



Coalition for  
Healthy Communities  
**COALITION MEETING**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** July 11, 2018

**Time:** 5:00pm – 7:00pm

**Location:** 620 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Gina Miraglia	Wellspring Center for Prevention	Coalition Staff
Kim Repsha	Garden State Community Bank	Business
Gabrielle Pall	East Brunswick Municipal Alliance	Local Government
James O'Neill	RWJ Behavioral Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery	Healthcare
Teresa Douglas	Piscataway Municipal Alliance	Local Government
Roulla Castanos-Beaton	Middlesex County Municipal Alliance	Local Government
Amy Papi	East Brunswick Municipal Alliance	Local Government
Kathy Iannuzzo	St. Peter's University Hospital	Healthcare
Jenna Bonstein	Wellspring Center for Prevention	Coalition Staff
Melisa Damcevaska	Wellspring Center for Prevention	Coalition Staff
Diana Starace	Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital	Healthcare
Mara Carlin	Wellspring Center for Prevention	Coalition Staff
Linda Cohen	Spotswood	School

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Report</b>	<b>Action</b>
Welcomes/Introductions	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>Updates</p>	<p><b>RWJ STAR Program (Supporting Treatment Addiction Recovery)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The STAR Program is grant-funded and launched in October 2018 to help individuals who are in recovery. The program provides guidance on the 8 dimensions of wellness (emotional, spiritual, intellectual, physical, environmental, financial, occupational, and social). The STAR program aims to provide a warm hand-off from the priority referrals: individuals from the Peer Recovery Program, Hospital Emergency Dept. opioid overdoses, discharges from licensed residential substance use disorder facilities, and individuals recently released from incarceration).</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Surveys</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adding marijuana as a priority along with underage drinking and prescription drugs/opioids and creating a marijuana logic model</li> <li>- Also, adding marijuana-related questions to the community survey</li> <li>- Must wait until 2019 to add the marijuana questions for evaluation</li> <li>- Brainstormed other ways to distribute the community survey besides in person             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Social media, creating a survey monkey</li> <li>o Reach out to police departments and distribute link on municipal alliance websites, libraries</li> <li>o Potentially create a raffle system to create incentive to take the complete the survey</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Stigma Pledge</b></p>	<p>Please see the attached flyer for more information or contact the program director, Gina Zaccagnino at <a href="mailto:gina.zaccagnino@rwjbh.org">gina.zaccagnino@rwjbh.org</a> or 201-403-0176</p> <p>If you are attending any community event, please give out or leave a stack of community surveys. The only requirements are to be 18+ and a Middlesex County resident.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Middlesex County is collecting pledge forms to stand in solidarity against stigma against mental illness and addiction</li> </ul> <p><b>Partnership for Success \$\$\$</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Partnership for Success grant is ending in September 2018, but each coalition was given extra funds to spend.</li> <li>- We have about \$3,000 to spend by the end of September targeted towards opiates, tobacco, underage drinking or older adults</li> <li>- Focus on Overdose Awareness Day at the end of August (8/31)</li> <li>- Purchase and give out Detera bags to local senior centers, pharmacies, houses of worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Detera bags are bags that can deactivate and breakdown medications safely in the home for those individuals who cannot get to a dropbox.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Potentially use funding to raise awareness or promote education of the Detera bags for individuals in the community who may need them</li> <li>- Reach out to funeral homes/hospice care about disposal methods of medication after a loved one passes away</li> </ul> <p><b>Syringe Access Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gina reported that the Health Dept. of NJ provided her with the requirements of creating a syringe access program</li> <li>- Woodbridge may potentially be the location, Gina is waiting to hear back</li> <li>- The program would be partially state-funded, but other additional</li> </ul>	<p>Please fill out the attached pledge and fax it to 732 296-7971</p>
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	<p>funding and grants would be required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It first requires approval from a municipality</li> </ul> <p><b>National Night Out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Night Out is on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 and so far coalition members are assisting in the following towns: (Dunellen, Spotswood, Metuchen, South Brunswick). Other towns in Middlesex County are also hosting events as well.</li> </ul> <p><b>Overdose Awareness Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overdose Awareness Day is on August 31</li> <li>- Dunellen is hosting an event on August 24<sup>th</sup> and South Amboy on August 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Will order and give out key chains representing Overdose Awareness Day</li> </ul> <p><b>Marijuana Logic Model</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adding marijuana as a priority and creating a logic model</li> <li>- Missing data from parents' because marijuana is not included on the community survey</li> <li>- Will create a short 5 question survey to give out during PTA/PTO meetings, Back to School nights, alliance meetings, etc.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next Meeting/Adjourn</b></p>	<p><b>The next coalition meeting will be held on August 8, 2018 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at Wellspring Center for Prevention.</b></p>	

