

December 11, 2024

Safety & Security Committee Meeting

- **Introductions:** Arnim welcomed everyone to the December 11th edition of the School of Medicine Safety and Security Committee meeting. New members Catherine Gannon from the PA program and Nana Adenu Mensa from the medical school class of 2026 were introduced.
- **Weapons and Metal Detection:** Nicholas Proto discussed the ongoing initiative to implement weapons and metal detection systems at the health system level, spearheaded by Anne Diamond. They are researching the best products, labor, and costs, and have identified locations for the systems.
 - **Initiative Overview:** Nicholas Proto discussed the ongoing initiative to implement weapons and metal detection systems at the health system level. This initiative is spearheaded by Anne Diamond, the president of Bridgeport Hospital, who also oversees public safety on a health system level.
 - **Research and Costs:** They are currently researching the best products available, as well as the labor and costs associated with implementing these systems. Several federal grants are being sought to fund this initiative.
 - **Identified Locations:** Locations for the weapon and metal detection systems have been identified, and the initiative aims to tighten up all entry points to better identify any threats coming through the front door.
 - **Collaboration:** Nicholas emphasized the importance of collaboration with Yale University Police and security to keep both institutions safe. He noted the busy time of year and the high patient census, highlighting the need for partnerships to ensure safety.
- **Red Light Camera Program:** Abigail provided updates on the red light camera program, mentioning that the city submitted documents to the state for review. The state has 60 days to review the locations, and the city hopes the cameras will be operational by spring.
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 - **Selected Locations:** She mentioned that New Haven passed a law in May allowing for speed and red light cameras at nine locations, including areas near the medical school campus such as South Frontage and Park, Co-op High School, MLK Junior Blvd., and Church St.

- **Data Collection:** Arnim and Abigail discussed data collection, noting that around 260 people ran the red light at South Frontage and Orange St. in a span of five hours. This data highlights the need for the red light camera program.
- **Implementation Timeline:** The city is working on hiring two positions to manage the program and putting out an RFP for a company to install and operate the cameras. They hope the cameras will be operational by spring, though there may be delays.
- **Pedestrian Education:** Greg and Von emphasized the need for pedestrian education alongside the red light camera initiative. They noted the importance of educating pedestrians about safety and the use of bridges to avoid traffic.
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 - **Pedestrian Behavior:** Greg shared his observations of pedestrians risking their lives by jaywalking and not using designated crosswalks. He suggested a pedestrian education campaign to address this issue.
 - **Bridge Usage:** Jeff Bender highlighted the safety benefits of using pedestrian bridges, particularly those over South Frontage Rd. He encouraged students and staff to use these bridges to avoid dangerous traffic situations.
 - **Signage Improvements:** Greg and Paul discussed the need for better signage to help people find and use the pedestrian bridges. They noted that many people are unaware of the bridges' locations, which reduces their usage.
- **St. Raphael Campus Safety:** Catherine and Dalton raised concerns about safety at the St. Raphael campus, including parking issues, shuttle drop-off locations, and the lack of Yale security Safe Walk services. Nicholas Proto and Anthony Campbell discussed potential solutions and the need for further discussion.
 - **Parking Issues:** Catherine raised concerns about parking at the St. Raphael campus, noting that it is either cost-prohibitive or students are unsure if they have access to the garage. Nicholas Proto suggested deferring this issue to Rodney Slaughter, the parking and transportation director, for precise information.
 - **Shuttle Drop-Off:** Catherine mentioned that the inner campus shuttle drops off a block away from the St. Raphael campus, which feels unsafe for students arriving early or leaving late. Nicholas Proto confirmed the shuttle drop-off location and noted the presence of a security office nearby.

- **Safe Walk Services:** Catherine highlighted that the Yale security Safe Walk service does not extend to the St. Raphael campus. Anthony Campbell explained that the Safe Walk service is limited to the university campus, but they are open to further discussions on extending it.
- **Safe Pathway:** Nicholas Proto described the Safe Pathway initiative, which includes additional cameras and blue phones to create a monitored corridor between campuses. This initiative aims to enhance safety for students walking between the medical school and St. Raphael campus.
- **Town Hall Schedule:** Maia announced the town hall schedule for the next year, with meetings scheduled quarterly. She invited suggestions for potential guests or speakers.
- **Survey Results:** Peggy presented the results of a recent survey, highlighting themes such as traffic and pedestrian safety, panhandling, security concerns, and lighting and maintenance issues. She emphasized the importance of ongoing communication and updates.
 - **Survey Overview:** Peggy presented the results of a recent survey, which received 35 unique responses from faculty, staff, and students. The survey highlighted themes such as traffic and pedestrian safety, panhandling, security concerns, and lighting and maintenance issues.
 - **Town Hall Cadence:** The survey results indicated that 81% of respondents preferred quarterly town halls, and 83% found the noon hour to be a convenient time. This feedback will guide the scheduling of future town halls.
 - **Safety Tools Awareness:** The survey assessed familiarity with safety tools such as walking escorts, the Live Safe app, and evening shuttle services. Peggy noted that most respondents were aware of these tools, but ongoing communication is needed to ensure their usage.
 - **Open-Ended Feedback:** Open-ended responses in the survey highlighted specific concerns, including traffic speeds, panhandling, security checks, and lighting issues. Peggy emphasized the need to address these concerns in future updates and communications.
- **Clinic Building Incident:** Arnim discussed a recent incident in the clinic building where a deceased individual was found. Nicholas Proto and Anthony Campbell provided insights into the situation and emphasized the importance of reporting suspicious activities.
 - **Incident Overview:** Arnim discussed a recent incident in the clinic building where a deceased individual was found. The individual was identified as a missing person from New Jersey and appeared to be homeless.

- **Security Concerns:** Nicholas Proto and Anthony Campbell emphasized the importance of reporting suspicious activities. They noted that the hospital and university are porous, making it easy for individuals to access buildings.
- **Homelessness and Safety:** Anthony Campbell explained that many homeless individuals seek shelter in hospital and university buildings, which can pose safety risks. He stressed the need for better monitoring and reporting of such activities.

Follow-up tasks:

- **Parking and Shuttle Concerns:** Send an email summarizing the PA students' concerns about parking and shuttle services at the St. Raphael campus to Nick Proto for further action. (Catherine)
- **Safe Pathway Clarification:** Clarify the differences between the Yale Security Safe Walk and the hospital's Safe Pathway to ensure students understand the available safety services. (Anthony, Nicholas Proto)
- **Town Hall Schedule:** Send suggestions for potential guests or speakers for the 2025 town halls to Maia James. (All Committee Members)
- **Survey Results Follow-Up:** Share the detailed list of survey concerns with Von Narcisse for review and action planning with his team. (Peggy)
- **Student Engagement:** Work with the Medical Student Council (MSC) to increase student participation in surveys and town halls. (Nana)
- **Worcester Shuttle Update:** Provide an update on the Worcester shuttle service at the next meeting. (Greg George Longyear)
- **Homelessness Resource Protocol:** Ensure that both university and hospital security teams have a clear protocol for referring homeless individuals to appropriate resources and shelters. (Anthony, Nicholas Proto)