



Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance (QHSUA)

Our mission is to work collaboratively to prevent and reduce substance misuse, especially among youth; to break down stigma associated with substance use disorder; to reduce health problems resulting from substance use disorder; to contribute to community efforts to expand access to treatment services, and to value all pathways to recovery.

**Monthly Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2022
9:00 am to 10:30 am; Meeting held via Zoom**

Agenda

A. Welcome, Introductions, Zoom “etiquette”, Welcome to our new members!

B. Updates on QHSUA & Partner Activities

- Debrief on August National Night Out (NNO) events; Farmers’ Markets; Community Fairs
- Baystate 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA); implications for QHSUA
- LGBTQIA+ trainings planned for the region with trainer James Shultis
- Narcan “Train the Trainers” session on 9/28; Boards of Health as Narcan distributors
- NACCHO project; Hampden County DA and the Public Health Institute of Western Mass
- QHSUA hosting UMass Medical School Clerkship from October 24 to November 4, 2022
- Sustainability; plan due to Drug Free Communities funder in February 2023

C. Guest Presentation: Quaboag Hills Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP); Emily Coderre, Project Coordinator for Community Health, town of Ware and Becky Basch from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

D. Update from Recovery Center of Hope in Ware; September is Recovery Month

E. Update from the National Institute of Health’s (NIH) HEALing Communities Study (Ware & Belchertown are in Wave 2)

F. Call to Action Requests

- FORE Foundation grants to “*support community-driven responses to opioid use disorder and overdose mortality*”; applicant informational webinar on September 9th; proposals are due October 21, 2022
- Authors for Ware River News/Turley Publications articles each month
- Marking the 8th anniversary of the Alliance; Autumn event or party?
- Planning for in-person QHSUA meetings; Maybe 2 per year? Thoughts?
- Join the HEALing Communities Study email list and attend coalition meetings

G. Brief updates/announcements from local services & programs.

Next QHSUA meeting date falls on Indigenous Peoples’ Day holiday October 10th, so do we meet on Monday October 17? Or on the 24? Or on Halloween?

QHSUA serves the towns of Barre; Belchertown; Brimfield; Brookfield; East Brookfield; Hardwick; Holland; Hubbardston; Monson; New Braintree; North Brookfield; Oakham; Palmer; Spencer; Wales; Ware; Warren; and West Brookfield.