

Opioid Abatement Working Group

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2025

Attendance:

- CarrieAnn Salemme, City of Revere SUDHI Office
- Nicole Palermo, City of Revere SUDHI Office
- Lauren Buck, City of Revere Public Health Department
- Dr. Drew Bunker, MGH Physician
- Debbie Hascom, Revere Resident
- Nikki Rossi, Health Innovations
- Joe Internicola, Revere PD
- Joe Singer, Revere PD
- Kirby Taylor, Health Innovations
- Matt Parlante, Power of Recovery
- Jill Herwig, Revere Public Schools, Director of Comprehensive Health & Wellness

Agenda:

- Reviewed last meeting's minutes
- Review of 5-year spending plan
 - o 40% Housing Bucket
 - o 30% Prevention and Community Engagement
 - o 30% Harm Reduction
- Jill Herwig Present to help discuss Prevention Work that is already happening
- Finalize the Community Engagement and Prevention Bucket

Discussion:

- What type of prevention work is already being done at RPS?
 - o Teen Mental Health First Aid (training is happening for teachers, who can then train students)
 - o Youth Mentor Program where high school students go to middle schools to talk about substance use, mental health, etc. currently get stipends from MassCALL 3
- What is prevention?
 - o Enhancing the protective factors (supportive adults, after-school activities, etc.)
 - o After-school programs like Revere Boxing or PALS – supporting them is prevention work
- Small group program in schools with leaders in the space to tell kids straight what is happening and what could happen if they use
- Difference between vaping and using hard drugs
- Prevention work isn't auditorium presentations scaring kids straight, the research shows that doesn't work

Next Meeting/Action Steps:

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6:00
- Discussion will be focused on Housing
- Joe Gravellese from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund will be our special presenter