

MA 1st Quarter Meeting
Minutes
July 19, 2022
Via Zoom

Bill Sullivan, Chairperson- called the meeting into order. Read the Certification of Notice of Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act. **Attendance:** Bill Sullivan, Laura Van Dyke, Noelia Perez, Brad Squires, George Smith, Steve Margeotes, Robin Mincolelli, Elizabeth Marques, Tammy Williams. **Quorum has been met.**

- **Approve minutes from Jan 2022 & April 2022: VOTE:** Bill: Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings held on January 25 & April 26 of 2022. Second: Steve. -Passed.
- **Summary of Grant Year Funding 2022:** The form eleven was included as an attachment on an email (must be completed). We were successful in transferring money last year for programming geared towards Covid recovery and mental health. The programming included complimentary mindfulness yoga at the West Orange pool and complimentary mindfulness traditional tea ceremonies at the West Orange library. We also purchased yoga mats as giveaways. There was an attempt to bring mindfulness yoga to the West Orange High School but for a variety of reasons that did not come together. Residents that attended the yoga and tea ceremonies were most appreciative. The remainder of the money Cope & Lead were unable to utilize went to Main Street Counseling, Community House, and Project Graduation aside from the implemented mental health programming. The funding was fully spent down.
- **Individual program planning 2023:**
 - **Cope:** Right now, we are down to just two full timers which makes it difficult to get anything done. We've had a couple interviews last week and a couple this week so hopefully there will be an increase in staff soon. This is good forward movement.
 - **Lead:** Predicting the Lead program will go back into the school system this year.
 - **Boys & Girls Club:** Paul is absent from this meeting. Laura will follow up with him individually.
 - **Raising Drug Free Kids:** No report.
 - **Community Awareness:** No report.
- **MAC Members:** Terms as of this meeting are expiring. A new term begins now and goes on for three years. Unless any organization here is going to be represented by someone else, it's assumed everyone is continuing. The voting that is needed is in respect to the Chairperson only so if any member does not want to continue, please check in with Laura Van Dyke. **VOTE:** Laura: Would someone like to nominate Bill as Chairperson? Steve: I would. Robin: Second. -Passed.
- **DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant Update:** Grant was approved today at the GCADA meeting. Next step: county is to send a decision memo to the commissioners so that they can approve it. Then letter of agreement can be sent out. This is for the peer leadership program for high school students. The grant cycle is from September until March. Then there is a break and starts again in July. An Aside: West Orange received \$10,558.51 from the opioid settlement fund. It is dedicated funding for in treatment, prevention, etc. Money goes to township; guidelines of usage are outlined.
- **Promotion of MA within West Orange:** A flyer has been created to post at the West Orange High School & at Seton Hall Prep to get student interest in joining the committee. Flyer to also be posted on the town website. Committee members are welcome to continue sending in edits or suggestions for the Municipal Alliance town page. We are working with staff from the West Orange High School and from Adapt to offer a MAC sponsored event in the fall. Topic: Student Athlete and Pain Medications Forum.
- **Next meeting: October 25th, 2022 at 3:00pm.**
- **Suggestions/ questions:** Tammy: When reporting on the council meetings, it's better to have numbers of attendees for the community programs versus the phrase "well attended".

Tammy: Announced that October 2, 2022 will be the 5K Run for WOSAC (West Orange (STOP) Suicide Advocacy Coalition at Rock Spring Gold Club. 4pm race start time.

--There were no public representatives present at this meeting; therefore, no comments—The meeting was adjourned by Laura Van Dyke. Steve- second.