



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**I. Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Paula Tedesco, Ronna Bouton, Natalie Palmer, Patrick Breen, Robert Nolan, Vito Andrisani, Andrea Ramalho, Jennifer Castaneda-Addrizone, Le’Var Starr

**Others in attendance:** Justin Winfrey, Debra Breheny, Bart Chou, Erin Short, Shannon Ferray, Kristina Bloodgood, Nancy Nakhle

**Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:** Evan Covello, Jeanette Pimentel, Michele Shell

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

- a. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act
- b. Public Portion of the Meeting
  - i. Kristina Bloodgood presented services offered by New Hope Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Inc.
  - ii. Nancy Nakhle presented services offered by Straight & Narrow Inc.
  - iii. Public portion of the meeting was closed. Motion made by Robert Nolan and seconded by Jennifer Castaneda-Addrizone.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Approval of May minutes. October meeting conflict with Yom Kippur, changes will be made. Motion made by Robert Nolan seconded by Ronna Bouton.

**IV. Report of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director:**

- a) Partnership with Passaic County Division of Senior Services to visit County run senior centers with “Aging your way series”.
- b) Project graduation funding was approved for Clifton High School, Passaic Valley High, Hawthorne High School.
- c) Hope One Van participated in the Little Falls Memorial Day Parade
- d) Plans to spend Addiction grants on Sober living housing and a pilot program at the Passaic County Jail for inmate screening to determine their needs and provide services available.

**V. Report of Standing Committees: None to Report**

**VI. Report of Special Committees:**

- a) Municipal Alliance presented two items to be ratified: 1) E-vote conducted May 6th to ratify Little Falls Municipal Alliance Strategic plan for FY 2023 & 2) E-vote from May 12th to approve the 7 out of 9 Municipal Alliance plans for the new GACADA -DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant. Both items ratified.
- b) PCDHS presented 3 cases discussed at the Overdose fatality Review Team meeting. Need for more Narcan Training was discussed. Stigma regarding seeking help not only for substance misuse but also for mental health issues. Emphasis was made on Narcan becoming part of the conversation because it can save someone's life. Board members were inquiring about the possibility of utilizing social media in order to reach youth and let them know about the help available.

**VII. Old Business:** Mr. Nolan inquired about the new member packets. Packets will be mailed in September.

**VIII. New Business:**

**IX. Correspondence:** None Reported

**X. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn meeting made by Robert Nolan, seconded by Andrea Ramalho. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

**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.**