

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Present: Theresa Bigica, Kelly Clifford, Tiffany DellaCroce, Charlene Elvin, Joanne J. Graziano, Councilman Dominic Mele, Helen Pasquale, Lorraine Powell, Christina Pecoraro (Student Rep.), Emily Spina, Jayne Ten Kate, Pastor Howie Van Dyke

Absent: Matthew Corvo, Sherrine Schuldt

Called to Order: 4:05 pm

- Flag Salute
- Welcome - Ms. Graziano welcomed our newest HMAC member, Tiffany DellaCroce, to the Committee. Mrs. DellaCroce is our Representative from St. Anthony's School who will bring forth how the HMAC can aid the students of St. Anthony's.

Topics Addressed:

- **Third Quarterly Report** - Mrs. Powell presented to the HMAC the Third Quarterly Report which states all monies that are expended as well as what funds are left in each line item. Mrs. Powell stated that we are very much on-target with our program objectives as well as spending our grant monies.
- **HMAC Grant 2014-2019** - Mrs. Powell informed the Committee that the revised Logic-Model Problem Statement needs to be addressed. The statement can only address one specific drug for the grant; therefore, after reviewing the survey needs as well as discussion with the Hawthorne Police Department, the logic-model will refer to the drug marijuana only. She also stated that we must keep in mind that the grant will focus around our Youth in terms of fulfilling its objectives. As a point of information, the next training session that she will be attending will be held on Thursday, October 24. She will keep the Committee informed on its outcome and future training sessions.
- **United for Prevention in Passaic County (UP in PC)** - Mayor Goldberg and Ms. Graziano informed the Committee that the Coalition meeting held in September was very successful and, whenever the HMAC members can attend, it would be most beneficial due to the fact that various topics for each Alliance are always addressed and ideas can always be taken away for our Alliance to pursue. Ms. Graziano also informed the Committee that the next Coalition meeting will be held on Friday, December 6 at William Paterson University. The topic of Mental Illness & Substance Abuse will be addressed. All Committee members are encouraged to attend.

- **Leadership Camp** - Mayor Goldberg informed the HMAc that the Summer Leadership Camp was well-attended and all our 6th Graders were very enlightened as well as inspired to be part of this project. He thanked all individuals involved as well as the Hawthorne Police Department which takes the lead on this activity.
- **Hawthorne Police Department Take-Back Project** - Mayor Goldberg informed the HMAc that this endeavor sponsored by the Hawthorne Police Department will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2013. This activity was very successful last year and is hoping that this year's event will be just as successful. Many community members drop-off expired medication as well as medical paraphernalia. This event has been advertised through the Hawthorne Press as well as Nixle.
- **Peer Leaders Update** - Mrs. Clifford spoke about the Interact Conference which is to be held Thursday, October 24. All systems are go and the students are eagerly awaiting this activity in order to bring back multi-skills to their daily activities. She also informed the Committee of the Nyota Hills Conference which is to be held in February.
- As a point of information, Mrs. Clifford expressed to the Committee that a Tourettes Syndrome Speaker (daughter of a Hawthorne High School teacher) will be speaking to the Peer Leaders regarding her condition. The outcome of this session will be reported back to the Committee at our next meeting.
- **Fundraising Updates** - Ms. Graziano asked the Committee for additional suggestions for Fundraising activities. The Committee members stated that they would try to report back some options to be discussed at our next meeting.
- **November Meeting Date** - Ms. Graziano asked if the November meeting date can be changed from Wednesday, November 27 to Tuesday, November 26 due to the fact that the Thanksgiving holiday is near at-hand and some Committee members might not be able to attend. All Committee members were in agreement, and therefore the meeting date was changed.
- With no other business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.