

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY  
LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE  
(LACADA) AND THE  
COUNTY ALLIANCE STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE of LACADA (CASS)  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

**Members Present:**

Dena Cooper  
Bill Dougherty  
Tim Gaskill  
Laverne McGirt  
Jillian Palladino  
Wendy Rutecki  
Charles Sarlo  
Gail Slimm  
Colleen Thomas  
Denise Welsh

**LACADA –Gloucester Co. DHS Staffing Support:**

Judy M. Tobia-Johnson, Director, Division of Addiction Services  
Mary Beth Monroe, County Municipal Alliance Coordinator  
Lisa Cerny, Director of Human & Special Services  
Amy Swanson, Aide to Commissioner Jefferson

**PRESENTER: Tim Lynch, Owner/Manager of Dianne’s House, Sober Living Residences**

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY LACADA and CASS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2023--- OATH of OFFICE**

Members were sworn in by Commissioner Jefferson who extended his sincere thanks for each member’s volunteerism, dedication, and service. Judy also extended her thanks to members for their continued service.

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY CASS – FEBRUARY 7, 2023  
County Alliance Steering Subcommittee of LACADA (CASS)**

The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and Roll Call was taken. Mary Beth announced she is planning a county-wide event on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Auletto’s and will send out information to members once date and details are confirmed. The presentation will be by members of GCIT ACTing Out on the topic of mental health. Mary Beth stated that she is in the process of preparing for the FY2024 NJ-DMHAS Grant. She is also working to make the transition easier for her successor upon her retirement later this year. A motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Jillian. The CASS meeting was adjourned.

**PRESENTATION**

Judy introduced the evening’s speaker: Tim Lynch, Owner/Manager of Dianne’s House, Sober Living Residences, who provided an overview of the needs and opportunities for Gloucester County residents seeking recovery. There was a brief questions and answers period. The members thanked the presenter for his time and information shared.

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Judy announced that the mobile van schedule is being finalized and passed around pictures of the van which has been wrapped. The van is called “WOW” which stands for “Wellness on Wheels.” If members have any ideas on where we can bring the van, please let Judy or Lisa know. Judy reviewed the list of contracted agencies for 2023 and information about opioid settlement dollars to Gloucester County which was previously

emailed to members. Judy stated that South Jersey Initiative Funding eligibility criteria was increased from cut off of age 25 now up to age 30 on 11/30/22.

Also, Judy announced that pharmacies will be providing naloxone nasal spray kits free anonymously to individuals 14 and over.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill and seconded by Charles. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Sherry Gilkin

**LACADA and CASS 2023 Mtg. Dates -TUESDAYS:** February 7, March 7, May 23, September 5,  
October 24, & December 5