

**Atlantic County Region Specific Coalition
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023



Sector Representatives in Attendance:

Youth:

Parents:

Law Enforcement:

Govt Agency: Brian Wilson (Atlantic County Gov.)

School:

Youth Service Org:

Healthcare:

Religious/Fraternal Org.:

Business:

Media:

Civic/Volunteer: Kathy McFadden (Ventnor Municipal Alliance)

Other Org: Gretchen Halfpenny (OFRT), Kathy Harvey (APR Treatment), Kim Burns (APR Tobacco)

Staff: Nina Sciore, Kathy Harvey, Anna Peterson, Jennifer Pielhau, Bob Zlotnick

Guest/Other:

Notes:

Overview of DFC Funding in Atlantic County
DFC - Drug Free Communities

Purpose of Region Specific Coalition

Data Sources:

- NJ School Performance Report- Provides info about school district performance and can be used to evaluate equitable access to quality education
 - OD Maps- Provides information from police about Naloxone deployments
 - Epicenter- Provides data from local hospitals regarding suspected overdose
 - Image Trend- Data of EMS Naloxone deployments
 - NJ SAMS- Substance use treatment stats across NJ and specifically within each county and municipality
- Monitoring the Future Study- ongoing study of behaviors, attitudes and values of adolescents

Open Discussion:

- Bob - Since we did the whole county, we should limit it to 5 communities.
 - Even though JTAC is county wide, we provided more services on the eastern side.
 - Services are not specific/individualized services. They are community based, so the boundaries are more fluid.
 - Possibly: Egg Harbor City, Galloway, EHT, Pleasantville, EHT, Somers Point, and contiguous to those areas.
 - They do not have to be areas that are touching, but would look extremely scattered if we don't choose touching areas.
- Jen- JTAC is not going away. We will still support other county-wide events/organizations
 - Is the grant population based or is it based on sq mileage??
- Gretchen- You could pick anywhere and justify it
 - Where will we have success?
 - What communities are already on board?
 - EHT has people on board already; Galloway EMS, EHT PD, Pleasantville has a good presence with us.
 - Somers Point middle schools might have higher absenteeism than Northfield/Linwood
- Kathy - Somers Point, EHC are high need
 - A lot of JTAC members are from treatment facilities
- Brian- Focus on White Horse Pike?
 - Does it have to be a municipality or can it be a corridor?
 - Brian shared ODMAP
 - A lot of markers were on WHP

Selected Towns to Focus on:

- **EHT**
- **Galloway**
- **EHC**
- **Pleasantville**
- **Somers Point**
- **Hamilton Twp**

At the next meeting, we will decide if we want to make the chosen areas smaller and narrow them down.

Develop goals/objectives, monthly meetings, fulfilling DFC sector requirements.

Try to include active JTAC members within the chosen communities and reach out to them individually

Include Pleasantville people from Stigma group

Next Meeting:

11/14/23 - The second half of the JTAC mtg will be for the TBA Coalition mtg.