

**Wall Alliance for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse**  
**September 2, 2021 – Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting was called to order:** 6:09 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Tom Abogabal, Patti Bartsche, Sharon Burney, Keri DiRocco, Kendy Ker, Sgt. Miles Shanklin, Kristin Meyler, MaryLynn Morris, Melissa Salso, Megan Sullivan, Tara Stock.

**Acceptance of June Minutes:** Motion by Sharon Burney; to approve March minutes; second by Melissa Salso. Minutes approved.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Sgt. Shanklin reported that the first day of school was successful; there were no issues. He also provided an update on the recently enacted New Jersey marijuana legislation; police are now required to provide a written notice to parents of children under 18 who are caught buying or possessing marijuana and alcohol for the first time.

**DELTA CLUB**

No report.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

**Project Graduation:** Project Graduation is scheduled for June 17, 2022. Further details with a will be forthcoming.

**Kids Day America:** Kids Day America will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the day. There will be DJ, inflatable and petting zoo. Simply Southern is the food vendor and Mister Softee will be there with ice cream. It's looking to be a great day.

**Overdose Awareness Display:** In observance of International Overdose Awareness Day Aug. 31, Prevention First Monmouth County and the Community Alliance placed 51 purple flags in front of town hall, with each flag representing a life lost due to overdose in Monmouth County during the first 3 months of 2021.

**Monmouth County Stigma Free:** The Monmouth County Stigma-Free initiative is a countywide program that aims to reduce the stigmas associated with mental illness and substance use disorder. As part of the initiative, the Community Alliance was featured on a video that is on the MCSF website.

**Red Ribbon Week:** A speaker is being hired for a parent presentation to be held in October. The speaker will be paid with grant funds and a WTEA donation.

**Senior/Veteran Events:** The Alliance will be supporting senior and veterans' events with a display table with education information at the events. The first event is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Sept. 16.

**Alliance Holiday Breakfast:** The 2021 will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the community room.

**Meatball Gala:** Tentative dates for the event are April 30 or May 12.

**Next Meeting:** 6 p.m. Oct. 7

Motion by Tom Abogabal to adjourn meeting; second by Miles Shanklin. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.