

**WEST HARTFORD PREVENTION COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

This regular meeting of the West Hartford Prevention Council will be conducted as a virtual meeting. Members of the public may view the meeting on West Hartford Community Interactive: Comcast Channel 96, Frontier TV Channel 6099, YouTube and www.whctv.org.

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Meeting Password: PCvVmV6wU33

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

a. Voting:

- i. Present:** Carl Shields, Jonathan Merritt, Bob Macca, Patty Graham, Brenda McKeown, Nordia Napier, Howard Dashefsky, Kadzo Kangwana
- ii. Absent:** None

b. Ex-Officio:

- i. Present:** Helen Rubino-Turco, Tor Fiske, Nick Sanford, Joseph Hopkins, Astrid Calderon

- c. Guest:** Chris Dutton, Jackie Zea Edwards, Melissa Hickey, Suleiman Abiola, Brianna Pintavalle, Mami Nishimune, Yeraida Reinheimer

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of Meeting of April 8, 2021**
 - i. Bob Macca** moved to accept the meeting minutes from April 8, 2021, Howard Dashefsky seconded; vote 6-0 in favor, motion passed.

3. Old Business

- a. Community Wellness Assessment**
 - i. UCONN Students Presentation:** Suleiman Abiola & Brianna Pintavalle shared a power point presentation on West Hartford Mental Health & Substance Abuse data findings
- b. LPC Grant Activities Update**
 - i. Virtual Vaping awareness presentation:** "Seeing through the Vapor"; links are up and running for anyone who wants to access; different web pages are available to parents, middle and high school students; total cost of \$1500
 - ii. Purchased "Stop the Vape" wrist bands** featuring website – 790\$; these will be divided and distributed by Community of Concern at Hall and Conard High School
 - iii. 500\$ contribution** to the Herren Project at Conard High School

- iv. "What you need to know about youth vaping..." presentation coming up
- v. Contracted with local WH media for 3 events: 1) PSA challenge for vaping awareness – community members can submit a 30 second PSA; 2) Mini-documentary with participation from community members; 3) Virtual Panel discussion on vaping
- c. Mental Health Awareness and Prevention Week in May
 - i. Proclamation: Mayor delivered proclamation celebrating Mental Health Awareness week

4. New Business

- a. List of Trauma Specialized Mental Health Providers: importance of gathering resources for the community

5. Public Comment: none

6. Adjournment

- a. Carl Shields moved to adjourn the meeting, Bob Macca seconded the motion; vote 7-0 in favor, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 10, 2021, 5 PM- 6 PM; Virtual Meeting

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