**Human Services Coordinating Council (HSCC) Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. EST**

**Council Members and Attendees**

Liz Buczynski West Hartford, Asst. Director of Social Services

Michael Hines CT Judicial Branch, Deputy Director of Adult Services

Andrea Cofrancesco South Windsor, Director of Human Services

Sandy Yost Granby, Director of Human Services

Kris Robles DCF, Clinical Behavioral Health Manager

Samantha Innis West Hartford, Social Work Liaison

Eric Texeira Wethersfield, Asst. Director of Social, Youth, and Senior Services

Frank Gregory DCF, Community Behavioral Health Services

Katie Wilt Columbia, Community Social Services Coordinator

Keren Paquette West Hartford, Manager of Social Services

Helen Rubino-Turco West Hartford, Director of Leisure/Social Services

Dawn Cooper-Grodger Bloomfield, Asst. Director of Social Services

Paul Shipman CT Foodshare, Senior Director of Network Services

Kasia Purciello Manchester, Asst. General Manager

Joel Cox Manchester, Director of Human Services

**CRCOG Staff**

Pauline Yoder CRCOG Chief Operating Officer

Robyn Nichols CRCOG Principal Program Manager, MSC

**Guests**

Cynthia Guerreri C.L.A.S.S./Enfield Social Services

Matthew Fitzsimmons CT Attorney General’s Office

Allyson Nadeau Amplify, Inc.

Tammy Freeberg Village for Families and Children

Beverly Bellody Tolland, Director of Human Services

1. The virtual meeting was called to order by Robyn Nichols, CRCOG Principal Program Manager, at 10:02 a.m. ET.
2. Welcome and Introductions were done.
3. There was no public comment.

1. Discussion – Opioid Settlements in CT

Cindy Guerreri, C.L.A.S.S., President, and Enfield Director of Social Services discussed CT Local Administrators of Social Services (C.L.A.S.S.) Mission, Vision, Organizational Structure, and Membership)

Matt Fitzsimmons, Office of CT Attorney General, Chief Counsel discussed opioid settlement amounts, funding, payment structure, and proceed uses, Opioid Advisory Committee, and role of CT Attorney General’s Office in opioid settlement administration

Alley Nadeau, Amplify, Inc., Executive Director, discussed Amplify’s Mission to advance healthy communities and areas of focus (mental health, substance abuse, suicide prevention, and problem gambling) and role in providing programs and services to Region 4 of DMHAS.

1. Question and Answer Session, including reporting and expenditure process and fund use
2. Establishment of HSCC Meeting Schedule – Council prefers quarterly (virtual) meetings with Annual in-person meeting.
3. Information Sharing – Alley Nadeau shared a Save the Date – Attorney General William Tong on Tuesday, July 25th , 2023 to discuss the opioid and vaping crisis in CT and prevention funds secured to date.
4. Next Steps – Robyn Nichols to establish and disseminate HSCC quarterly and annual meeting schedule/information and provide slide presentation materials to attendees. Also, encouraged HSCC members to send topics of interest for future meetings to Robyn Nichols at CRCOG.
5. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. ET.

[CRCOG Human Services Coordinating Council (HSCC) Mtg. - Opioid Settlement - How it impacts your communities, funding, and next steps-20230627\_100321-Meeting Recording.mp4](https://crcogfoundation-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/rnichols_crcog_org/EX7UQrPoIN1GhFmhxmID_qoBWOhzhfBnv53tANcX5jW3qw?e=nphIcK)

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Esta es una reunión virtual. Para mayor información sobre la conexión, por favor contactar a Karen Stewartson al correo electrónico: [kstewartson@crcog.org](mailto:kstewartson@crcog.org)

To będzie zebranie zdalne. O informacji o odpowiednim linku internetowym poprosimy kontaktować Karen Stewartson na adres e-mail [kstewartson@crcog.org l](mailto:kstewartson@crcog.org%20l)ub pod numerem telefonu 860-724-4293