



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
February 1st, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

I. Roll Call:

Members Present: Paula Tedesco, Jeanette Pimentel, Robert Nolan, Evan Covello, Ronna Bouton, Linda Doering, Andrea Ramalho,

Others in attendance: Bart Chou, Shannon Ferray, Erin Short, Jean McMurray, Justin Winfrey, Matt Bialkowski, Kimberly, Julio Barrios, Nataly Balah

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Jennifer Castaneda-Addrizone, Patrick Breen, Le’Varr Starr, Vito Andrisani, Natalie Palmer, Michele Shell

II. Open Public Meetings Act Notice:

a. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act

b. Public Portion of the Meeting

i. Kimberly from Clifton Health Department

ii. Matt Bialkowski, Director of Clifton Counseling Service

iii. Linda Doering – Is Stigma-free joining the LACADA board? The goal is to have a Stigma-free committee under LACADA and MHB board

iv. Public portion of the meeting was closed. Motion made by Andrea Ramalho and seconded by Evan Covello

III. Approval of Minutes:

a. January 4th minutes approved. Motion made by Robert Nolan and seconded by Evan Covello.

IV. Report of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director:

a) Open Access to Meds (Eva’s) RFP Award

b) Passaic Prevention Services (Children’s Aid and Family Services) RFP Award

c) Request submitted to County Commissioners to add Debbie O’Brien and Neyjla Ata to the board

d) Plan to allocate 70k (20k from Addiction grant and 50k from the Opioid Settlement funds) to fund Sober Living

e) Office of Recovery S.H.I.N.E. Flyer

a. Introduce new member of the team: Julio Barrios, Case Manager

V. Report of Standing Committees: Report provided by Nataly Balah

a. Municipal Alliance - fiscal yr 2023 expenditure reports currently being submitted

- b. DMHAS Leadership grant given to JACADA, news on the extension on the timeline grant, initially 3 quarters ending in March 2023 and extended to include 3 additional months to end in June
- VI. Report of Special Committees:** None Reported
- VII. Report of Department of Health Services (OFRT Report, Justin Winfrey)**
- a. None Reported
- VIII. Old Business:**
- IX. New Business:**
- a. Joint LACADA and MHB meeting in June and December at 5pm
 - i. December meeting to invite PAC/PACADA members
 - b. Reinstate Stigma-free committee (sub committee under LACADA)
 - c. Shannon sent out email with Hope One Van locations
 - d. Is it possible for the PIK Van to go to the warming centers
 - i. Hopefully soon staff can be dispatched to the warming centers
- X. Correspondence:** None Reported
- XI. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn meeting made by Robert Nolan, seconded by Evan Covello. Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM

Submitted by Jean McMurray

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