

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance
Reorganization Meeting by videoconference
January 13, 2022
APPROVED Minutes

Open Meeting – Notice of this meeting was published on the municipal website.

Attendance:

- Susan Conlon (Princeton Public Library)
- David Errickson (Alliance Coordinator)
- Sanya Khullar (CHSB – Stuart)
- Tracy Kindelsperger (Corner House staff)
- Riva Levy (Corner House staff)
- Shannon McEachern (Alliance Coordinator for Mercer County)
- Courtney Navas (Alliance Chair)
- Leighton Newlin (Princeton Council)
- John O’Donnell (CHSB – PHS)
- Leah Schlenker (CHSB – PDS)
- Michelle Simborski (Princeton Public Schools)
- Denise Spivey (Corner House staff)
- Bret Stroman (Corner House staff)
- Jean Woodman (Corner House staff)

I. Call to Order: The Alliance recognized it lacks clear guidance regarding a quorum, including whether students are voting members. The Secretary stated the Alliance had used a quorum of “about 10” recently, affirmed that 10 adults are present, and reminded the Alliance that its members and the public are able to object if conducting business would be contrary to Robert’s Rules. No objections were heard, and Alliance Coordinator David Errickson called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM.

a. Reorganization: Ptl. Courtney Navas was nominated for Alliance Chair. Motion Dave Errickson, second Michelle Simborski. There being no other nominations, Ptl. Navas was elected unanimously by show of hands.

Ptl. Navas assumed the chair.

b. Approval of meeting schedule: The PADA agreed to meet virtually at 12:00 noon on the first Thursday of the month except for September, when it shall meet on the second Thursday, and it shall not meet in June, July, or August. Motion Courtney Navas, second Dave Errickson. There being no objection, the motion was approved.

- February 3
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- No meetings in June, July, or August
- September 8 (2nd Thursday)
- October 6
- November 3
- December 1
- January 5, 2023 - Reorganization

II. Introductions: All present introduced themselves and their role.

a. The Alliance welcomed Council Liaison Leighton Newlin, who described his work with incarcerated men at Tully House in Newark.

b. The Alliance welcomed Shannon McEachern, Alliance Coordinator for Mercer County, who was able to connect briefly by phone.

- III. The minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting were approved as presented. Motion Riva Levy, second Dave Errickson, approved. Council Liaison Newlin asked that his abstention from the vote be recorded.
- IV. School Representatives – no faculty representatives were available, but Leah Schlenker (Corner House Student Board representative for Stuart) reported she has reached out to staff members. The Dean of the Upper School plans to report in February.
- V. Princeton Public Library – Susan Conlon reported the Library Board has approved a “fine-free” policy for youth and children’s books. If these books are returned late, no fines will be incurred. If books are not returned, the cardholder will still be subject to a “lost book” fee. An implementation date has not yet been established, but the policy should take effect within a few months. The Library Board and staff are excited about the change, which should make books more accessible to children and youth.
- VI. Princeton University – No representative was available today. The University has delayed its reopening due to the pandemic.
- VII. Princeton Council Liaison – Leighton Newlin – No report at this time.
- VIII. Law Enforcement – Ptl. Courtney Navas reported 8 DUI arrests and 2 overdose calls in December, much higher than the municipality has experienced in recent months. The 2 overdose calls concluded with transportation to medical facilities; neither was fatal.
- IX. Corner House Student Programs
 - a. Corner House Student Board – Sanya Khullar reported the students are developing a Trivia Night event since the *a capella* night and open mic events have been postponed due to the COVID case increases. The Seniors-to-Seniors program continues to enrich participants.
 - b. Student Leadership Programs – Riva Levy
 - i. Riva also reported on the beautiful impact of the Seniors to Seniors program. The students and senior citizens look forward to their virtual meetings and have discovered how much they can share.
 - ii. The recruitment period for prevention programs for juniors is coming up.
 - 1. Teen Access Group (TAG) – Rising juniors from the 4 high schools meet to discuss alcohol and drug issues. They develop and present workshops for middle school students.
 - 2. Growing up Accepted as an Individual in America (GAIA) – Rising juniors from the 4 high schools meet to discuss bullying, positive self-image, and similar issues. They develop and present workshops for 2nd and 5th graders.
 - iii. The current TAG and GAIA students are adapting their workshops for online formats.
 - c. Outreach Programs – Bret Stroman reported that students are working on college applications and seeing their hard work pay off. Princeton University students led a

workshop for the Outreach students with guidance on writing good resumes and college letters. Bret also noted they have not had problems with drug and alcohol use among Outreach students so far this year.

- X. Board of Health – No representative available today.
- XI. Old Business – none.
- XII. New Business
 - a. Bylaws – Dave Errickson and Jean Woodman reported the most recent version of the PADA bylaws is dated 2008 and thus predates the municipal consolidation. There is a letter from the municipal attorney dated 1/10/2013 confirming that the PADA continues to exist post-consolidation. (See attachments.) But the bylaws should be revisited and revised as needed to govern the Alliance. Dave and Jean invited Alliance members to consider serving on a committee to review the bylaws and make recommendations. Interested persons should contact Dave or Jean at Corner House.
 - b. Public Comment – none offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM. Motion Leighton Newlin, second Dave Errickson, approved.

Next Meeting: February 3, 2022, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Woodman, Secretary to the PADA.

Minutes approved February 3, 2022