



Coalition for
Healthy Communities
COALITION MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 13, 2018

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: 620 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Attendee	Affiliation	Sector
Roulla Castanos-Beaton	Middlesex County Human Services	Local Government
Teresa Douglas	Piscataway Municipal Alliance	Local Government
Melisa Damcevaska	Wellspring Center for Prevention	Coalition Staff
Susan Silverstein	Volunteer	Civic/Volunteer
Gabrielle Pall	East Brunswick Municipal Alliance	Local Government
Mara Carlin	Wellspring Center for Prevention	Coalition Staff
Rosela Roman	Mobile Family Success Center	Volunteer
Chris Bizzarro	The Malvern Institute	Healthcare
Alicia Carman	Piscataway Municipal Alliance	Civic/Volunteer
Diana Starace	Robert Wood Johnson/Barnabas Health	Healthcare
ShaRonda Amon	Wellspring Center for Prevention	Staff
Melissa Rodriguez	Wellspring Center for Prevention	Staff
Teri Manes	Middlesex County Dept. of Health Services	Healthcare
Colleen Lord	Rutgers TDC	College
Betty Ching-Heto	St. Peter's University Hospital	Healthcare

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Discussion/Report	Action
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<p>Welcome/Introductions</p>	<p>Mara opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Members and guests around the table introduced themselves and shared what they do in the community and/or why they are at this table.</p>	
<p>Presentation by Chris Bizzarro</p>	<p>Chris Bizzarro works as a Community Outreach Liaison for the Malvern Institute, a substance use treatment center that provides detox, in-patient and out-patient to communities surrounding Philadelphia. The in-patient locations are in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania and Malvern, Pennsylvania. Cherry Hill is an out-patient location and the only location in New Jersey. The Malvern Institute accepts private insurance only and is only for adults.</p> <p>The Malvern Institute focuses on the continuum of care, can treat co-occurring disorders with a primary focus on substance use, and provides intervention services. There are programs available for families and a woman empowerment program at the Willow Grove location. Transportation is provided for those who need to be picked up.</p> <p>90 beds at Willow Grove location (~20% detox) and 80 beds at Malvern location.</p>	<p>For more information about the Malvern Institute, contact Chris Bizzarro at: cbizzarro@malverninstitute.com 908-610-7586</p>
<p>Updates</p>	<p>Prevention Week –the 7th grade 1st place winner from Carteret Middle School (The ballerina) was placed on pizza boxes and bagel places across Middlesex County (Krispy Pizza, Old Bridge Pizza, Boomerang Bagels, Stefano’s Pizza, Bella La Pizza...)</p> <p>Partnerships for Success - The Partnerships for Success Grant is</p>	



	<p>ending in September. The state is trying to re-up the grant, but even so there will be a gap period.</p> <p>Expansion of SUDS - SUDS and the STOP Grant are expanding to 5 towns (Carteret, South River, Dunellen, South Plainfield, and North Brunswick).</p> <p>Narcan Training/Current Trends at Libraries – possibly holding Narcan trainings at libraries across Middlesex County. A presentation about current drug trends would be provided and the coalition could partner with Rutgers to provide the Narcan trainings to the community.</p> <p>New HOPE cards – the new HOPE cards have arrived. They have been resized and new providers have been added to the list. A focus was put on including providers that accept Medicare/Medicaid/scholarship opportunities to make the resources more available and inclusive to those who do not have private insurance.</p> <p>Community Surveys – we are entering the busy season for health fairs and events during the summer. Please remember to bring coalition community surveys to fairs and events. The only requirements for filling out the survey are the individual must live in Middlesex County and be over the age of 18. The data is critical for the coalition, to understand what needs must be targeted coming from the community.</p>	<p>If anyone has contacts with libraries across the county, reach out to Mara</p> <p>To pick up HOPE cards, contact Jenna</p>
<p>Data Processing</p>	<p>Logic Models – New Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The updated needs assessment is almost done 	



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Drug Summit	<p>Drug Summit – The 16th Annual Prevention Education Summit was held on June 15 at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. The topic was “Perspectives of Marijuana Legalization” and was a success. About 150 people attended the summit and presentations were provided by Kevin Sabet (founder of SMART Approaches to Marijuana) John Zebrowski (Sayreville Chief of Police), Alexis Madrigal (Strategic Analyst for Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking in Colorado), and Brandon Chewey, a person in long-term recovery who is a medical marijuana patient.</p>	
Announcements	<p>The Sayreville Library has a new conference center that may be able to be used for meetings or events.</p>	
Next Meeting/Adjourn	<p>The next coalition meeting will be held on July 11, 2017 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Wellspring Center for Prevention.</p>	