

West Hartford Prevention Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, Oct 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
West Hartford Town Hall, Room 400

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from September 2024
3. Old Business-Recovery Friendly Community
4. New Business
 - a. Meeting with Social Services
 - b. Nomination for Chairperson
 - c. Follow Up Meetings with High School
5. Standing Reports
 - a. Prevention
 - b. Social Services
 - c. Public Health
 - d. Police
 - e. WHPS
 - f. YSB(The Bridge)
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment

Next meeting Thursday, Nov 14, 2024 Room 400, at 5:00pm

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Meeting Minutes

Roll Call	
<u>Present:</u> Carl Shields Jessica Evans Katie Bond Susan Walsh Howard Dashefsky Gretchen Levitz Gabby Downey Win Columbano Nordia Nappier Tor Fiske Diane Smith Student Representatives (1) <u>Not present:</u> Kelly Waterhouse Bob Macca Megan Polte Jason Gagnon Nicholas Sanford Timothy Reardon	
Old Business	
a. Recovery Friendly Community Designation received in September during Recovery Friendly Month, Proclamation from Mayor at Town Council Meeting October 8, 2024.	
New Business	
a. Meeting with Social Services Review of Recovery Coach role	
b. Nomination for Chairperson Current Chairperson to share a description of role/responsibilities	
c. Follow Up Meetings with High Schools - Chairperson/Prevention Coordinator met with high school to review services provided to students who are referred to the DAT Team. \$75 per student for 3rd Millennium curriculum currently used by JRB	

- Clear, direct information to lead students in areas of need

d. Letter of Support (Best Practice Tobacco Control Program)

- Bloomfield/West Hartford Health District
- Linking individual to resources and building out website
- Reading of “Letter of Support”
Recommendation to Vote in Support of “Letter of Support”
Motion
Vote – yes

e. 2024 Accomplishment and 2025 Goals

Council Chair to email a copy of the draft to council members

Standing Reports

Prevention	• Youth Leadership Academy (Sep 20, 2024) - 40 high school students attended - Student Navigator, Narcan, End the Silence Trainings - Representatives from RiseUp for the Arts, West Hartford Police & Fire Departments • Able Table – Students at YLA Academy created and painted – Inclusive space for all residents to enjoy in Blue Back Square – Oct 24, 2024, at 4 PM, Dedication Ceremony • Halloween Stroll, Sat Oct 26th in Blue Back Square • Community of Concern Caregiver Event, Sunday Oct 27th at the JCC • Prevention Skate Night, Friday Dec 6 • Screenagers Movie Night, November/December 2024 – Discussion opened to host either at Blue Back Movie Theater, Middle School or High School – 2nd showing Late Winter/Early Spring – 3rd showing Early/Late Spring • PHACTT Program – Gives students the power to identify topics of concerns from their peers – \$500 marketing materials provided to them – Partnership with Mayor’s Youth Council
Social Services	• Increase in JRB Referrals, specifically breach of peace and threats
Public Health	• Monthly newsletter • Continues to offer wellness screenings • Flu vaccination clinics (age 4+)

	• We're offering COVID vaccinations by appointment at our Bloomfield office (age 5+) • We continue to offer routine childhood vaccinations for ages 4-18 yrs. • We continue to offer shingles, pneumonia, and Tdap vaccinations for adults. • Upcoming: (4) diabetes workshops. ZOOM sessions that run for 2 hours/wk for 7 weeks for individuals with type 2 diabetes. They can also be appropriate for caregivers and people who are prediabetic. • Pursuing 3yr grant from CT PH Tobacco Control Program. • Providing naloxone to participants of our community naloxone presentations regardless of residency. We have free naloxone and fentanyl test strips available at our offices for West Hartford and Bloomfield residents. • We continue to be available to do community presentations (e.g., suicide intervention/QPR, naloxone, lead poisoning) • We continue to seek referrals for our Recovery Coach, Mark Grove. • We're co-hosting a "Build Your Bag" workshop to educate the community about personal emergency preparedness on 10/16, 3-5pm in WH (10/17, 10-12pm in Bloomfield).
Police	Not represented
WHPS	• Increase in alarming social media posts from students, most are unaware of the severity of these actions. • Anti-Bullying Awareness in the month of October at Hall/Conard • SmartPass , digital hall pass
The Bridge	Not represented
Public Comment	• 2024 NAMI Connecticut Educational Conference – Sat Oct 26 815AM-330 PM Mhoutreach@westpresby.org
Adjournment at 6:02 PM	

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