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Call to Order

The three hundred and thirty first regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Public Member and 2nd Vice Chair Donna DeStefano.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Ms. DeStefano 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. Ms. DeStefano informed the Council that this meeting would be for informational purposes due to the lack of quorum.

Acting Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Celina Levy welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She shared that Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess was unable to make the meeting today due to a prior engagement with the Veterans Council.

She shared that there was no presentation scheduled for today however, the department designees received a request for presentation by department about some of the latest work they have been doing. GCADA has received commitments from Law and Public Safety, Administrative Office of the Courts and Department of Corrections.

Ms. Levy informed the Council that meeting schedule for 2019 will change and the meetings will be moved back to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Once all the dates have been confirmed, a revised schedule will be sent out.

The Military and Veterans Resource Guide will be reprinted in February and department designees are asked to email any programs and/or resources within their department that provide support for the military, veterans or their families.

Ms. Levy shared that as the new grant cycle for FY2021/July2020 approaches, GCADA has partnered in the Prevention Collaborative with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Rutgers University. This partnership will provide a unification of efforts and identify best and promising practices.

The Master Plan is moving forward, however a few surveys are still outstanding.

Ms. Levy thanked the Council members for their support, the County Alliance coordinators and Alliance members for their efforts in the ongoing improvement process, as well as GCADA staff and Mr. Van Ess for their support in all of GCADA's efforts.

Adjournment

Ms. DeStefano adjourned the meeting at 11:03.