



The Commission on  
Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity

**CWCSEO**

Connecticut General Assembly

**Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee  
Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Meeting Minutes**

**I. Members Present**

- A. Deborah Davis, Dr. James Dodington, Ebony Epps, Kyle Fischer, Leonard Jahad, Dr. Charles Johndro, Michael Makowski, Jacquelyn Santiago, Carl Schiessl, Jeremy Stein, Colleen Violette, Andrew Woods-**Chairman**
- B. Senator Marilyn Moore, Thomas Nuccio, Administrator, Werner Oyanadel, Staff CWCSEO, Dr. Pina Violano, **Primary Administrator & Advisory Fellow**

**II. Action Items**

- A. Promotion of public hearing and public safety hearing
  - Public Hearing: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM
- B. Restructure of Subcommittee Workgroups and their committee makeup identified including their charges:
  - **Community Engagement and Public Health Workgroup**  
Co-Leads: Deborah Davis, Mother's United Against Violence  
Michael Makowski, Department of Public Health  
Members: Ebony Epps, RYASAP/ Street Safe, Dawn Spearman, You Are Not Alone
  - **Policy and Funding Workgroup**  
Tri-Leads: Carl Schiessl, Connecticut Hospital Association  
Jeremy Stein, Connecticut Against Gun Violence  
Jackie Santiago, COMPASS Youth Collaborative
  - **Evidence-Based Programming & Research Workgroup**  
Co-Leads: Dr. James Dodington, Yale New Haven Hospital  
Dr. Kyle Fischer, The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention  
Member: Leonard Jahad, CT Violence Intervention Program

### III. Next Steps and Future Meeting Dates

- A. Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- B. Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
- C. Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### IV. Presentations

- A. Aswad Thomas, MSW, National Director- Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice- ***“Supporting Crime Survivors”***
- B. Greg Jackson, Jr.- Executive Director, Community Justice Action Fund- ***“Conversation On Our Efforts To End Gun Violence”***
- C. Kyle Fischer, MD, MPH, Policy Director, The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI)- ***“New Funding Opportunities for Violence Prevention and Intervention”***

### V. Announcements

- A. Identify community members and public safety officials to provide testimony for upcoming hearings.
- B. Compiling documentation for final report.
- C. Request for Chairman and Administrators to be present for all workgroup meetings.

### VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM