

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

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LOUIS CHRISTIANSEN  
CHAIRMAN

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y.



**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 8, 2013**

Chairman Christiansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Louis Christiansen, Carol Cirieco, Mike Driscoll, Patricia Otis, and Caroline Shenefield-Angiello.

Guests present included: Kathy Cucchiarella, President PTA Council, Dineen DeVito, President Somers High School PTSA, Brian Hunt, Assistant Principal Somers High, Kristen Rigaglia, Somers High and Middle Schools Social Worker, and Lydia Whitney, Somers High School Student Assistance Counselor.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mrs. Shenefield-Angiello and seconded by Mr. Christiansen to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

**Meeting with Somers School District Representatives** – Representatives of the Somers School District were invited to attend this evening's meeting to coordinate efforts with the School and also find out how both groups can help each other. Partnering with both the Middle and High Schools is imperative in order to reach the youth and their parents concerning substance abuse issues. Some ideas shared were a logo and branding contest via the art classes, an informative video created by the technology classes, surveying the students and their parents, placing a wrecked car that took the life of a young person due to substance abuse on the lawn of the High School, programs that are age appropriate and enforceable, initiating a zero tolerance policy with drug testing and dogs sniffing out drugs, the Council assisting as needed with: Red Ribbon Week, Family University, and other programs for the youth and their parents.

Mrs. Shenefield-Angiello agreed to serve on The Whole Child Coalition. Mrs. Rigaglia will assist with connecting the Council with the Girl Scout who created You Only Live Once. Mrs. Cucchiarella, Mrs. DeVito and Mrs. Rigaglia have agreed to attend the

monthly Council meetings. Mrs. Schirmer will send everyone the Prescription Take Back program flyer. Mr. Driscoll has invited the School Resource Officers to attend the November Council meeting.

All agreed the meeting was most productive and look forward to working together.

**Soccerfest** – The Council will not have a table at Soccerfest.

**Leo Lions** – Mr. Christiansen will meet with the new Leo Lions representative Tracy Reimann and will report back at the next meeting.

**Council Sub Committees** – The following Council Sub Committees have been suggested: Law Enforcement, Legislation, Parent, Prescription Drug, and Youth. All members will be required to Chair a Sub Committee and should be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting in November. Any suggestions for additional Sub Committees are welcomed as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Somers Substance Abuse Council

cc: Substance Abuse Council  
Town Board  
Town Clerk