



## **Regional Substance Use Council (RSAC)**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 2, 2021**

**3:30-4:30pm**

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

**Members Present:** Lynn Carlson, Jamie Binienda, Paul Dart, Gail Wilson, Fiona Jensen, Barbara Dominic, Noel Sierra, Monica Mullin, Danielle Whitney, Mike Jackman, Joe Trabucco, Heidi Nelson, Maura Weir, Corrie Vilsaint, Judge John Julian, Rick Martin, Kevin Ralph, Katie Brunelle (DA's Office)

**Barnstable County Staff:** Vaira Harik (voting member), Joseph Pacheco

**Guests:** Todd Whitridge, Trudy Avery

**Members of the Public:** 0

**Elected Officials:** 0

**Assembly of Delegates:** 0

**County Commissioners:** 0

**Welcome and Roll Call:** The meeting began at 3:30 pm.

**Business:** The meeting addressed partners' operational issues during and emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion of the RSAC's priorities continued

1. Welcome, roll call attendance, and introductions
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from the RSAC meeting of 7/1/21: Vaira requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes; moved by Mike Jackman, seconded by Heidi Nelson, approved 18-0.
3. Presentation by Paul Dart, Pause-A-While (Orleans, MA; <https://pauseawhile.org/>)
4. Open discussion for members regarding the COVID-19 response and other matters.
  - a. Perspective of frontline substance use treatment and harm reduction service providers on operations and activities during the COVID pandemic.
  - b. RSAC members voiced interest in continuing to meet virtually, have occasional presentations, and continue the discussion of the impacts of COVID.

**Adjournment:** Vaira requested a motion to adjourn; moved by Judge Julian, seconded by Heidi Nelson, approved 18-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Vaira Harik