfast to talk about their PG experiences, and asked if there were any recommendations for places to buy bagels for the evening. J. Scialla asked if it would also be possible to send out another PTC blurb/reminder. L. Connelly noted that their biggest concern is volunteers, as only a handful of people have currently signed up to help.

Project Promotion Committee: J. Witty reported that the food for Project Promotion still has to be ordered, approximately \$800 was spent last year. M. Palma asked for a clarification, confirming that Project Promotion took place on the last day of school. J. Witty confirmed. Chair Daughtry clarified that the program starts at 8 AM that morning, and instructed J. Witty not to order paper goods or utensils, as the D.A.C. has plenty of supplies left over from past events. J. Witty noted that this will just leave fruit, water and bagels on the shopping list. L. Connelly noted that, to the best of her recollection, a dozen bagels costs roughly \$7.99 at the Shoprite in Parsippany. Chair Daughtry noted that funds had already been allocated by the D.A.C. to purchase the bagels at Shoprite. J. Witty recalled there was also a \$15 delivery fee, though they ran into issues last year when they were delivered late. J. Scialla noted that, if the issue occurs again, the D.A.C. should push to have the delivery fee waived.

J. Witty noted that the entertainment had already been selected and coordinated by K. Fisher. Chair Daughtry reported that the forms for the entertainer had been submitted, and just need to be finalized.

Programs & Community Education Committee: J. Witty noted that the committee hopes to have a program on Vaping for families in the fall, as this is a hot topic within the community. J. Witty also noted that she will reach out to the County's Opiate Task force to see if they have any programs coming up as well.

Misc. At this point, a slight discussion regarding the D.A.C.'s meeting schedule for the year was prompted. Chair Daughtry believed the Council was regularly scheduled to hold a meeting in July, but other members of the Council did not recall this being part of the standard schedule. M. Johnson noted that he believed the number of meetings listed in the by-laws corresponded to one meeting per month, including the summer, but did not have a copy of the By-Laws on hand. J. Scialla recalled that the D.A.C. would not meet in July or August, but wound up reinstating the August meetings to prepare for Back to School Night. The D.A.C. ultimately agreed that there would be no July meeting, but would reconvene in August to prepare for the start of the new school year.

Finance Committee: Brief report from M. Murolo, no new updates.

Youth Activities & Justice System Committee: M. Johnson noted that there has not been any major developments in the Survey project. The Committee incorporated comments and concerns raised by the District in their joint meeting earlier this year into the current draft, but must still find an independent, third-party to administer the survey and process the data collected. This could prove to be costly for the Council, so M. Johnson hoped to regroup in July after Project Graduation to explore possible options and alternatives. Cpt. A. Caggiano asked if it would be possible to partner with an institution of higher learning to see if they would take on the survey as a project at little to no cost. M. Johnson noted that this is a route currently being explored by the committee, but a significant concern is data ownership. Based on his research, partnering organizations typically claim some share of ownership over the data. None the less, it is an option being explored.

Public/Other Business (Not on Agenda).

Chair Daughtry reminded members present that the School of Rock Summerfest to benefit Project Graduation is schedule for this Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help set up around 2pm and cook out throughout the event.

Dr. J. Salamone asked if the Council had received any more information on staged car wrecks proposed at a prior meeting. Chair Daughtry reported that N. Mertz was following up on possible securing two vehicles to be set up in town, but was not sure of the status

of the request or the final number. M. Johnson recalled reading about the wrecks in a recent article on the Township Committee meeting, and believed two cars had been finalized. He was not sure of the locations decided upon.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss on a motion made by J. Witty and seconded by L. Connelly. All in favor by voice vote; meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Johnson
Corresponding/Recording Secretary
September 14, 2016