

# **AGENDA**

## **TOLLAND MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

**May 1, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

### **ZOOM REMOTE MEETING**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: March 6, 2023
3. Public Participation
4. Points of Information
5. Introduction of Assistant Human Service Director
6. Meeting with Dave O'Rourke, CEO Hockanum Valley Community Council
7. Next Steps for Task Force
8. Public Participation
9. Points of Information
10. Adjournment

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# Meeting Minutes

## Tolland Mental Health & Substance Use Advisory Task Force

**March 6, 2023 – 7:00 P.M. - Zoom Remote Meeting**

**Members Present:** Becky Moore (Chair), Madhu Renduchintala (Vice Chair), Jayden Regisford, Colleen Yudichak, Rita Malenczyk, Jennifer Gallichant, Darrell Irwin

**Members Absent:** Jacob Marie, John Reagan, Jessica Palozie, Carleen Oehmsen

**Others Present:** Beverly Bellody (Director of Human Services)

- 1) **Call to Order:** Ms. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Madhu Renduchintala moved to approved the January 9, 2023 minutes, Rita Malenczyk, seconded, motion passed by unanimous consent.
- 3) **Public Participation:** Emily Cintorino, Director of Community Programs, Interval House, gave a comprehensive overview of the services provided by Interval House. Emily stated that they are the largest domestic violence agency in the State providing services for families and individuals who are or who have experienced domestic violence. They have a 24 hour hotline in both English and Spanish and a confidential safe house for those who are in immediate crisis. She also stated how they act as advocates for the clients and assist them to get the supportive programs they need. There are support groups that have recently started and may become virtual if needed. She will be sending brochures to the Human Services Department who will share them throughout the community.
- 4) **Points of Information –** Becky discussed sending an email about her concerns about some positions that may be eliminated at the school. Members supportive of her action.
- 5) **Weyland Presentation Discussion:** Becky Moore stated she felt that the survey supported the need for a prevention/wellness coordinator. The Task Force discussed the process of bringing that to the Town Council. Beverly Bellody stated she would like to meet with the Director of Hockanum Valley Community Council to revisit the previous discussions and confirm the services that they can provide.
- 6) A discussion occurred on the next steps for the Task Force. Some members thought they may have reach the goals set forth by the Town Council. Beverly Bellody stated the Town has hired a new Assistant Human Services Director whose focus will be on youth programs. She said it may be helpful to convene with the Task Force until she is up to speed and the proposed contractual prevention specialist is in place. She suggested perhaps reducing the meetings to once a month.

Madhu Renduchintala moved to cancel the second meetings in March and April (March 20th and April 3<sup>rd</sup>) Darrel Irwin, seconded, motion passed by unanimous consent.

- 7) **Adjournment:** Since there are no points of interest or public participation, motion to adjourn followed; Madhu Renduchintala moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Rita Malenczyk, seconded, motion passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Bellody