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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Youth and Urban Violence Commission

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Cabinet Attendees: Nancy Wyman, Jeana Bracey, Jill Spinetti, Ryan Matthews, Mike Lawlor, Andrew Woods, Jillian Knox, Adrienne Cochrane, Brian Foley, Joette Katz, David McGuire, Clayton Northgraves, Carleton Giles

Absent: Scot Esdaile, Vernon Riddick, Dr. Manuel Rivera, Megan Quattlebaum, Karen Jarmoc, Scott Jackson, Samuel S. Gray, Jr., Alice Forrester, Mark McKinney, Barbara Tinney, Joe Carbone, Natasha Pierre, Kim Buchanan, Glenn Cassis, Bob Francis, Andrew Papachristos, Susan Storey, Brent Peterkin

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1.	Call to order	None.	
2.	Introductions	Commissioners introduced themselves.	
3.	Public Comment	No public comment.	
4.	Review & Approval of 5/15/15 minutes	None.	Minutes approved.
5.	North Hartford Promise- Thea Montanez, Director, North Hartford Promise Zone	Thea Montanez presented on the Promise Zone designation for Hartford: Promise Zones were introduced by President Obama in 2013. They are inspired by the Harlem Children's Zone. It's	

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		<p>this idea of taking a place-based approach to deal with the many socio-economic challenges that our urban communities face. The President rolled out the program with a goal of providing local leaders in some of our poorest communities with effective tools for accelerating neighborhood revitalization. He identified that there would be 20 communities that would receive the designation between 2013 and 2016. In order to receive the designation, you have to have a certain population that you are trying to target as well as a poverty rate of at least 30%. It is a competitive process. Therefore, communities were required to work collaboratively with their non-profit community, their elected officials, municipal departments, and business associations. This past April, Hartford was one of six urban communities in the country to receive the designation out of 123 other communities that also applied for it.</p> <p>The Promise Zone in North Hartford represents three neighborhoods. They are Upper Albany, Clay Arsenal, and Northeast. Collectively, it represents 3.11 square miles and 23,950 residents. It has a poverty rate of 49%, an unemployment rate of 27%, and 38% of adults have a high school degree. When we look at other Promise Zone communities, Hartford by far has the highest poverty and unemployment rates. The Hartford Promise Zone is focused on six areas of improvement: health, housing, public education, public safety, economic development, and job creation. The Promise Zone is a ten-year designation. The funding comes from city, state, and federal resources and represents about \$80 million. They estimate they will need an additional \$82 million in order to bring those same</p>	

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		<p>programs and projects to fruition. The majority of those dollars will most likely come from federal grant opportunities.</p>	
6.	<p>State Department of Education – School Based Diversion Initiatives (SBDI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kelly Donnelly, Chief of Staff, SDE - Catherine Foley Geib, Manager of Clinical and Educational Services, Court Support Services Division - Jeffrey J. Vanderploeg, Vice President, Mental Health Initiatives, Child Health and Development Institute 	<p>SBDI is a program that started many years ago in Connecticut with the judicial branch through a grant from the MacArthur Foundation. Since that time, it has grown into collaboration between the judicial branch, which serves as the brain trust of the program, and the Departments of Education, Children and Families, and Mental Health and Addiction Services. SBDI is being implemented in various districts. It is delivering real results to our students in terms of reducing school-based arrests. Fewer students are encountering the court system.</p>	
7.	<p>Discussion – Subcommittees</p>	<p>All members have received a printout of subcommittee assignments. Subcommittees will be broken down by age: zero-to-six-years-old, seven-to-eighteen-years-old, and nineteen-to-twenty-six-years-old. Subcommittees will set up their meetings and elect chairmen. The Lieutenant Governor does not have staff for subcommittees, but can help coordinate. Carleton Giles volunteered to coordinate the first meeting of the seven-to-eighteen-years-old subcommittee, Jill Spinetti volunteered for the zero to six subcommittee, and Commissioner Katz volunteered to coordinate the nineteen to twenty six subcommittee.</p>	

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8.	Next Steps	The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, at 3:00pm in the Legislative Office Building.	
9.	Adjourn	Lt. Governor Wyman asked for motion to adjourn.	