

Subcommittees

- ◆ County Alliance Steering Sub Committee (CASS)
- ◆ Provider Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (PACADA)
- ◆ Planning Sub-Committee
- ◆ Proposal Review Sub-Committee
- ◆ Program Monitoring Sub-Committee
- ◆ Prevention Sub-Committee

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Department of Human Services Mission:

To coordinate and facilitate the provision of services and programs, which work to address economic self-sufficiency and promote social wellbeing of county residents

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What is LACADA?

The Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) is a group of concerned citizens and professionals who advise the Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Somerset County Department of Human Services on policy, program needs and priorities in the County for the comprehensive treatment, education, and promotion of public awareness of substance use disorders.

Membership

The LACADA is composed of 10 to 16 members, including recovering persons. Members are appointed by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and typify socioeconomic, racial and ethnic groups. Representation includes a wide range of public and private organizations. All members have an interest in effecting solutions to substance use disorders in Somerset County.

Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month, at 9:30 am at the Somerset County Human Services Office, 3rd Floor Conference Room. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

History

Public Law 1983, Chapter 531, created formal coordination of alcoholism services in Somerset County with the Department of Human Services planning process and administration of State funds for alcoholism treatment, education and prevention programs.

In 1985, the Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted a resolution appointing a Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism (LACA). In 1989, the County incorporated drug abuse within this group's realm and created the present LACADA by resolution.

Purpose

- To advise on the development, funding, and provision of substance use disorders services.
- To serve as the coordinating body in the development of a Comprehensive Plan embracing all areas of substance use disorders service delivery for the County.
- To provide a forum to foster communication, education and information concerning substance use disorders.

Functions

- To identify needs in the substance use disorders service delivery system from recommendations of the providers advisory group, to ensure that targeted populations receive quality services in the most cost effective manner.
- To assist in developing a comprehensive plan for substance use disorders services for the County.
- To recommend substance use disorders service priorities.
- To review, evaluate and recommend proposals for the establishment of substance use disorders education, prevention and treatment service programs.
- To recommend to the Board of Chosen Freeholders the amount of Federal and State Funds to be allocated for substance use disorders services.
- To recommend to the Board of Chosen Freeholders policies and funding allocations for Municipal Alliance Committees to prevent substance use disorders.