

**Wall Alliance for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse**  
**October 7, 2021 – Meeting Minutes**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Patti Bartsche, Keri DiRocco, Amy Gesualdi Ker, Kristin Meyler, MaryLynn Morris, Marie O’Connell, Megan Sullivan, Tara Stock.

**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.

**COORDINATOR’S REPORT**

**Kids Day America:** Kids Day America was an amazing event. Registration forms already went out for next year’s event, which will be held Sept. 24, 2022. Next year will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kids Day America and we’re looking to do something big to mark the occasion. Profit realized from this year’s event was about \$6,300 in sponsorships and tables.

**DELTA Club:** Alysa Regenye called in to talk about the DELTA Club. She said she is pleased with this year’s recruitment efforts; there are about 20 kids and there is every expectation the number will grow.

DELTA Club members will kick off National Drug Prevention Week by volunteering at the Hope Sheds Light Fall Recovery Festival Oct. 23 in Sea Bright. On Oct. 24, club members will decorate the front entranceway of the high school for Red Ribbon Week. A number of activities will be held to mark Red Ribbon week, including reading the Words of Wisdom in the morning and doing the Wheel of Wellness. The goal this year is to integrate the DELTA Club with more volunteering events.

This year virtual Parent Program will be held instead of in-person events. Speakers will include Tim McMahon, who presents on “Hidden in Plain Sight.”

**Senior Events:** The Senior Health and Wellness Fair will be held at the Municipal Building Nov. 4. The Alliance will have a table at the event with handouts.

**Mental Health Guides:** Kristin is ordering Slide guides that will help explain different mental health disorders.

**County Updates:** The County Site Review will be held Oct. 23. The 2023 funding applications are due in December; funding will remain on the same level. New this year will be how in-kind donations need to be recorded.

**Trunk or Treat:** This year's event will be held Thursday, Oct. 28, at the municipal complex. The Alliance is going to be participating.

**Meatball Gala:** Tentative dates for the event are April 28 or May 12. The first Meatball Gala meeting will be held in early 2022.

**Alliance Holiday Breakfast:** The 2021 will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Dec. 18 in the community room.

**Prevention Coalition:** A member from the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County is scheduled to make a presentation at the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 4.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.