

**WEST HARTFORD PREVENTION COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 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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June 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Call 1-408-418-9388

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Meeting Password: sJnEK2Crm72

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

a. **Voting:**

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

b. **Ex-Officio:**

- i. **Present:** Helen Rubino-Turco, Nick Sanford, Joseph Hopkins, Astrid Calderon, Helen Drohan, Jackie Zea-Edgar, Ari Steinberg

c. **Guest:** Trisha Dahl, Ken Plourd, Kourosh Parham, Megan Westcott, Mami Nishimune, Chris Dutton

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of Meeting of May 13, 2021
- b. Carl Shields moved, Brenda McKeown seconded, and members voted 4-0 in favor for the approval of minutes.

3. Old Business

a. Coalition Building Training

- i. Astrid Calderon reported that as part of LPC activities, the main initiative we will pursue is creating a prevention coalition
- ii. Summer date for a coalition training will be held in June with Ken Plourd – exact date will be determined

b. Guests were introduced

- i. Megan Westcott is interested in joining the WHPC as a representative for the West Hartford Bloomfield Health District

4. Presentation by Ms. Tricia Dahl – Vaping (45 minutes)

- a. Tricia Dahl was introduced to the group
- b. Tricia Dahl presented on Vaping (PowerPoint)
- c. Members and guests asked questions/added comments:
 - i. Who, besides the youth, is partaking in the virtual sessions? They are held 1x/week on Zoom with counselors from Yale.

Everything the kids need is included with the program, including a tablet with the materials preloaded with it. Any teens aged 14-19 can participate.

- ii. Are there any thoughts or plans to include peer support from Yale programs? Yale has a lot of adult programs, and Doctors are working diligently for a bigger center that is geared more towards kids.
- iii. Panel Discussion on Vaping will be held on June 24 at 6pm, transmitted by West Hartford Community TV

5. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

6. Adjournment

- a. Jonathan Merritt moved, Carl Shields seconded, and members voted 5-0 in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 9, 2021, 5 PM- 6 PM; To Be Determined

The Chairman will provide the procedure for participating in the virtual meeting at the start of the meeting.

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