

**Atlantic County Region Specific Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes- Business Sector Subcommittee**  
November 20, 2023



Attendance/Sectors & Agencies Represented:

Youth:

Parents:

Law Enforcement:

Govt Agency: Kathy McFadden (Ventnor Municipal Alliance)

School:

Youth Service Org:

Healthcare:

Religious/Fraternal Org.:

Business: Sean Riggin (Bluestone), Matt Hartman (Bluestone)

Media:

Civic/Volunteer:

Other Org:

Staff: Jennifer Pielhau (Join Together Atlantic County), Anna Peterson (Join Together Atlantic County), Bob Zlotnick (Atlantic Prevention Resources)

Guest/Other: Michael DiMario (Pro Recovery), Coty Miles (Pro Recovery)

**Notes:**

Jennifer introduced the purpose of the new coalition. We will be applying for the DFC grant for a new region.

JTAC will continue with current interventions. She introduced the OFRT and OTF. They will continue to review state police data.

To come up with our new regional area, we looked at school data and overdose maps to decide on area. Our focus municipalities are Egg Harbor Township, Egg Harbor City, Pleasantville, and Galloway.

Kathy commented that suboxone overdoses are a growing concern.

The group mentioned they will need to do an assessment to see the specific needs in the area.

Sean and Matt introduce their roles at Bluestone. Bluestone is a public safety organization. They work to get engagement before it is too late for most people. They work closely with crossroads behavioral health and have support from the prosecutor's office. They are willing to assist in the needs of the new coalition.

Coty discussed needs in Salem county. There are few services and crime rates are high. Meth is very accessible and violence is high.

Anna will add attendees of this meeting to the mailing list. Jenn will be sending updates about future meetings.