



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Meeting Notes**

**I. Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Paula Tedesco, Evan Covello, Natalie Palmer, Patrick Breen, Vito Andrisani, Robert Nolan

**Others in attendance:** Bart Chou, Erin Short, Neyjla Ata, Justin Winfrey, Shannon Ferray, Nataly Balah, Lindsay Lugo

**Members Excused:** Ronna Bouton, Michele Shell, Andrea Ramalho

**Members Absent:** Jeanette Pimentel, Jennifer Castaneda-Addrizone, Le'Var Starr

**II. Open Public Meetings Act Notice:**

a. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act

b. Public Portion of the Meeting. No members of the public were present.

Motion to open public portion made by Robert Nolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick Breen. Motion to close the public portion made by Robert Nolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick Breen.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

a. Approval of October 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. Remains pending due to No Quorum

**IV. Report of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director:** Reported that the Passaic county Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council had its first meeting and members approved a proposal to use part of the settlement funds to establish a County of Passaic office of Recovery. This office will reach more residents within the county and give access to those in need not only to those found in high-risk areas. Budget and proposed course of action as well as staff required for the program were presented, for a copy of documents presented please reach out to Bart at [bartc@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:bartc@passaiccountynj.org).

**V. Report of Standing Committees:**

Nataly Balah reported letters of intent have started sending out letters of intent for FY2024 to the same programs for the previous years as well as any programs that need reinstatement. GCADA is awaiting approval by the Commissioners to accept a grant for Youth Leadership training. GCADA is implementing a new municipal alliance software that is being rolled out in early 2023 and the process of providing documentation and training users is underway.

- VI. **Report of Special Committees:**
  - a. No report
- VII. **Report of Department of Health Services (ORFT Report, Justin Winfrey)**
- VIII. Reported
  
- IX. **New Business:** None Reported
  
- X. **Correspondence:** None Reported
  
- XI. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn meeting made by Robert Nolan, seconded by Patrick Breen. Meeting adjourned at 5:23PM.

Submitted by Lindsay Lugo

**\*All meetings will be held via videoconference until further notice. Please contact Shannon Ferray at [shannonf@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:shannonf@passaiccountynj.org) for details on attending a meeting.**