

West Haven Board of Health Meeting

May 11, 2021

6:30 pm Via: Zoom

Members present: Heather Shea, Chairwoman, Cebi Waterfield, Vice Chairwoman, Jean Mullins, Secretary, Dr. Amir Mohamad, Maureen Lillis, Director Guests: Nicole Wiley, West Haven Council of Prevention, Joe Soto, West Haven Emergency Management. Absent: Member Kathy Tucker

Call to order: 6:34pm

A motion was made to move Nicole Wiley up, A motion was also made to move the minutes to the end. Both motions passed.

Joe Soto of West Haven Emergency Management spoke and provided updates to homebound vaccinations. Twenty homebound vaccinations have been administered.

Nicole Wiley of the West Haven Council of Prevention spoke about a variety of topics regarding West Haven youth and drug prevention. The WHPC is a federally funded coalition. They have the Drug Free Community Support Grant, which is a five year grant. That is \$125,000 each year to combat underage drinking and marijuana use in young people. The WHPC is beginning a youth council, which will serve as a "mini version" of the WHPC that will be entirely managed by young people in West Haven.

Next summer there is a youth lead and adult guided conference in Rhode Island called the Youth to Youth Eastern States Conference focused on substance abuse prevention and leadership. She encourages the members of the youth council to attend.

Diane, Director of Youth and Family Services will be working with Nicole on narcan training that will be co-hosted by the Health Department.

Nicole Wiley stated that there is a grant called the Local Prevention Council Grant that is specific to vaping of marijuana products as marijuana seems to be less harmful to young people.

She will send out a survey to Board members to get Board input.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March and April. The motion was seconded and passed.

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Director Lillis reports that there is a 91% vaccination rate with the City's 65 and over age range, The City's 18-44 age range is 36%. The overall vaccination rate for the eligible residents of the City of West Haven is 41%.

A series of discussions ensued about vaccinations and mask wearing and awaiting for recommendations from the State Department of Public Health.

Meeting adjournment: 7:29pm

Next meeting, June 8th. 6:30 via Zoom

Respectfully submitted:

Jean Mullins, RN

BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING
West Haven, Connecticut

June 8, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting
6:30pm

- A. Call to order: Chairwoman
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Review of the minutes
- E. Old Business
 - a. Updates Regarding Covid-19 and Vaccination Plan
 - i. Current Data regarding West Haven Covid-19 cases and percentage of residents vaccinated
 - ii. Upcoming Vaccine Clinics
- F. New Business
 - a. Vaccine Hesitancy Video and documents for public education proposed by Kathy Tucker, APRN
 - b. Review of upcoming West Haven Health Dept projects including Vaccine Hesitancy Zoom Meeting scheduled for 6/10/21 and an upcoming video project presented by Maureen Lillis
 - c. Discussion regarding process of engaging local businesses and organizations within West Haven to increase community vaccination
- G. Adjournment

YouTube link to watch the meeting at the City of West Haven YouTube page:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5cM1trmHe999FXNJ56X_jg