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## TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, RECREATION, SENIORS, AND VETERANS SERVICES

Hamilton Alliance Against Substance Abuse – 2100 Greenwood Avenue, Hamilton, NJ 08609 \*Office (609) 890-3821

#### HAASA MEETING MINUTES

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

##### Attendance

Commission members: Christopher Hellwig, Cashel Darvas, PO Timothy Donovan #484, Jessica Hamill, Kristine Seitz  
Melissa Hutchinson, Janice Archambeault

Community members: Jeanne Swain, George Mladenetz

##### Start Time 5:03 pm

Christopher Hellwig read the opening statement and roll call

Introduction: Welcome New Members- the present new members spoke – Kristine Seitz and Jessica Hamill

Not present new members Jessica Nitti and Meisha Stanley

##### Old Business

- New Member Police Officer Timothy Donovan #484 introduced himself and replaced Police Officer Schuster
- PO T. Donovan is the SRO at Middle School Crockett
- Christopher Hellwig bringing the 3 vacancies to council to try and get the alliance back up & running at full speed
- HAASA Chairperson Update
  - Vacant - election of new chair
  - New Commissioners needed
  - Need a chair to approve meeting minutes
- Alliance Coordinator Updates
- Fiscal 2025 - Grant was approved - letter of intent sent to council for approval for funding
- Required to add a new intervention that is evidence-based programming
- Thank you - Jess at Camp Fire Program we are adding, "COUNT ON ME KIDS"
- Funding for training High School staff in Health/PE programs Mercer Council
- D.A.P. Week - drug and alcohol awareness
- Supporting \$5,000 to 3 high schools Steinert / Nottingham / Hamilton High West - Project Graduation & After Prom Programs
- Upcoming Township Events
- Open Discussion and / or Guest Speaker

##### New Business

- New Members - Introductions
- Jessica Hamill spoke about "OPT FOR HELP AND HOPE GRANT PROGRAM"

**Next Meeting: October 2<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- CHAIRPERSON PROGRAM POSITION IS STILL OPEN
  - Please send in self self-nomination to Chris Hellwig or the corresponding secretary
- Sara Resigned
- New Strategic Plan and Survey needed for 2026
- Site visits are occurring again in Ham Twp schools
- Funding Cuts from Federal Level – (we haven't been affected yet)
- Dept of Health lost \$500.00 in federal funding
- After Prom Programs Support \$5,000.00 for each HAM TWP HIGH SCHOOL
- Stop Work Order on 3/24 from Federal Gov't
- Advocate to local political leaders
- Opioid settlement funds
  - Recovery advocates
  - using funds to HAM TWP residents to offset costs
  - related to hygiene cost, rent, transport – (reach out to Chris or Camile for more info)
- "WHATS IN YOUR BACKPACK: - PROGRAMS AT Reynolds and Grice Middle School
- Fiscal budget 2026 – (Chris working on)
- New Thrive Academy – (old Catholic SCHOOL) April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Janice A.
- Possible outreach at HAMTWP, MAYBE GET INTO BACK TO SCHOOL /WELCOME BACK NIGHT
- COMMUNITY EVENTS
  - OCTOBERFEST
- OPEN FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION

**END TIME 5:35 PM**

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