Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Minutes of the Special Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday February 22, 2018 beginning at 11:00am

Location: Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association

27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Members Attending

Bethel First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker

• Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson

Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling

• Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi

• Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe

Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding

Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering

Others in Attendance: Raymond E. Sullivan of Brookfield H.V./CADH, Jill Ruggiero of the Westport Police Department, Resident of Ridgefield Coco Barron, Kevin Goodburn of Westport Youth Services, J. Gillespie of Communities4Action, J. Holland of Communities4Action, Cassie Voloy of Americorps, Ellen Brezovsky of Silver Hill Hospital, Patricia Raddig of Americorps, Donna Culvat of the Newtown Health District, Nita Asani of Social Services Ridgefield, Tony Phillips of Ridgefield Social Services, Mathew Cassavccha of Danbury Hospital, James Root of the Danbury Sierra Club, Debra Mantegazza of the New Milford Youth Agency, Jon Sperazza of the New Fairfield Prevention Council, Kara Prunty of Danbury Health, Robert Sachnin of WestCOG, William Kenny of WestCOG, and Nicole Sullivan of WestCOG were in attendance.

<u>Agenda</u>

Call to order: Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting proceeded as an information session at 11:10am with no action being taken.

Discussion with Attorney General George Jepsen: Attorney General Jepsen spoke regarding the opioid epidemic and investigations into the national public health crisis. Litigation and political

subdivisions were discussed. There was a period of questions and answers, as wells as public participation.

State legislation and budget update/Other business: There was no update or discussion held.

Chairman Stevenson closed the information session at 12:10pm.