What is the MISSION of the CT HVIP Collaborative?
The mission of the medical, non-profit, and community organizations that formed the Collaborative in January 2020 is to prevent and reduce violence* through best practices including but not limited to Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs).

What is the VISION of the Collaborative?
To save Connecticut lives by creating a community-based movement that recognizes and treats violence as a public health issue.

How can the partners’ VALUES best be described?
The values reflect the totality of the wide-ranging commitments to service by each and every medical, public, private, and nonprofit partner taking part in our multi-disciplinary teams.

What prompted the CT HVIP Collaborative to FORM?
The CT HVIP Collaborative came together as an outgrowth of the hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs) under way in Hartford and New Haven – and the increasing support from other hospitals, legislators, medical professionals, and community stakeholders for sustaining and scaling up HVIPs [see page 2 for a list of the Collaborative partners].

Guided by the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (The HAVI), the Giffords Law Center, the Connecticut Hospital Association, and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the Collaborative has convened POLICY, RESEARCH & EVALUATION, and TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Work Groups to help inform lawmakers and the public about this best practice model, now operating in 34 U.S.-based and four international HVIPs.

What are the GOALS of the CT HVIP Collaborative?
Please see the flip side of this sheet for details.

* Note: Our HVIP hospital and frontline partners treat not only cases of gun violence, but also knife and blunt force cases.
What are the CT HVIP Collaborative GOALS?

In their first month, the Collaborative members have conducted three full meetings and numerous conference calls, leading to the DRAFTING of SEVEN GOALS:

1) Partner with the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (The HAVI) to train and certify a cohort of 20-25 front-line, Violence Prevention Professionals (VPPs) in service to HVIP and Violence Interrupter needs, initially in Hartford and New Haven.

2) Partner with legislators and agency leaders on legislative and/or executive actions that support Medicaid Reimbursement for certified Violence Prevention Professionals (VPP).

3) Educate stakeholders on how Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds are geared to sustain Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs.

4) Research and Evaluation: Identify and secure research and evaluation resources to demonstrate the value – and evaluate the effectiveness – of HVIPs.

5) Governance Structure: Secure resources to formally establish and manage The CT HVIP Collaborative.

6) Communications Capabilities: Identify expertise and resources for maintaining effective partner – and general public – communications.

7) Fiduciary Capabilities: Explore with the CT Hospital Association (as in the Virginia model), the most appropriate, neutral middle ground for some of the delegation of this work – with the goal of addressing fiduciary matters.

The Chairs or Leads for the POLICY, RESEARCH & EVALUATION, and TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Work Groups, respectively, also are engaged in efforts to 1) clearly define goals and objectives; 2) determine timelines; 3) suggest how each Work Group can help realize the mission of the Collaborative; and 4) recommend approaches for chairing and facilitating General Meetings.