

**WEST HARTFORD PREVENTION COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

a. Voting:

- i. Present:** Carl Shields, Kadzo Kangwana, Jonathan Merritt, Bob Macca, Howard Dashefsky, Patty Graham
- ii. Absent:** Brenda McKeown, Nordia Napier

b. Ex-Officio:

- i. Present:** Astrid Calderon, Helen Rubino-Turco, Brooks McConnell, Tor Fiske, Ari Steinberg
- ii. Absent:** Helen Drohan, Natalie DeLaCruz, Nick Sanford, Melissa Hickey, Joseph Hopkins

- c. Guest:** Jennifer Evans, Jackie Zea-Edgar, Brianna Pintavalle, Chris Dutton, Melissa Roy, Suleiman Abiola

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of Meeting of February 11, 2021: Bob Macca moved, Carl Shields seconded, Vote 5-0 in favor, 1 abstain; motion approved.

3. Old Business

- a. Report to Town Council (Achievements and Recommendations)
 - i. 2 additions to make:**
 - Amplify Grant: Support safe grad parties at the two public high schools
 - Recommendations 2021 Continuing ongoing prevention work: Amplify Grant activities, particularly to discourage vaping use as a focus for 2021
 - Howard Dashefsky moved to approve the report to town council, Bob Macca seconded, vote 6-0 in favor, motion approved.
- b. Community Wellness Coalition & Community Wellness Assessment
 - i. UCONN Students Report:**
 - Brianna Pintavalle presented the introductory letter and the stakeholder list

- Suleiman Abiola spoke specifically about the community readiness survey; information from the survey can be utilized by the council to drive our work
- Carl Shields spoke more on the survey; this council will be the first to receive the survey

4. New Business

a. LPC Grant and Activities

i. WHPC satisfying requirements:

1. Coalition building and holding meetings
2. WHPC represents diversity of backgrounds and fields
3. At Least 4 LPC meetings per year
4. Vaping training in June 10th for WHPC
5. Assessing community needs and monitoring/evaluation of what those needs may be
6. Vaping workshop and prevention campaign for youth

ii. Pending issues:

1. UConn doctors have agreed to work with West Hartford students on an anti-vaping and outreach campaign
2. This year we will not be able to support safe grad parties given the limitations of the Amplify Grant

5. Public Comment: none

6. Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2021, 5 PM- 6 PM; Virtual Meeting

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