

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Present: Irina Carrasco, Matthew Corvo, Tiffany DellaCroce, Mayor Richard Goldberg, Joanne J. Graziano, Dr. Jill Mortimer, Helen Pasquale, Councilman Dominic Mele, Lorraine Powell.

Called to Order: 3:40 pm

- Flag Salute
- Welcome - Ms. Graziano welcomed Dr. Jill Mortimer, Superintendent of Schools, to the Committee. She then welcomed everyone to the December meeting, thanking everyone for their attendance at this busy time of year. She also informed the Committee members that Mayor Goldberg was re-appointing all members for the 2014 year. The Reorganization/Swearing-In meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 1, 2014. Please inform Mrs. Elvin of your attendance.

Topics Addressed

- **HMAC Grant 2014-2019** - Mrs. Powell informed the Committee that the Logic-Model Problem Statement had been revised and asked if any new programs/initiatives were to be considered. She also stated that the grant will have a Mission Statement as well as a Vision Statement. Ms. Graziano will develop both statements as well as aid Mrs. Powell in fulfilling the requirements of the Grant Application. She also informed the Committee that since the 2014 grant will not kick-in until July 1, 2014, we will be able to pull from the current grant for January-June of 2014. The grant money allowed for this six month extension will be \$12,244.50; therefore, all of our current programs for that time frame will be able to occur.
- **United for Prevention in Passaic County (UP in PC)** - Ms. Graziano stated that the December 6th UP in PC Coalition meeting on Mental Illness & Substance Abuse was very well-attended. She stated that this meeting was very touching due to the fact that the speakers gave real-life experiences as well as, at times, various tragedies

that occurred during their crises. It is always eye-opening to see how individuals can come back after facing such hard times. It was truly moving to be a part of.

- **Project Medicine Drop** - Mayor Goldberg informed the Committee that our Drop Box was delivered and the Hawthorne Police Department was awaiting further direction from the State Agency and the possible hook up of the Drop Box in order for the community to begin to use it.
- **Peer Leaders Update** - Mr. Corvo informed the HMAC that the Annual Teen Summit will be held on Tuesday, March 18. This activity involves high school Seniors from all area high schools at William Paterson University. This Summit deals with team-building as well as exploring new initiatives for all to try.
- **Fundraising Activities** - Ms. Graziano once again asked for some suggestions regarding any type of Fundraising ventures. Several ideas were discussed and the Committee favored sponsoring a Movie Night at the Hawthorne Theater. Ms. Graziano will explore this possibility and report back to the Committee at the January 22 meeting.
- **HMAC Proposed 2014 Calendar** - Ms. Graziano distributed the proposed 2014 calendar to members. After some review and suggested modifications to the Monthly Meeting Calendar, it was approved and will be presented to the various community entities.
- As a point of information, our Senior Citizen activity will be held in April at Hawthorne High School featuring its Annual Theater Production as well as a light supper. Details to be discussed as soon as new information is received.
- Ms. Graziano wished everyone a Safe and Blessed Holiday Season and all good things for 2014.
- With no other business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.