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Call to Order

The three hundred and twenty seventh 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. He shared that he was happy to be in attendance and that his position as National Commander with the Purple Heart was coming to a close.

He stated that the Master Plan survey would be resent to the GCADA members to either confirm original responses or provide new information.

Mr. Van Ess informed the Council that Peter Mancusi from the Department of Children and Families would be retiring next month. He thanked Mr. Mancusi for his representation and dedication to the Council.

Presentation: "DMHAS Response to the Opioid Crisis In NJ: An Update"

Suzanne Borys, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Assistant Director of the Office of Planning, Research, Evaluation and Preparation gave an update to the Council on the Division's response to the Opioid Crisis.

Ms. Borys shared that there are several programs being implemented or expanded by DMHAS including the Intensive Recovery Treatment Support Program for Offenders with Opioid Use

Disorder, Maternal Wrap-Around, Opioid Overdose Recovery Program and the On-Campus Recovery Programs. She gave an update for two of the programs that were presented to the Council last year, the Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORP) and State Targeted Opioid Response Initiative (STORI).

The OORP has been expanded with activities that included establishing post-treatment recovery coaching and serving all overdose admissions to partnering hospital emergency departments. Since its introduction, the OORP has served 6,604 individuals in emergency departments throughout New Jersey and was expanded to all 21 counties.

The fee-for-service treatment initiative called STORI was also developed to include a wide range of levels of care and uses evidence-based practices such as medication assisted treatment. Since this initiative started, 1,424 individuals were served in New Jersey.

Acting Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Celina Levy shared that The Master Plan draft outline is almost complete, however there is still more content to be collected, and due to the new administration and changes in department leadership, departmental surveys will have to be resubmitted for any additional content.

The DEA and Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey will again be holding their Heroin Opioid Art Exhibition. July 20th is the deadline for submissions.

The Volunteer of the Year event will be held on September 25th at the Robert Wood Johnson Conference Center in Hamilton. Ms. Alfaro informed the Council that she will be reaching out to the members to judge the volunteer submissions for the W. Cary Edwards State Volunteer of the Year award.

Ms. Levy thanked the Council members for their support, the County Alliance coordinators and the Alliance members for their prevention effort.

Adjournment

Mr. Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 11:07.