

**MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN (subject to approval)**

**Monday, April 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M. Remote**

Members in attendance: N. Gorski, J. Young

Visitors: S. Carlson (CRAHD), H. Cepelenski (Recovery Move), R. Darin (KVFC), J. Favalora (HKYFS), M. Haaga (KAA), H. Jurewicz (Journey Home Recovery), M. Jurewicz (Journey Home Recovery), A. Penna (Middlesex County Overdose Response Coordinator), B. Rice (Haddam), B. Templeton (RSD17)

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 P.M.
2. Opioid Prevention Intervention Planning

The meeting began with introductions of stakeholders.

H. Jurewicz led the discussion with stakeholders regarding their perception of addiction problems in Killingworth/Haddam. Twenty percent of the target population are those suffering from addiction are known by the service organizations supporting them with intervention. Eighty percent of the target population are those who would benefit from prevention programs.

J. Favalora wanted to know more about the data, numbers and demographics, to help develop evidence-based programs. M. Haaga indicated the KAA sees more alcohol-related calls versus drug-related. H. Jurewicz did say they have a number of suggestions and programs to offer, but wants to understand the goals and objectives of a prevention/intervention program. R. Darin concurred with M. Haaga and had few overdoses in the last nine months.

R. Darin wanted to be aware of the recovery locations to ensure KVFC is prepared for responding to patient safety. H. Jurewicz provided an overview of the two recovery homes in Killingworth. Turnbridge is low risk for alcohol or drug-related events.

H. Jurewicz suggested identifying high-risk residents. Programs need to provide youth with ways to connect and young mentors are best suited to do this. Programs such as Alateen are typically difficult to start in schools.

J. Young described her son's experiences at school and the need for programs to keep youth engaged.

B. Templeton will take back information to RSD17. Additional meetings to be scheduled, in particular, to discuss prevention programs.

3. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Gorski  
April 26, 2023