

West Hartford Prevention Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
West Hartford Town Hall, Room 217

MINUTES

1. Roll Call: Present; Nordia Napier, Christopher Dutton, Carl Shields, Howard Dashefsky, Bob Macca. Absent; Gretchen Levitz-Kimball
2. Approval of Minutes: Minor corrections were made to last months minutes. With these minor corrections, minutes were approved.
3. Old Business
 - a. Jessica Evans is the new Council member replacing Heather Alix. Megan Jo is a Conard student representative who will be joining the Council.
4. New Business
 - a. 2023 Accomplishments and Recommendations was accepted by the Town Council
5. Standing Reports
 - a. Social Services- Discussed new housing in West Hartford and the percent for affordable housing. Also issues with individuals with mental health concerns. Discussed need to appropriate funds for opiod settlement.
 - b. Public Health-Discussed upcoming events and programs. Outreach and training being provided on harm reduction. Shared newsletter distributed from West Hartford and Bloomfield Health Districts.
 - c. Police- Discussed increase in alcohol use amongst school-age young people. Work being done in schools around marijuana use and the laws. SRO's visiting and speaking to classes talking about issues including human trafficking and dating violence. Need for increased staffing in the area of community relations. Carl pointed out that increased alcohol use was identified as a major concern from the needs assessment.
 - d. WHPS- No report provided
 - e. YSB(The Bridge)- Discussed referrals and a high degree of utilization of services. There is a need for more clinicians. LGBT parent group has been meeting. Collaborating with the schools on grants focusing on conflict resolution. Upcoming

events for parents on topics including substance prevention. Diaper Drive will be starting soon.

- f. Prevention Partnership Coalition- Discussed vaping prevention activities and events. Safe grad planning is ongoing. Lots of prevention training going on around gambling prevention. Working with the health district on QPR training. Discussed suicide prevention survey and data. Discussed collaboration between Prevention Partnership and WHPC.

6. Public Comment-None

7. Adjournment- Motion was made to adjourn. It was unanimously passed.

Next meeting Thursday, April 13, 2023

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