

# BMAC: Bloomfield Municipal Alliance Committee



## Minutes for Bloomfield Municipal Alliance Quarterly Meeting

This June 27, 2022 regular (quarterly) meeting of the Bloomfield Municipal Alliance is called to order. Public Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was given by public notice appearing in *The Bloomfield Life* and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and Health Department website. Public comments on matters of public health or any item on the Agenda shall be called by the chair prior. Individual comment will be limited to five minutes per person. Citizens who desire to address the alliance with more detailed comments are asked to do so in writing, one week in advance to allow the committee to become familiar with the subject. The public shall not be recognized at other times than those called for herein.

### **I. Roll Call**

Christopher Jennings	Present
Carol Manning	Absent
Karen Lore	Present
Frank Grauso	Present
Judy Fischman	Present
Paula Peikes (Chair)	Present
Sarah Cruz	Absent
Shakira Drones	Absent
Dina Pressel (Coordinator)	Present
Michael Scurman	Present
Jody Polidoro	Absent
Sarah Jacob (MAASA Coordinator)	Present

**II. Vote passed to approve previous meeting minutes from March 9, 2022 meeting.**

### **III. Budget**

**FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)**

**FORM 8  
ALLIANCE BUDGET**

PROGRAM	DEDR AWARD TOTAL	DEDR			CASH MATCH	IN-KIND	PROGRAM TOTAL
		PERSONNEL/TWP EMPLOYEE	CONSULTANT	OTHER DIRECT COST			
Alliance Coordination	2,000.00	2,000.00					2,000.00
Summer Prevention/Enrichment	3,500.00	3,500.00					3,500.00
Mental Health Programming	8,000.00		3,050.00	4,950.00			8,000.00
DARE	0.00				3,375.00	10,125.00	13,500.00
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,500.00</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>3,050.00</b>	<b>4,950.00</b>	<b>3,375.00</b>	<b>10,125.00</b>	<b>27,000.00</b>

**IV. Discussed FY 2022 Funding (Mental Health Programming)**

- **Budget modification (\$450.00 moved from consultant to Other Direct Cost for Mental Health Programming)**
- **Summer Prevention/Enrichment** – Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Summer Camp (Summer, 2021)
- **2 Assemblies, Water Bottles/Pamphlets, Pizza for all Bloomfield High School Seniors**  
Speaker Stephen Hill <https://speaksobriety.com/> (April 28, 2022)
- **Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs** (June 5, 2022)
- **WISE (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education)** (6 weekly sessions in Feb/Mar)
- **Good Samaritan Business Cards**



**SAVE A LIFE!  
DON'T THINK TWICE!**

Call 

Does someone around you need help because of alcohol poisoning or drug overdose?  
New Jersey's Good Samaritan Law protects people who seek help for victims of alcohol/drug overdose. You will not be arrested or prosecuted.

Don't Hesitate. Call for help immediately!

V. **Reviewed Social Media Posts (2 Per Month)**

Volunteer: Judy Fischman will work with Dina on upcoming BMAC topics/posts

---Teens (& adults): This week is National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week.

Test your knowledge about drugs and alcohol with this short, interactive **Kahoot! quiz**

---APRIL IS NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH



DO YOU KNOW:

- WHAT COUNTS AS A DRINK?
- WHY BEING ABLE TO "HOLD YOUR LIQUOR" IS A CONCERN?
- THE SIGNS THAT ALCOHOL IS CAUSING HARM?
- HOW MANY DRINKS ARE IN COMMON CONTAINERS?

Learn more <https://www.rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov/>

--- Adult-Use Cannabis: New Jersey has started allowing the legalized sale of adult-use cannabis today. Here's an informational guide (attached) with frequently asked questions about adult-use cannabis.

---**Fentanyl** is odorless, tasteless, cheap and extremely potent. It is often found in fake pills disguised as Oxycontin, Percocet, Xanax and Vicodin, which can be deadly.

Learn the facts about fentanyl and share them with your friends at [fentanylawarenessday.org](http://fentanylawarenessday.org)

---CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES, and please remember:

**Driving Impaired Is Dangerous - Drive Sober. Stay Alive.**





**BMAC members discussed possible uses for this grant:**

- **Cannabis education/town hall**
- **Mental Health First Aid training for community leaders including school staff, law enforcement, Bloomfield College counselors, DARE leaders, and Bloomfield High School peer support groups (such as Students Against Destructive Decisions).**
- **Judy Fischman suggested funding can be used for Scared Straight program/field trip.**

**VII. Marijuana Legalization Discussion**

- See attached flyer – PLEASE DISTRIBUTE!
- Visit/meet with RISE Medical & Recreational Marijuana Dispensary Bloomfield and establish partnership with BMAC? Volunteers: Dina Pressel, Paula Peikes, Judy Fischman, Frank Grauso to schedule & meet with RISE
  - Need to specify asks (prevention program sponsorship, display BMAC materials in store, request participation in Town Hall event, ask how they would like to get involved, etc.)
- Cannabis Town Hall meeting with ADAPT, community physician (include RISE?)

**Additional Discussion:**

**Karen Lore discussed the overall trend towards harm reduction in the addiction field, and the importance of educating residents about Medication Assisted Treatments. Doing so provides the information people need to succeed in their recovery, in a stigma-free manner.**

BMAC... **Think Different** ...Think Prevention

