

**Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance
Reorganization Meeting
February 4, 2021
Monument Hall Main Meeting Room
APPROVED Minutes**

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

Attendance:

- Chris Burkmar Princeton University
- Hector Capeilleres (Princeton Day School)
- Madeline Chia (Princeton Day School)
- Susan Conlon (Princeton Public Library)
- Filomeno Cuino (Corner House staff)
- Gary De Blasio (Alliance Coordinator)
- Jennifer Gering (Princeton Police)
- Wilder (Danny) Hernandez (Community)
- Tracy Kindelsperger (Corner House staff)
- Riva Levy (Corner House staff)
- Diana Lygas (Princeton High School)
- Courtney Navas (Princeton Police)
- Kathleen Stillo (Princeton Board of Health)
- Alison Tarbotton (Stuart)
- Hannah Van Dusen (Princeton Day School)
- Dwaine Williamson (Princeton Council)
- Jean Woodman (Corner House staff)

- I. Reorganization: Alliance Coordinator Gary DeBlasio called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.
 - a. Courtney Navas was elected Chair of the Alliance for 2021. Motion Jennifer Gering, second Dwaine Williamson, approved. It was agreed that Gary De Blasio would chair the rest of this meeting.
 - b. Members present introduced themselves and their roles. The Alliance welcomed Kathleen Stillo representing the Princeton Board of Health.
 - c. The minutes of the November 5 and December 3, 2020, and January 7, 2021 meetings were approved as presented. Motion Diana Lygas, second Wilder Hernandez, approved.
- II. Update from School Representatives:
 - a. Princeton High School – Diana Lygas – The Winter Club Fair and ClubX 2021 are coming up. These showcase school clubs so students can become familiar with them. PHS administrators are aware of their own stress as they “run and run” from one challenge to another while trying to make traditions still seem meaningful.
 - b. Hun – no representative available
 - c. PDS – no representative available
 - d. Stuart – Nikema Missouri – They are also working to make the school year meaningful and to keep their traditions intact. The Wellness Days are meant to encourage better mental health for students and faculty. They are now inviting Middle School students, in addition to Upper School students, to the mental health half-days. Resources on managing moderate to severe mental health issues are appreciated. Gary and Riva will discuss the possibility of Corner House clinical staff presenting to Stuart staff. Diana noted a George Scott website on parenting during COVID. Diana also noted the importance of schools partnering with parents.
- III. Update from Princeton Public Library – Susan Conlon – The library has been closed temporarily due to COVID among the staff, so contactless pickup and returns have also been suspended. Susan reported a large number of patrons put books on hold and come to pick

them up, so staff know this service is important to the community. Homework help is available in the evening through Brainfuse. Middle and high school student groups are meeting via Zoom and hosting a podcast. Job search resources and online chess are also available.

IV. Update from Princeton University

- a. Campus Life – Chris Burkmar – All undergraduate students were invited to campus for the spring semester and just under 3,000 have chosen to come. Students began arriving January 24 for arrival quarantine. Students will be tested twice weekly. Community Advocates Program launched Wednesday, February 3, with people walking around campus 7 days per week offering community health education and the University’s restrictions.
- b. Eating Club Representatives – Chris Burkmar noted clubs remain closed through the spring. The clubs should be electing new ICC officers soon.

V. Update from Princeton Council Liaison and Law Enforcement

- a. Police – Jen Gering, Courtney Navas – The Attorney General has issued updated guidelines regarding juveniles. The police have more discretion to offer options such as stationhouse adjustments and curbside warnings, rather than juvenile petitions with a court appearance and juvenile justice panel. The goal is to help juveniles learn about addiction and substance use. They also logged three juvenile crises in January, and an attempted suicide of an 18-year-old. Police have been referring to the Handle with Care program – if a juvenile has contact with police due to arrest or witnessing an event; the police notify the school that the student had an interaction and “might not be at their best.”
- b. Princeton Council – Dwaine Williamson
 - i. Jeff Grosser updated Council on the municipal response to COVID and the vaccination program. The municipality is aware of the slow pace of vaccine arrival.
 - ii. Council has created a subcommittee to look at the impending marijuana legislation and has been told to expect it in March. Council will need to know how the new laws will affect the town. Dwaine expects PADA will play a major role in whatever our municipal policies regarding legalized cannabis will be. Will need input from all essential municipal partners including the Health Department and economic partners.

VI. Update from Student Programs

- a. Allison Tarbotton – John Morello presented an online version of his “Dirt” show. Students also received copies of his graphic novel. They appreciated the relevance of his performance. Students who recently graduated joined the Zoom meeting recently. Current students enjoyed asking the alumni about their college experience and COVID. This past Tuesday they were able to listen to Holocaust survivor Neara Rosenblatt talk about her experience. They appreciated the chance to hear the emotion in her story; much more than a textbook would offer. Upcoming presentations include legalization of marijuana, implicit bias, power and social bias, and gender/LGBTQ/minority issues and how they relate to Corner House values.

- b. Hannah van Dusen – CHSB is developing a flyer on importance of Presidents’ Day. They are scheduling a second online cooking class. CHSB plans to host a game night such as Jeopardy or Bingo in February and a movie night in May. The next episode of the student TV program will highlight the Seniors to Seniors Program with the Princeton Senior Resource Center.
 - c. Madeline Chia: PDS students are planning a workshop to introduce PDS 8th graders to Corner House programs in late February.
 - d. Riva Levy: Applications for next year are available. Additionally, Sgt. Tom Lagomarsino will speak with the students this month on the issues pertaining to marijuana legalization.
 - e. Fil Cuino – Students visited NYU last week, and then plan to visit Penn State. Outreach students are visiting more out of state schools this year since tours are virtual. Staff are meeting with students individually and in groups online. Staff are also connecting students to tutoring as needed.
- VII. Health Department – Kathy Stillo. Kathy has served on the municipal Board of Health for a few years and has a background in healthcare delivery and administration.
- a. The Board reorganized in January and elected Dr. Meredith Avalos chair. The Board wants to help the Department of Health develop a shorter list of targeted goals for the year, since COVID has overtaken many of the Board’s normal plans. Kathy noted the close coordination of vaccination clinics at the municipal and county level, the enthusiasm of 400 Princeton residents who volunteered to help, and the partnership with Princeton University.
 - b. The Board of Health also wants to work on the cannabis legislation issues, offering guidance and support on what legalization will look like in Princeton.
- VIII. Old Business
- a. None.
- IX. New Business
- a. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 PM. Motion Jen Gering, second Danny Hernandez, approved.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- March 4
- April 1
- May 6
- No meetings in June, July, or August
- September 9 (2nd Thursday)
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Woodman, Secretary to the PADA

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