



City of Bristol

BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT 06010

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
MAYOR'S OPIOID TASK FORCE
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
JULY 18, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

ATTENDEES:

Councilwoman Mary Fortier
Marco Palmeri
Detective Alan Clark (for Chief Gould)
Barbara DiNoia
Jeff Quamme
Ana Gopian
Terra Casparis
Jack Kochin
Courtney Dollar
Toby Rinaldi
Dean Davis
Jerome Davis
Frank Caputo
Lisa Coates
Rich Colbert
Dave Fortier
Sandy Kamens
Christina Sanchez
Tim Gamache
Noelle Bates – Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Councilman Scott Rosado

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS

Councilwoman Mary Fortier opened up the meeting at 6:30 p.m. She welcomed the members and the members introduced themselves.

ITEM #2 – ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE 2019 MINUTES

A Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed.

ITEM #3 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

"An Equal Opportunity Employer"

Councilwoman Fortier explained that Public Participation is on all City Hall agendas, but this forum is a free flowing meeting and participation will be conducted throughout the meeting.

ITEM #4 ACTION ITEMS

RECOVERY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION BENCHMARKS

Councilwoman Fortier asked if there were any benchmarks we needed to work on. Marco Palmeri stated that he was working on completing the filming.

RECOVERY COACH GRANT UPDATE

Marco Palmeri updated the Committee on the How Can We Help Grant stating they have established a relationship with community members. A Recovery Coach has been hired and is being paid for by Wheeler.

Some of the deliverable include an assessment after the first year to identify what we are doing well. Engaging with other communities that have the same grant to compare if we are missing any deliverables and get some feedback and ideas.

BEST FOR BRISTOL UPDATE

It was reported that the membership for Best for Bristol is increasing and are attracting more youths. They will be partnering up with Bristol Hospital to do a Narcan Training on August 22nd.

BRISTOL HOSPITAL UPDATE: H.O.P.E & RECOVERY COACHES

Lisa Coates reported that Bristol Hospital has signed a contract with CCAR. They should have a Recovery Coach in the hospital within the next two months.

H.O.P.E. is considering rebranding its name to the City of Bristol Recovery Alliance (COBRA).

Lisa also stated that there have been two meetings so far with police and fire and are coordinating getting all services involved for the H.O.P.E initiative.

Ana Gopian and Lisa talked about the Live LOUD campaign which provides transportation to Emergency Department. Frank Caputo also stated that Access provides transportation to Detox Centers.

NUTMEG TV TAPING: F. CAPUTO

Frank stated that he spoke to Nutmeg TV and they will do a round table discussion taping. They will come to City Hall and the cost would be \$155.00. They are looking for 6-7 volunteers from different backgrounds to participate in the taping.

ITEM #5 NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON OPIOID PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT SERIES

Marco Palmeri and Lisa Coates reported that the public service announcements are almost done with the exception of interviewing the Mayor and Police Chief. They are scheduled for early August.

ITEM #6 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No discussion.

ITEM # 7 – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15th at 6:30 in the First Floor Meeting Room.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu, Chairwoman
Mayor's Opioid Task Force