

3/31/2016
MEETING MINUTES OF THE
WESTCOG DRUG TASK FORCE
HELD AT REDDING TOWN HALL
100 HILL ROAD, REDDING, CT 06896

ATTENDING

Chew, Jonathan, Western CT Council of Governments
Cooper, Mark A. R., Westport - Weston Health District
Esposito, Elizabeth, Western CT Council of Governments
Fulton, Alison, Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse
Gillespie, Ingrid, Communities 4 Action
Hanley, Kathy, Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse

Kabasakian, Stacey, New Milford Youth Agency
Kenny, Robert, DEMHS Region 1 Coordinator
Lawlor, Jenn, Bethel Director of Social Services
Lawlor, Robert, New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Mancinene, Jesse, Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse
Marconi, Rudy, Ridgefield First Selectman

Montgomery, Joanne, Aids Project of Greater Danbury
O'Laughlin, George, Greenwich Department of Social Services
Opozda, Kelsey, New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Pierce, Cathy, Wilton Director of Social Services
Pisani, Giovanna, Mid-Fairfield Substance Abuse Coalition
Vincelli, Mike, Westport - Weston Health District

CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Esposito of the Western CT Council of Governments (WestCOG) staff called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA PROGRAM

A presentation on this topic was made by Robert Lawlor and Kelsey Opozda of HIDTA. Their office is in Hartford and the goal is to bridge gaps in drug intelligence and enforcement. The core of the opioid epidemic in the US is in New England, they said.

There was a review of various abused substances and their international sources, followed by discussions on various aspects of their remarks.

DRAFT COORDINATION PLAN

Liz Esposito reviewed the Draft Coordination Plan attached to the agenda. There was considerable discussion, with several revisions to the draft, to be presented at the WestCOG meeting on April 21.

NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

There was discussion of the next meeting date, with the consensus that it be held on Thursday, April 28 at 9:45 AM at the Wilton Teen Center, near the intersection of Routes 7 and 33 in Wilton. The meeting was then adjourned at 11:35 AM.