



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**I. Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Paula Tedesco, Linda Doering, Ronna Bouton, Evan Covello, Andrea Ramalho, Le'Var Starr, Natalie Palmer, Robert Nolan

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

**Members Excused:** Vito Andrisani

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Castaneda-Addrizone, Jeanette Pimentel, Michele Shell, Patrick Breen

**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 was closed. Motion made by Robert Nolan and seconded by Linda Doering

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

a. Approval of June 2022 minutes. Motion made by Robert Nolan seconded by Andrea Ramalho.

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

a) IDRC 2023-2024. Plan for renewing contracts with all the providers, further details to be provided during November meeting. RFP may be needed for Recovery support & Education, there is one year left on the current contract, decision will be made after audit report is received. OORP will not be renewed, funding will be allocated for other services

b) Opioid Settlement fund- Committee will be formed to decide how the \$6.6 million Johnson & Johnson settlement award will be allocated. The funds will be received over 18 years, at an estimate of \$200,000 per year.

c) Shannon will be trained to become a Mental Health First Aid Trainer.

d) Member packets will be mailed out to all members, if someone hasn't emailed an updated home address please email Shannon.

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

**VI. Report of Special Committees:**

- a) Passaic County Alliance Steering Committee- Oversee Municipal Alliance grant from GCADA. Last meeting May 2022. July 12<sup>th</sup> e-vote request was sent to approve Woodland Park's participation in the DMHAS Youth Leadership grant. Request for members to ratify votes, motion carried. All in favor, none opposed.
- b) MAGS will be rolling out for electronic grant management. Software setup is in the works establishing municipalities' mayors and users.
- c) GCADA is proposing a new legislation to increase funding to municipal alliances through federal funding.

**VII. Old Business:** None Reported

**VIII. New Business:** Meeting falls on Yom Kippur. Members discussed the options and voted; motion carried to keep the meeting as scheduled

**IX. Correspondence:** None Reported

**X. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn meeting made by Linda Doering, seconded by Robert Nolan. Meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM

**Submitted by Lindsay Lugo**

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