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COMMISSIONER

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RE: Local Prevention Council Reorganization

Dear Community Leader:

I am writing to inform you of planned changes to the statewide Local Prevention Council (LPC) Program. Effective July 1, 2020, LPCs will be required, within their existing funding amounts, to implement best practices that address behavioral health priorities and emerging trends identified in the Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations' (RBHAOs) priority reports.

In the 2019 RBHAOs priority reports, vaping has emerged as a problem of concern among youth statewide. It has proliferated over a year, leaving schools, communities and families struggling to address the problem. In the upcoming funding cycle, RBHAOs will support LPCs to implement strategies to achieve reductions in youth vaping, and prevent misuse and addiction.

We understand this is a big change from the way in which the LPCs have functioned in the past, and that LPCs vary considerably across the state in capacity and readiness. DMHAS and the RBHAOs have taken these facts into consideration while revising the LPC 2021 application, and have made it flexible enough for each unique community.

Should you have questions, please contact your RBHAO, or Andrea Duarte at (860) 418-6801; Andrea.Duarte@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol P. Meredith".

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