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Call to Order

The three hundred and thirty second regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Mr. Van Ess announced that notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 – 10:4-21).

Roll Call

Katelyn Assenheimer called the roll. Members present and absent were noted for the record. Mr. Van Ess informed the Council that this meeting would be for informational purposes due to the lack of quorum.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Van Ess welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked 2nd Vice Chair, Donna DeStefano for filling in for him at last month's meeting.

Presentation: "Department of Human Services/Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Intoxicated Driving Program"

Anthony Jannetto, Department of Human Services/Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services gave an overview of the Intoxicated Driving Program to the Council members.

Individuals who are convicted of intoxicated driving and related offenses are mandated by NJSA 39:4-50 to satisfy the screening, evaluation, referral, program and fee requirements of the Intoxicated Driving Program Unit (IDP) and Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC).

The IDP schedules residents with DUI convictions within New Jersey and from other states to the IDRC. They also inform the Motor Vehicle Commission of compliance, non-compliance and multiple offender recommendations.

The IDRC is a county-designed program that provides educational, screening, referral and treatment monitoring services according to the Department of Human Services established regulations and IDP certified curriculum. There are twenty-one twelve-hour programs; one in each county as well as three regional forty-eight hour programs.

The IDRC curriculum was updated in 2019 and developed in conjunction with The College of New Jersey. The workbook includes evidence-based units and best-practice elements focusing on reducing the chance of another offense.

Alcohol Awareness Month Resolution

Ms. Levy read a resolution recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness Month. This resolution will be voted on at the next meeting.

Acting Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Celina Levy shared that the Veterans Resource Guide has been sent to print. This run will have 7,500 copies and most of the guides will be housed at DMAVA with the link available online on the DMAVA website as well as the GCADA website.

Deputy Director Rebecca Alfaro and State Alliance Coordinator Kim Rodriguez in partnership with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and a team from Rutgers continue to work on the state's Prevention Collaborative. This will serve to unify the efforts of the Alliance Program and the Regional Coalitions.

Ms. Levy shared that she continues to represent GCADA on planning efforts for the next Suicide Prevention Conference in September and the Adult Suicide Prevention Advisory Council.

Once GCADA is fully staffed, Ms. Levy and Ms. Alfaro will continue development of the Master Plan, reaching out to Council members for any information that remains outstanding and/or needs to be updated, and working with the Governor's policy representatives to ensure continuity of content.

Ms. Levy thanked the Council members for their support, the County Alliance coordinators and Alliance members for their efforts in the ongoing improvement process, as well as GCADA staff and Mr. Van Ess for their support in all of GCADA's efforts.

Adjournment

Mr. Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 11:43.