

## Monthly Coalition Meeting Minutes: Monday, May 22, 2023- 6:00pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:05pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Brandsness, Ptl. Brian Edlis Zaku, Ptl. Peter Forte, Dr. Jake Herninko, Ashley Lucyk, and Mayor Michael Serra, Tina Marie Shea (Zoom)

### I Welcome/Introductions

Each attendee introduced themselves and what their background was in relation to the coalition.

### II Coalition Updates

Ryan gave some brief updates:

- Recap of Events since the last meeting
  - Key school programming going on
  - Highlight Sticker Shock 2023
- Upcoming:
  - Passaic County Spring Teen Summit – June 2, 2023
    - At William Paterson University- Video
  - Game of Life – June, 2023
    - The Game of Life is a scenario based program which creates an opportunity for students to address real world problems. These scenarios include substance abuse problems and secondary consequences to substance use.
  - National Night Out – August 1, 2023
    - Table with giveaways
  - Pompton Day – September 3, 2023 (Rain date September 4, 2023)
    - Volunteers for tabling?
  - Heroes and Cool Kids Program – Fall 2023
    - HAWC Jr. will mentor 4th graders at Lenox and Lincoln schools

### III Mental Health Awareness Month

Ryan explained that May is Mental Health Awareness month and provided myths and facts surrounding Mental Health.

### IV Open Discussion/Closing

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The police department mentioned upcoming presentations at the Middle School and High School. Jake Herninko provided needed talking points about the Game of Life. The Mayor asked and answered some questions about the position and Coalition. Both Ryan and the group answered when necessary.

END TIME: 6:30pm

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