

THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
BY LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

1. The name of its organization shall be known as the Franklin Township Municipal Alliance, hereinafter referred to as the “Alliance.”

ARTICLE II – AUTHORIZATION

2. As authorized by the Franklin Township Council through resolution, this organization shall serve the community in accord with the provisions of P.1. 1989, C.51; and the Guidelines of the Somerset County Municipal Alliance Plan Steering Sub-committee.

ARTICLE III – MISSION

In accord with the above authorization, the mission of the Alliance is to address the symptoms and root cause of alcoholism and drug abuse problems in the community in relation to preventive measures and law enforcement procedures.

In carrying out its mission the Alliance shall:

1. Organize and coordinate efforts with the Franklin Township Public Schools, Clergy, Law Enforcement, Municipal recreation, Health and Social Services, the Judicial System, Business Groups and Other Community Services Organizations for the purpose of reducing alcoholism and drug abuse.
2. In cooperation with the Franklin Township Public Schools: provide comprehensive and effective alcohol and drug abuse prevention education programs for students grades K-12, parent awareness and training education programs for parents and other adult community members and intervention services for students and/or their families involved with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs.
3. In cooperation with the Municipal Services, assist with efforts to provide the youth of the community wholesome alcohol/drug-free recreational opportunities.
4. Determine, through a community-based needs assessment, the scope and depth of the substance abuse problem and identify treatment/referral services currently available.

3. The duties of the Chairperson will consist of the following:
 - A. Preside at all general membership meetings.
 - B. Call special general membership and Executive Committee meetings.
 - C. Report annually to Municipal Government on the activities of the Alliance.
 - D. Construct agendas for general membership meetings.
 - E. Appoint Committees and their Chairpersons.
 - F. Appoint Representatives of the Alliance for County and State meetings.
 - G. Appoint person from the membership to Chair meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.
4. The duties of the Co-Chair will consist of the following:
 - A. Perform all duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.
 - B. Act as Parliamentarian at both general membership and Executive Committee meetings.
5. The duties of the Secretary will consist of the following:
 - A. Maintain a membership roster.
 - B. Arrange for the issuance of notices.
 - C. Record, prepare and distribute minutes of all general membership and Executive Committee meetings.
 - D. Preparation of correspondence relative to the business of the Alliance.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

General membership meetings shall be scheduled on a monthly basis at such place as may be designated by the Chairperson. An annual calendar of meeting dates and times will be decided at the July Reorganization Meeting and distributed to the membership. Further, the Chairperson may, by notice, cancel any such meeting or may change the time and date of any such meeting upon a finding of reasonable justification. All meetings of the Alliance will be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

