

West Hartford Prevention Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
West Hartford Town Hall, Room 217

AGENDA

1. Roll Call-Bob Macca, Chris Dutton, Howard Dashefsky, Carl Shields. Absent-Heather Alix, Nordia Napier
2. Approval of Minutes-minor corrections were suggested for November minutes, will be made, and with those changes unanimous approval.
3. Old Business
 - a. Finalized Accomplishments and Recommendations report to Town Council-distributed, reviewed. Discussion, need to include details about 2nd part of Amplify grant. Kelly will submit summary of family who took part in Narcan training, saved life of young adult. Helpful to share with BOE at next meeting. Expand upon comprehensive activities done for prevention under grant, trainings, collaborations. Kelly will write up and send to Carl for inclusion in accomplishments for 2022.
 - b. Review of 2023 Calendar-as approved by this Council last month, submitted by Carl to Town Clerk
 - c. Potential Board members-inquiry sent to Helen Rubino-Turco and Town Clerk. Posting for open positions will be done by Town, as they exist throughout Councils and Boards. There are 1 or 2 potential candidates being contacted.
It was identified that Howard Dashefsky's term expires this month, December, 2022. Thankfully, he agreed to continue for another term! Carl will notify Town Clerk for reappointment by Mayor's Office.
4. New Business-Meeting yesterday with Liz Buzcinsky, new Assistant Director Social Services Town of West Hartford, Kelly Waterhouse, Carl Shields, Luiza Barnat, Director of Opioid Services at DMHAS, Allyson Nadeau and Vivian from the RBHO (they monitor the AMPLIFY grant), and Helen Rubino-Turco, Director of Social Services, Town of West Hartford. Carl had met with Liz, and they called meeting knowing that West Hartford was receiving roughly \$130, 000 in opioid settlement funds, initially, with more to come. Carl gave history of Prevention Council's 2021 Wellness/Needs Assessment, recommendation for full time Prevention Specialist, acknowledgement of new legislative resources for schools and potential for marijuana funds if recreational dispensary located in town. Synchronicity of events, along with recognition of concurring disorders as new scope for this Council, leads to understanding of foresight

to develop plan using evidence based, SAMHSA validated, Strategic Prevention Framework to address the Top Ten identified areas from the Wellness Study which clearly fall within the purvey of the Opioid Settlement Funds grant monies. School based study also again being done for additional data. Follow up meeting in February.

5. Standing Reports

- a. Social Services-Holiday gift programs, fuel and rental assistance programs busy
- b. Public Health-No one present
- c. Police-PTO Hall working with Hall, SRO and Security Committee, PTO to answer questions
- d. WHPS-Melissa talked about activities of the Herron Project, Drug and Alcohol Team working. Looking at Restorative process as part of DAT. Also, HBH planning on located a new clinician within Hall High School.
- e. YSB(The Bridge)-High school seeing lots of kids for counseling. Mentoring program is full. Flyers for Bridge program distributed. Trying to get enough parents/support folks for LGBTQI support group, not there yet. Also will be having another Parent Leadership Training Institute at Charter Oak, a free 20 session course, extensive and highly worthwhile.
- f. Prevention Partnership Coalition-John Merritt coordination a fun night, January 27th Veterans Memorial Skating. Partnership meeting at 6.

6. Public Comment-none

7. Adjournment-unanimously approved by Board

Next meeting Thursday, January 12, 2023

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