

**Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance
Reorganization Meeting by videoconference
April 7, 2022
APPROVED Minutes**

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

Attendance:

- George DiFerdinando (Board of Health)
- David Errickson, Alliance Coordinator
- Sanya Khullar (CHSB – Stuart)
- Tracy Kindelsperger (Corner House staff)
- Leighton Newlin (Princeton Council)
- Leah Schlenker (CHSB – PDS)
- Michelle Simborski (Princeton Public Schools)
- Sophie Singletary, (ICC, Princeton University)
- Denise Spivey (Corner House staff)
- Kathy Wagner (Princeton University)
- Jean Woodman (Corner House staff)

Princeton resident Abigail Kalmbach also attended the meeting.

- I. Call to Order: The Alliance recognized it lacks clear guidance regarding a quorum, including whether students are voting members. Seven adults, one student, and one visitor were present at the start of the meeting. Alliance Coordinator David Errickson called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. One adult, and one student joined the meeting during the introductions, and one adult joined for the last few minutes of the meeting.
- II. Agenda – The agenda was amended to remove the Alliance Coordinator’s report.
- III. Introductions, elections, and welcome to guests – The Alliance welcomed George DiFerdinando, D.O., new representative from the Princeton Board of Health, and Sophie Singletary, the new President of the Inter-Club Council at Princeton University. Sophie succeeds Schuyler Kean as the ICC’s representative to the PADA.
- IV. The minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting were approved as presented. Motion Leighton Newlin, second Kathy Wagner. Approved by show of hands.
- V. Alliance Coordinator – Dave Errickson reported that Corner House continues to work on an application for a State mental health license.
- VI. School Representatives –
 - a. Princeton Public Schools – Micelle reported juniors working on 2 workshops for incoming – STI prevention and gender identity. Also consent on the rocks on sex and substance use. PHS has access to auditorium now. Also awareness coming up,
 - b. Hun – Hun is holding its spring Wellness Day today and no representative was available to attend this meeting.
 - c. Princeton Day School – No representative was available today.
 - d. Stuart – No representative was available today.
- VII. Princeton Public Library – No representative was available today.

- VIII. Princeton University
- a. Student Life – Kathy Wagner briefly discussed harm reduction.
 - b. Sophie reported that the eating clubs regularly hold trainings on engagement and responsibility in the fall and spring. The Lawn Parties concert series is scheduled for April 24. Student engagement and responsibility will be addressed there as well.
- IX. Princeton Council Liaison – Leighton Newlin – Council Member Newlin reported the Council has scheduled another public discussion on cannabis. Leighton will forward the date once he has it. (Update: The Special Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM.)
- X. Law Enforcement – No representative was available today. Alliance Chair Courtney Navas is working at a community event.
- XI. Corner House Student Programs
- a. Corner House Student Board – Leah Schlenker reported that PDS is mask-optional. Covid cases are unchanged so in-person programs continue. CHSB met with the Teen Access Group (TAG) and Growing Up Accepted as an Individual in America (GAIA) applicants for the next school year. The annual Open Mic Night will resume on April 29 at Small Word Coffee. CHSB is also planning an *a capella* night in May. Sanya Khullar noted Stuart went mask-optional this week. Students are going on day trips, another “normal” activity.
 - b. Student Leadership Programs – Dave Errickson gave the students credit for continuing so much programming during the pandemic. The student leaders helped keep many students in the community connected.
 - c. Outreach Programs – Denise Spivey reported Outreach is meeting in person because they can limit groups to 10. The coordinators noticed an increase in students attending parties and corresponding exposure to alcohol and drugs. Outreach plans to engage with Princeton Police to explain the consequences and Terbett Fairman, Corner House Clinical Director, for safe alternatives to using. Dave also noted an Outreach Coord position is open.
- XII. Board of Health – George DiFerdinando reported the Board has discussed the health implications of recreational cannabis and expects to report updated guidance tomorrow. They will also have to revisit the municipal “smoke-free air” ordinance. It does not cover sidewalk use, and there have been complaints recently. There are setbacks on Hinds Plaza, swimming pool, rec areas, but not on typical streets due to their narrowness.
- XIII. Old Business – none.
- XIV. New Business
- a. Dave Errickson and Tracy Kindelsperger reported that new Alliance funding has been made available through the Governor’s Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse (GCADA). Funding for municipal alliances has shrunk during the pandemic; GCADA wants to offer it to alliances quickly, but the deadline is next week. Funding is available only for new programs, only for direct costs, and only programs that will benefit an entire group. Following discussion with Denise Spivey and Terbett Fairman, Dave and Tracy believe

the Alliance could apply to send Corner House Outreach students to the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute in Warren County this summer. The Institute is designed to prepare students to return to the community and share what they learned. It was moved and seconded to proceed with the application. Dave asked the Alliance to vote via email.

- b. Public Comment – Abigail Kalmbach, a graduate of Princeton University Class of 2000, thanked the Alliance for putting the health and wellness of teens at the forefront, and noted that cannabis can be used in beneficial ways. Abby stated she plans to apply for a cannabis dispensary license in Princeton and would like to be involved in the Alliance. Dave encouraged her to contact him via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM. Motion Leighton Newlin, second Michelle Simborski, approved by show of hands.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2022, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Woodman, Secretary to the PADA.

Minutes approved October 6, 2022.