



# COUNTY OF HUNTERDON NEW JERSEY

## HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION MENTAL HEALTH BOARD



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### COUNTY ALLIANCE STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:30 p.m.  
 Via Webex

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Honthy      J. Griffith  
 V. Miller      R. Neiber

#### STAFF

M. O'Reilly  
 Alyssa DeLuca

#### GUESTS

#### **I. CONVENE: OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

“This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 – 10:4-21. Notice of this meeting has been provided in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News. A public notice announcing this meeting has also been placed in the lobbies of the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, the first floor of the Main Street County Complex, 71 Main Street Building #1, Flemington, NJ; the first floor of the Route 12 County Complex, Building #3, 314 State Route 12, Flemington, NJ and County Clerk’s Office.”

C. Honthy opened the meeting of CASS at 3:30 p.m. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Introductions were made by committee members. All welcomed Alyssa DeLuca to her new position as the Program Development Specialist - Community Service for the County Alliance Program.

#### **II. MINUTES:**

J. Griffith made a motion and R. Neiber seconded to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021 and V. Miller made a motion and J. Griffith seconded to approve the minutes of September 8, 2021. All were in favor. There were no abstentions.

#### **III. REPORTS:**

**A. County Update:** M. O'Reilly began her report by ensuring the subcommittee was aware of the resources and program announcements that are available to the Hunterdon County community members that have been mentioned at a public meeting held in October. She highlighted a few: The Eviction Prevention Program (EPP), the Excluded New Jerseyan’s Fund, and a CONNECT EBT Mobile App. M. O'Reilly also informed the group that the Division of Social Services will be starting the Disaster SNAP Applications. This included anyone living in Flemington,

Lambertville, Milford or Stockton that meets certain income criteria can apply for disaster food stamps.

- B. Municipal Alliance Program:** A. DeLuca reported that GCADA reviewed and approved the grant for 2022. The budgets have recently been released. She will be meeting with the alliances in December 2021 or at the beginning of the new year. The alliances are able to do their programs right now unless they have constraints from the schools.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. FY2023 County Municipal Plan Grant Process:** A. DeLuca stated she had been training for just over a week now. She began reviewing the Form 1As and Form 1Bs which will be forwarded to the municipalities. She will forward these documents to the 26 municipalities the week of Monday, November 15, 2021. For 2023, the fiscal year is expected to be level funding. In theory, it should be an easier submit year; upon submitting the grant, nothing should change. A. DeLuca stated she will continue to keep everyone up to date on this grant process.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. 2022 Meeting Dates:** A. DeLuca announced the 2022 CASS meetings will be held via Webex the second Wednesday on January 12, May 11, September 14 and November 9. The start time is 3:30 pm. If anything should change throughout the year, she will provide a timely update.

C. Honthy asked if the subcommittee will be hosting presentations. A. DeLuca inquired if anyone had any suggestions for presenters. R. Neiber offered to facilitate with one of his co-workers from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office to talk about the juvenile process and drug court at an upcoming meeting. C. Honthy added that some of the halfway house's agencies presented at a LACADA meeting. J. Griffith asked about the Flemington Treatment Center which uses MATs. V. Miller added to discuss the increased infiltration of Fentanyl into almost every street drug at this point and the amount of Narcan rescues that had increased rapidly because of that. She feels understanding the impacts may be useful.

R. Neiber stated the county is seeing a lot of Fentanyl, methamphetamine and heroin. 95+% of the heroin that are going to the labs are reported to have Fentanyl in it. Authorities have been seeing an uptick over the course of the last several years and that's because of how cheap Fentanyl is. As far as methamphetamine, it is making a comeback and surging. R. Neiber stated they have seen an uptick in overdoses, fatalities and along with non-fatal, as well as seeing Fentanyl mixed with methamphetamine. This is a new trend that has led to at least one, maybe two fatal overdoses. The source cities for Hunterdon County have not changed. They remain to be Trenton, Newark, Patterson on occasion, as well as Philadelphia on occasion. J. Griffith inquired if there is not a lot of substances being sold in Hunterdon County. R. Neiber explained there is quite a bit that is. Selling locations are basically found throughout the County and social media plays a major role. Discussion ensued. V. Miller offered her opinions and knowledge.

A. DeLuca conveyed she is always open for suggestions and if there are any ideas or thoughts, to please reach out to her. She provided her email in the Chat Box.

R. Neiber made a Motion and C. Honthy seconded. The Motion passed. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 3:30 pm via Webex.