



Community Planning Council

The Community Planning Council was established by Greenwich United Way to encourage the most effective and efficient health and human service delivery system for Greenwich. Comprised of community leaders, nonprofit service professionals, Greenwich United Way board members, and community volunteers, the work of the Planning Council, particularly through its periodic Needs Assessments, has led to the development of some of the Town's most valued programs and institutions.

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Community Planning Council Meeting Thursday 9/17, 8:30am, Basic Needs

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Fred Camillo, First Selectman of Greenwich and
Caroline Baisley, Director of Health, Greenwich Health Department

According to the Greenwich United Way's 2016 Needs Assessment, the economic stability of our state and of our town is challenged. We, as a town, need to ensure the Greenwich United Way continues to mobilize the community in strategic efforts to identify and address the critical human service needs right here in Greenwich.

Highlights from the Presentation:

The presentation covered the roles and responsibilities local government, local human service agencies and the Greenwich Health Department played during the public health crisis, COVID-19 and the impact the virus has had on the Greenwich community.

The presenters covered information on:

- Health and safety measures – continuing to stress the importance of mask wearing, social distancing and promoting public health recommendations
- COVID-19 statistics and trends – ongoing efforts to track and share cases with key stakeholders
- Safely re-opening – ongoing efforts to open local businesses, community centers and schools
- Financial Impacts – creating ways to support local businesses, some examples discussed were outdoor dining and the potential for a local trolley
- Accessibility and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- COVID-19 impact on older adults – the Greenwich Senior center was the first center to close in the state and remains closed, efforts are being made to support older adults with basic needs and mental health services
- Providing accessible sidewalks and street crossings - particularly for individuals who are less mobile when trying to navigate Greenwich Avenue

Local government, businesses and community members collaborated since the outbreak began to keep COVID-19 cases 'stable.' The Director of Health stated that it is important to continue public health recommendations for all residents and that they will continue to refine their approach to help keep the number of COVID-19 cases stable or reduce them over time.

Next Community Planning Council Meeting:

Thursday, 10/29, 8:30am, via Zoom, Topic: Children and Youth/Education