

North Plainfield Municipal Alliance (MAC) & Youth Services Commission (YSC)
March 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Meeting was held virtually via Zoom

Attendees: Sherrie Calish, Rev. Ursula Cargil, Suezette Given, Joel Kenderdine, Lawrence LaRonde, Jodi Silverman, Samantha Smith, and Monica Sprague.

- I. **Call to Order** - Larry LaRonde called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm
- II. **Minutes** – Minutes from the January meeting were not available.
- III. **Somerset County MAC Update** – Sherrie Calish read Jennifer Sorensen’s report
 - FY22 Amounts: DEDR \$7,342.38, Cash Match \$1,835.60, In-Kind \$5,506.79, Grant due 4/27/2021
 - 2nd Q report will be due Monday April 12th.
 - Like documentary screening will be March 24th at 7 PM – flyer and link have been emailed to the group.
- IV. **Somerset County Youth Services Commission (YSC) Update** – Monica Sprague
 - A Community Connections training was held on March 15th: Michelle DuFour, MA Resource Development Specialist of Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), discussed common signs of abuse and neglect, how to report, what happens when a report is made, and county specific data. North Plainfield is one of the most common referral towns in Somerset County. The most common referral reason is neglect and substance abuse. Monica shared the contact information for DCP&P.
 - There has been a 40% increase in domestic violence calls since last year. Monica will provide the contact information for Safe & Sound Somerset.
- V. **Old/New Business**
 - Update on Current Programs in 2020 – 2021 Budget
 - Consent 101 will be offered at the high school for seniors this spring.
 - The Kidz on the Run Virtual Challenge will be held May 1st and May 2nd. Virtual programming will begin on April 1st for children ages 6 – 13 with 35-minute sessions taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool. Registration is \$5 and will be done via Event Brite. They will have a maximum of 20 kids.
 - The Library is trying to increase their capacity and attendance at events by posting flyers at popular community locations throughout town.
 - The Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Community Center on March 27th for children ages 2 – 9.
 - Clean Community Day will be held on May 1st.
- VI. **Next Meeting** will be held virtually via Zoom on April 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.