

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY
LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
(LACADA) AND THE
COUNTY ALLIANCE STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE of LACADA (CASS)
MINUTES – MAY 23, 2023**

Members Present:

Dena Cooper
Tim Gaskill
Jillian Palladino
Charles Sarlo
Gail Slimm
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

PRESENTERS: Rita Culp, Ex. Dir. & Rob LaGaurina Jr., CFO of My Friends House

Guest: Bethany Vega, Southwest Council

GLOUCESTER COUNTY CASS – MAY 23, 2023

The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and Roll Call was taken. Mary Beth announced she is continuing the work of making the transition easier for her successor upon her retirement. She asked for a vote to accept her plan. A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Jillian. The motion was approved. She stated that she has submitted her FY2024 NJ-DMHAS Grant. A motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Tim. The CASS meeting was adjourned.

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY LACADA MEETING – MAY 23, 2023
PRESENTATION**

Judy introduced the evening's speakers: Rita Culp, Ex. Dir. & Rob LaGaurina Jr., CFO of My Friends House, who provided an overview of their outpatient treatment program in Woodbury Heights and discussed the needs of the program's clients and the program's successes and challenges. There was a brief questions and answers period. The members thanked the presenters for their time and information shared.

Judy announced the following information: 1) NJ is going to implement a statewide Narcan Coordinator (information previously emailed to members); 2) Virtual Mental Health Awareness Training in June (flyer distributed to members and previously emailed to members); 3) Pinnacle Treatment Services have closed multiple locations; 4) 5 Steps to Knock Out Opioid Abuse through the Medicine Cabinet Challenge (previously emailed to members); and 5) Medication Drop Box list (Judy will email to members). Judy will also email her Innovation Grant report to members. Judy also announced that the Mobile Recovery Van has gone out to some outreach events after being wrapped and there are \$108,616 carryover dollars for 2023. The county will probably augment the van with awnings and tables. The outreach event schedule is not finalized yet but we expect to collaborate with the Recovery Center at Rowan. A motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Jillian. 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