

West Hartford Prevention Council

Regular Meeting

Thursday, Nov 14 , 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

West Hartford Town Hall, Room 400

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from October 2024
3. Old Business-Prevention Conference
4. New Business
 - a. Calendar
 - b. Achievements and Goals
 - c. Nominations
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, Dec 12, 2024 Room 217, at 5:00pm Anyone requiring auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or modification of policies or procedures to participate in a meeting, services, program or activity of the Town of West Hartford, should contact Suzanne Oslander, ADA Coordinator, at suzanneO@westhartfordct.gov or 860-561-7580 as soon as possible, preferably seven days beforehand.

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Meeting Minutes

Roll Call
<u>Present:</u> Carl Shields, Chair Howard Dashefsky, Vice Chair Nordia Nappier, Board Member Jessica Evans, Board Member Katie Bond, Board Member Megan Polte, Board Member Jason Gagnon, Board Member Susan Walsh, West Hartford Bloomfield Health District Timothy Reardon, West Hartford Police Department Kelly Waterhouse, Social Services Gretchen Levitz, Prevention Partnership Gabby Downey, Prevention Partnership Tor Fiske, West Hartford Public Schools Diane Smith, United Church Conard Student Representative Bob Macca, Board Member <u>Not present:</u> Nicholas Sanford, West Hartford Police Department Winallan Columbano, West Hartford Public Schools Hall Student Representative
Approval of Meeting Minutes
a. Approval of October 2024 meeting minutes
Old Business
a. Prevention Conference, held in October 2024 at Delmar Hotel
New Business
a. Calendar b. Achievements and Goals - Approval c. Nominations - Megan Polte, accepted 2nd term to the Prevention Council - Seeking nomination for Chair and (2) vacancies

(Parent associated with PTO and licensed professional in the field)

Standing Reports

Prevention: Reported by Gretchen Levitz

- Screenager Movie showing at Bristow Middle School, 5 PM Nov 21
- Prevention Mural Dedication, Dec 3 6 PM Library Teen Room
- Blue Back/West Hartford Holiday Stroll, Dec 5
- Roll out of Teen Care Card at Holiday Stroll
- Prevention Skate Night, Dec 6
- 2025 Calendar of Events coming soon

Social Services: Reported by Kelly Waterhouse

- Community Partnership and Social Services distributing gift cards to families in need, partnership with the schools. Families are encouraged to reach out to their schools counseling/ social worker team
- Working to confirm Holiday Turkey Donations
- JRB: referrals focused on youth violence, statement etc.
- Looking for partnership to help with the prevention efforts of this amongst teens
- 3rd Millennium THC Classroom Training (looking at grant money to alleviate the cost of \$75 per student referral)

Health District : Reported by Susan Walsh

- [November Monthly Newsletter](#)
- Continues to offer wellness screenings
- We continue to offer shingles, pneumonia, and Tdap vaccinations for adults.
- [Upcoming: \(4\) diabetes workshops.](#)
- Pursing 3yr grant from CT PH Tobacco Control Program.
- Available for community presentations (e.g., suicide intervention/QPR, naloxone, lead poisoning)
- Apply for grant around harm reduction and suicide([NHACHO](#))
- [Providing naloxone](#) to participants of our community naloxone presentations regardless of residency. Free naloxone and fentanyl test strips available at

	offices for West Hartford and Bloomfield residents. Continue to seek referrals for our Recovery Coach, Mark Grove, Health District
Police : Reported by Officer Tim Reardon	- Nov 21, Bristow Middle School Social Media Movie Night - December 5, Holiday Stroll and launch of Toy Collection - December 6, Middle School Skate Night - Swatting continues to be an issue throughout the state, FBI taskforces involved
WHPS: Reported by Tor Fiske, Katie Bond, Jessica Evans	- Board of Ed looking to have leadership and student of council to speak at an upcoming Board of Ed Meeting - Expansion of Title IX within district - New video campaigns at Conard/Hall, "Report, Don't Repost" - Community Lessons Themes around self regulation and support for students - Dec 12- The Anxious Generation Event Solomon Schechter: Zach Rausch on "the anxious generation"
The Bridge: Reported by Megan Polte	Smart Recovery Group - Self- Management and Recovery Group will meet at Conard High School as a pilot and staffed by Bridge clinicians beginning 12.4.24 after school, access to late bus. . - Focus on coping skills, building motivation, self-management and establishing a trusted adult in the school - Referral mechanisms: self-referral/JRB/DAT/Counselors etc. - Consent forms are required by participants
Public Comment	
Adjournment at 5:56 PM	

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