

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2011

Present: Charlene Elvin (AA to Mayor Goldberg), Mayor Richard Goldberg, Joanne J. Graziano, John Magna, Councilman Dominic Mele, Robert Mooney: Superintendent of Schools, Lorraine Powell, Michael Padilla, Robert Scully, Emily Spina, Jayne Ten Kate

Called to Order: 4:05 pm

2/1/11 Minutes – Approved by Emily Spina, Seconded by Lorraine Powell

Topics Addressed:

- **Budget Revisions** – Ms. Graziano stated that funding for St. Anthony School should not be totally eliminated. She indicated that the amount should be cut in half and more accountability be solicited from the programs that are funded. She also recommended that a written report be given to the HMAC so the Committee can see what is going on with the funding. She will address this with St. Anthony School.
- **Senior Citizen Activity** – Mrs. Powell updated everyone and stated that this activity will take place on Thursday, April 28, 2011. A flyer will be put out to all Senior Citizen groups and also placed in the library with an RSVP. A light dinner will be served along with the High School production of *Oklahoma*. All Committee members are encouraged to attend.
- **Training Seminar/Updated Grant Forms** – Ms. Graziano attended a meeting of all Municipal Alliance coordinators dealing with updated forms for the new grant. These forms are more specific and less redundant than the previous ones. A disk will be sent out soon to all coordinators in order to make the process a much easier one. Updated information will be passed on as soon as it is received.

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- **New Jersey Prevention Conference** – Mrs. Powell informed the Committee that she and Chris Connelly (Committee Member) will be attending this seminar on Friday, March 5, 2011. It will be held in Atlantic City. Any information that is given out will be passed on to the rest of the Committee members.
- **West Point** – Mrs. Powell informed the Committee that ten High School students attended this program. The topics discussed dealt with responsibilities and actions that relate to teen students. Our participants were very enthusiastic and learned much from this experience.
- **Informational Items** – Mrs. Powell notified the Committee that April is Alcohol Awareness Month. She also made the Committee aware that bullying has become a very critical issue when dealing with young people. As of September 2011, any bullying activities must be reported and a public report must be filed. All schools must strictly adhere to this ruling.
- Ms. Graziano requested that the Keystone Club give a presentation to the HMAC regarding their Orlando trip. The Keystone Club receives funding from the Alliance and it is always great to hear how these programs benefit the youth in our community.
- Mrs. Powell enlightened the Committee with news from the Passaic County Coalition of Drug and Alcohol Abuse. She stated that new initiatives are being formed with various municipalities around the county. It is always a good thing to see how we can enhance our current programs and possibly initiate new ones.
- With no other business coming before the group, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.