

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY
LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
(LACADA) AND THE
COUNTY ALLIANCE STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE of LACADA (CASS)
MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2023**

Members Present:

Dena Cooper
Bill Dougherty
Jillian Palladino
Charles Sarlo
Gail Slimm
Colleen Thomas
Denise Welsh

LACADA –Gloucester Co. DHS Staffing Support:

Judy M. Tobia-Johnson, Director, Division of Addiction Services
Mary Beth Monroe, County Municipal Alliance Coordinator

PRESENTER: Ashley, Life Skills Counselor- Together Youth Shelter

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The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and Roll Call was taken. Mary Beth announced she is still in the process of working to make the transition easier for her successor upon her retirement. She stated that she has everything completed for the FY2024 NJ-DMHAS' Grant. Mary Beth asked for a head count for the upcoming March 21st municipal alliance event featured GCIT ACTing Out: Charles 3, Denise 2, Dena 1, Jillian 1, Gail 3, Laverne 3, Colleen 3, Bill 2, Judy 5, (Anticipated total from LACADA = 23). A motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Jillian. The CASS meeting was adjourned.

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY LACADA MEETING – MARCH 7, 2023
PRESENTATION**

Judy introduced the evening's speaker: Ashely, Life Skills Counselor – Together Youth Shelter, who provided an overview of the Glassboro youth shelter which is a subsidiary of The Center for Family Services. There was a brief questions and answers period. The members thanked the presenter for her time and information shared.

Judy distributed the following information: 1) a 3/6/23 northjersey.com article entitled "This is how New Jersey will target 'overdose hotspots' in at-risk areas,"; 2) a 3/6/23 letter from the NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services' Contract Monitoring Unit, approving their monitoring of our Gloucester Co. Comprehensive Addiction Services Grant for compliance and stating that there is no need to submit a Plan of Correction following their 2022 monitoring; 3) a list of NJ Veterans services office locations; 4) a list of Gloucester County departments and phone numbers; and 5) information on "Staying Sober on St. Patrick's Day". A motion to adjourn was made by Jillian and seconded by Dena. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Sherry Gilkin

LACADA and CASS 2023 Mtg. Dates -TUESDAYS: February 7, March 7, May 23, September 5, October 24, & December 5