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Call to Order

The two hundred seventy sixth regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Mr. Van Ess announced that notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 – 10:4-21).

Roll Call

Katelyn Assenheimer called the roll. Members present and absent were noted for the record. Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess informed the Council that this meeting would be held for informational purposes only due to the lack of a quorum.

Chairman's Report

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also introduced Kim Todd and Julie Caliwan from Innovations Collaborative, which has been contracted to assist the Council with the development of the "Blueprint for a Drug-Free New Jersey 2020."

Blueprint for a Drug-Free New Jersey 2020

Kim Todd and Julie Caliwan from Innovations Collaborative briefly described their backgrounds which include extensive experience working on reform efforts of New Jersey's child welfare system and the state's behavioral health system. Ms. Todd and Ms. Caliwan will utilize input received from various stakeholders in drafting the Blueprint. Testimony received at the public hearings of the Council's Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use by New Jersey's Youth and Young Adults, as well as input from task force members, will also be used in the development of the Blueprint.

2014-2017 Grant Cycle Roadmap

Rebecca Alfaro spoke on the upcoming 2014-2017 Alliance grant cycle. Municipal Alliances will be required to emphasize environmental change strategies in their prevention programs. The Strategic Prevention Framework model will be employed to provide the counties with the latest research and techniques in community problem solving. Programs will in turn be more comprehensive and effective.

The 2014-2017 grant application process begins with a needs assessment which identifies problems, root causes and local conditions within a municipality. Municipal Alliance coordinators will attend trainings in February/March conducted by the St. Barnabas Institute for Prevention (IFP) on conducting the needs assessment. A second training provided by the IFP will be held in the Spring to assist Alliances with the grant application process.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director John Hulick informed the Council members that 20 of 21 counties had submitted their 2013 Alliance plans. In preparation for GCADA's 2013 Summit, Council staff will soon meet with New Brunswick Hyatt representatives to select a date for the Summit. Suggestions for a keynote speaker at the Summit are welcome. The Summit workgroup will soon meet to start reviewing calls for proposals for the workshops.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.