

West Hartford Prevention Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
West Hartford Town Hall, Room 217

MINUTES

1. Roll Call: Present; Nordia Napier, Gretchen Levitz-Kimball, Jessica Evans, Carl Shields, Howard Dashefsky, Bob Macca. Absent: Chris Dutton
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved with unanimously.
3. Old Business
 - a. Jessica Evans is the new Council member. Megan Jo is student representative from Conard.
 - b. Review of discussion of alcohol use and suggested actions. There was discussion around differences in programs at Hall and Conard based on experiences and knowledge of staff. It will be important to have uniform provisions of services at both high schools.
 - c. Follow up on Council list-clarifications. Request will be made to Tiana and Nadia at Town Hall.
4. New Business
 - a. Request nominations for Secretary. Carl and Howard summarized the requirements and responsibilities. Discussion tabled until next week.
 - b. Recovery-Friendly Community communication. Carl has made some contact. Will wait until Prevention Specialist is hired.
 - c. CT. Suicide Advisory Board meeting June 8.
 - d. Carl will be attending a meeting with Helen Rubino-Turco and Deb Polun to talk about Prevention Specialist role. Data will be presented including past reports, needs assessments, and surveys.
5. Standing Reports
 - a. Social Services- Kelly reported on different cases that are current and different interventions that are being initiated.
 - b. Public Health- There was a meeting between the Farmington Valley and Bloomfield/West Hartford health districts. Ideas and programming activities were shared. QPR and Narcan training continuing.

- c. Police- Reported on programs at schools and career day activities. Working with administrators on various interventions.
- d. WHPS- Student report that graduation activities are being planned. Many students are looking forward to the end of the school year.
- e. YSB(The Bridge)- No report available

- f. Prevention Partnership Coalition- Kelly discussed grants that have been released and in the process of being applied for. Discussed potential topics to include in grant applications including community-wide training. Many grants as a result of the opioid settlement. There will be a booth shared by Health and Social Services at Celebrate West Hartford. Local church reached out to Social Services regarding initiating a program similar to last years stressing Mental Health and Drug Awareness. Maybe have it in conjunction with Drug Take Back day. The Partnership- could work in a supporting role.

6. Public Comment-None

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

Next meeting Thursday, June 8, 2023

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