



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
October 5th 2022 Meeting Minutes**

I. Roll Call:

Members Present: Ronna Bouton, Evan Covello, Michele Shell, Andrea Ramalho, Le'Var Starr, Natalie Palmer, Patrick Breen, Vito Andrisani, Robert Nolan

Others in attendance: Bart Chou, Erin Short, Justin Winfrey, Shannon Ferray, Nataly Balah

Members Excused: Paula Tedesco, Jennifer Castaneda-Addrizone

Members Absent: Jeanette Pimentel

II. Open Public Meetings Act Notice:

- a. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act
- b. Public Portion of the Meeting

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of September 7th Meeting Minutes, all approved.

IV. Report of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director:

- a. Review of Contracts for Addictions Spending Summary 1st and 2nd Quarter
- b. United for Prevention in Passaic County Teen Summit Part 1 is scheduled for October 21st 2022. Part 2 is scheduled for June 2023.
- c. Voting for Addictions Contracts, no opposition
- d. Voting for LACADA Co-Chair, Evan Covello nominated Andrea Ramalho, second motion made by Patrick Breen, all approved. Andrea Ramalho accepts co-chair position.

V. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Nataly Balah reported on CASS. The Alliances received a new budget line called the "Youth Leadership". Contract will be going out to the MA Coordinators to start executing their programs
- b. Ratified vote for Prospect Park. Motioned by Evan Covello and second by Andrea Ramalho, all approved.

VI. Report of Special Committees:

- a. No report

- VII. Report of Department of Health Services (ORFT Report, Justin Winfrey)**
- a. OFRT is working on the end-of-year report. A recommendation mentioned at last meeting included a mandate for a “buddy system” at the shelters for consumers going to the bathroom in wake of recent overdoses at the shelters. Also to have NARCAN readily available especially for shelters with outpatient services. More education on harm reduction and education on prescription medication and pain medication.
 - b. On-going collection of data from the “boots on the ground” resources to help identify needs and gaps in service.
- VIII. Old Business:** None Reported
- IX. New Business:** None Reported
- X. Correspondence:** None Reported
- XI. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn meeting made by Evan Covello, second motion by Patrick Breen. Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

Submitted by Lindsay Lugo

***All meetings will be held via videoconference until further notice. Please contact Shannon Ferray at shannonf@passaiccountynj.org for details on attending a meeting.**