



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
March 2nd 2022 Meeting Minutes**

I. Roll Call:

- a. Members Present: Evan Covello, Paula Tedesco, Ronna Bouton, Le'Var Starr, Andrea Ramalho
- b. Others in attendance: Kelly LaBar, Justin Winfrey, Mohammed, Joel Palomes, Debra Breheny, Tennille Jordan, Sheilah, James Johnasen, Bart Chou, Erin Short, Shannon Ferray, Natal Balah

II. Open Public Meetings Act Notice:

- a. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act
- b. Public Portion of the Meeting
 - i. Public portion of the meeting hosted Kelly LaBar from Prevention is Key and Joel Palomes from Mainstream Recovery – both presented services from their agencies
 - ii. Public portion of the meeting was closed. No motion as there was no quorum

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. No motion to approve minutes as there was no quorum. Minutes reviewed by Paula Tedesco, correction suggestions to be made to February 2nd 2022 meeting minutes

IV. Report of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director:

- a. Review of proposals for Addictions Grant has been completed. A vote by the Board is needed and an electronic vote will be sent out to voting members via email.
- b. Re-bid will be sent out for funding that has not been allocated
- c. Motions in place to request funding to extend the HopeOne Van to become a permanent resource
- d. Exploring options for funding to help support Sober living agencies/sites

V. Report of Standing Committees: No report

VI. Report of Special Committees: CASS

- a. Vote for the new CASS Chairperson was ratified at last meeting. Le'Var Starr has been voted as the acting CASS Chairperson at this time.
- b. Plans for fiscal year 2023 have been approved; 14 plans were submitted to GACADA before the deadline

VII. Old Business:

- a. Electronic vote to ratify the 14 Plans submitted to GACADA, ratification for votes will be held at next meeting pending quorum.
- VIII. New Business:**
- a. New voting membership has been approved for Natalie Palmer, Andrea Ramalho and Le'Var Starr
- IX. Correspondence:** None Reported
- X. Adjournment:** Meeting was called to end at 5:57 PM

Submitted by Shannon Ferray

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

Meeting link:

<https://passaiccounty.webex.com/passaiccounty/j.php?MTID=mf9d2cb769968103d400319fa417c95c4>

Meeting number: 2330 858 1965