

THE CITY OF

SOUTH



AMBOY

NEW JERSEY

BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH AMBOY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be South Amboy Municipal Alliance.

ARTICLE II – AUTHORIZATION

As authorized by the Governing body of the City of South Amboy through a resolution, this group shall serve as the Alliance of the above said municipality in accord with P.L. 1989, c.51.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

In accord with the above authorization, the purpose of the Alliance is:

- a. Organize and coordinate efforts involving school, law enforcement, business and community groups for the purpose of reducing alcoholism, drug abuse and crime.
- b. Develop comprehensive alcoholism and drug abuse education, outreach and support efforts for parents.
- c. Develop a comprehensive alcoholism and drug abuse community awareness program.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Membership on the Municipal Alliance Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council, and shall include but not necessarily be limited to representatives of the following groups:

- a. Mayor and/or governing body
- b. Chief of Police (or designee) and other law enforcement agencies
- c. School district administrative staff and/or school board member
- d. Youth Representatives
- e. Student Assistance Coordinator or other student support services staff member
- f. Representative of Parent-Teach Organization or Home School Association
- g. Parents and/or Guardians
- h. Representatives of local Faith Based Organizations
- i. Individuals who have been affected by alcoholism or drug abuse, including have been affected by their own or family members abuse or addictions

- j. Private citizens with interest in issues concerning alcohol, or drug abuse, addiction and juvenile delinquency
- k. Representatives of local civic or volunteer groups
- l. Representatives from Youth Services Organizations
- m. Representative of the Chamber of Commerce or local business
- n. Older Adult Representatives
- o. Health and Human Services agencies/professionals; especially health care professionals including pharmacists, physicians or therapists
- p. Representatives of public and private organizations involved in the prevention and treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse and/or the regional coalition
- q. Representatives of the local communications media or public relations

ARTICLE V – FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Municipal Alliance Committee shall be:

- a. To create a network of community leaders, private citizens and representatives from the public and private human service agencies who are dedicated to promoting and supporting alcohol and other drug and crime prevention and education programs.
- b. To conduct an assessment of community-wide needs pertaining to alcohol and other drug abuse issues
- c. To identify existing efforts and services acting to reduce alcohol and other drug abuse.
- d. To assist in the development of programs at the Municipal level that accomplishes the purpose of the Alliance effort
- e. To assist the Municipality in acquiring funds for the Alliance programs
- f. To cooperate with the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, as well as the County Alliance Committee to provide data, reports or other information that may be needed to assist in the Alliance effort

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held as the schedule is adopted at the last meeting of the calendar year, each year, which will include the time and place of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII – FUNDING

The Alliance shall develop a comprehensive plan to provide matching funds at least equivalent to the amount of monies received from DEDR funds. These matching funds shall be a minimum of 25% Cash and 75% In-Kind. All decisions of the MACADA involving use and expenditure of funds require a vote of a simple majority of members of the Alliance.

ARTICLE VIII – VOTING PROCEDURES AND ADOPTION

All decisions require a quorum to be present; a quorum being defined herein as at least one third (1/3) of the appointment membership. Each appointed member of the Alliance shall have one (1) vote.

ARTICLE IX – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A conflict of interest may exist if a MAC member can reasonably expect that his or her conduct will directly result in a financial benefit to him or herself, his or her family members, his or her business associates, his or her employers, or to businesses that the member represents. In situations where a conflict of interest may exist, the MAC member must recuse hi or herself. All Municipal Alliance Committees must have their members sign a conflict of interest statement annually to be made available for review by the county and/or GCADA.

Recusal means that the individual is not participating in deliberations or debates, making recommendations, giving advice, considering findings, voting or in any other way assuming responsibility for or participating in any aspect of the decision making regarding the matter, where there are potential conflicts of interest.

Consultants or providers who are directly or indirectly involved in providing prevention services to the Municipal Alliance are subject to the recusal requirement.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT

All proposed amendments or proposed changes to the Bylaws shall be presented to the Alliance one (1) month prior to the formal voting meeting. All decisions on amendments or changes to the Bylaws require a majority vote of the attending voting membership.