



South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

**South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (CHNA 23)
Wednesday, September 14, 2022
8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
Zoom Meeting**

Minutes

In attendance: Mike Jackman, SSCPP Chair/Congressman Keating's Office; Ann Burke Fenway Health, member of CHNA27; Katelyn McSweeney, Staff Wellness Liaison at Middleborough Public Schools; Jen Cantwell, Plymouth County District Attorney's Office; Kristen Arute, Hingham CARES; Dora Teague, Case Management Coordinator, South Shore Community Action Council; Sarah Troxler, Anchor of Hull; Lindsay Reik, Town of Plymouth Center for Active Living; Cheryl Kramer, Student Wellness Case Manager at Cape Cod Community College; Scott Knief, Superintendent Carver Public Schools; Tom Cumiskey, Plymouth Public Library; Nikki Galibois, South Shore Community Action Council; Sean Halpin, Plymouth Public Schools, Director of Student Support Services; Amy Sylvia, South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center; Sarah Ruiz, MA DPH, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services, Director of Planning and Development; Catherine Madden, MA AGO; Melissa Cook, Abington COPES; Theresa Harmon, RN, LICSW, To the Moon and Back and Brigham and Women's Harbor Medical; Linda Gabruk, Bridgewater State University School of Social Work; Kate Lena, Barnstable County Human Services- CHNA 27; Susan West BID Hospital Plymouth; Meredith Erickson, Assistant Superintendent, Carver Public Schools; Meaghan Groves Practice Manager Harbor Community Health- Plymouth; Malissa Kenney, President Healthy Plymouth, Executive Director at Cape Cod Collaborative Arts Network; Vicky Butler, Program Director for Plymouth County Outreach/ steering committee member; Kelly Macomber, Plymouth Public Schools; Mary Jo French, LICSW Outpatient Care Coordinator, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital; Hannah Panteleos, Plymouth County Outreach; Michelle Cardoso, Consumer Engagement Representative for WellSense Health Care; Kathleen Considine, Steering Committee, NAMI Plymouth Area; Sam Correia, Community Engagement Librarian at the Duxbury Free Library; Laura Smith, Farmer and Educator, Oakdale Farms & Lane Gardens and Massachusetts Science Education Leadership Association CHNA27; Jack Ryan; Anne Ward, LCSW, Duxbury FACTS Coalition; Charlette Tarsi, Plymouth County HUB; Ami Bowen, Harbor Health; Gillian Norton, LICSW. Spaulding Rehab; Kim Scotland SSCPP Coordinator/United Way

Mike Jackman, SSCPP Chair kicked off at 8:57am. All provided self-introductions in the chat.

All voted to approve the June general meeting minutes. Mike shared that SSCPP is planning to host some of its meeting this year in person and some on Zoom. Members were encouraged to share ideas for topics or speakers with Mike or with Kim via chna23@gmail.com.

Mike also shared that Kelly Macomber will be voted on as a new member of the SSCPP steering committee at the October meeting. SSCPP will share her bio ahead of the meeting. Kelly was given the floor to say a few words.

SSCPP grants are still being offered on a limited basis. We are offering mini grants of up to \$3,500 and Haughn Memorial Fund Grants (health literacy, behavioral health, or social determinants of health) for up to \$10,000. The next grant deadline is December 31st. More information here: www.chna23.org/funding

Mini Grant Outcomes Report: Carver Schools Walking/Running Path

Presented by Scott Knief, Superintendent and Meredith Erickson, Assistant Superintendent

- Several years back, SSCPP funded Carver Schools for a new running/walking path for the school system and for community members. The goal of the path is develop the whole child and make the link between mental and physical fitness. The school currently has a walking club with over 100 students and their path was destroyed when a new school was built in 2018.
- Project was delayed due to COVID and time spent achieving the resources needed to complete the project but coincidentally they broke ground on day of SSCPP meeting, September 14th.
- Superintendent Knief shared some history and an architectural rendering of what the new path will look like.
- The path offers long term benefits for the school and the community including additional space for wellness activities and social-emotional health. The path is ADA-compliant and available outside of school hours to community.
- The goal is to have the path completed by October. In total, the track will be a half mile in length.

Major Topic: Opioid Settlements for Municipalities

Presented by Catherine Madden, Project Manager, Attorney General's Opiate Task Force
Sarah Ruiz, Director of Planning and Development, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services
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Link to the slide deck shared can be found on the SSCPP website [here](#).

Link to the presentation recording can be found on the SSCPP YouTube channel [here](#).

- Mike provided an introduction. There are a lot of decisions to be made by local municipalities on how to spend the funds.
- Catherine and Sarah shared about the AG's initial investigations that led to the settlements, the statewide opioid settlements, payment timing and mechanics, funds to the Opioid Recovery & Remediation Fund, municipal abatement funds, abatement strategies, reporting and support.
- Nearly all MA cities and towns are eligible for some level of fund from the settlements and are participating. The settlements are structured where the more cities and towns that sign on, the more the state as a whole can recover. Municipalities are encouraged to collaborate and pool resources.
- 40% of the direct funds are going to the state's municipalities to expend on approved programs and strategies and 60% is to the state's Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund.
- All funds are to be used for supplementing and strengthening resources for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.
- Annual reporting to EOHHS is required for municipalities that receive annual payments of \$35,000 or more.
- The funds are to be distributed over a period of 18 years to municipalities.
- Shared schedule/timing of payments through 2038. Payments are front loaded. The amount a municipality will receive can be found on the website. Please see links document [here](#).
- Want to have input from the communities to be mindful the disparities in local communities are being addressed. Collaboration is encouraged.
- Information on TA is below.

- Opened for Q&A. Recommend reaching out to mayors, boards of health, or town managers to learn more about their process for using the funds in each city and town.

DPH/BSAS State Support and Technical Assistance

- DPH/ BSAS and the Office of Local & Regional Health (OLRH) will be offering technical assistance on strategy implementation building on existing resources. Website: [Guidance for Municipalities Utilizing Opioid Settlement Abatement Payments](#)
- Municipalities are encouraged to coordinate abatement funds with other funding to address Substance Use and Opioid Use
 - BSAS Prevention funding
 - BSAS CDC Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) municipal funding
 - Other local State and Federal funding
- Email: OpioidRecoveryandRemediationFund@mass.gov

The floor was opened for announcements. Mike welcomed new members from the Cape & Islands CHNA. The Cape CHNA is going through a restructuring period and SSCPP is welcoming its member to join our meetings.

Jennie Babcock shared via e-mail that the ASIST training SSCPP funded pre-pandemic is now scheduled! This is on October 21st and 22nd at the Hanover Council on Aging. The training is a two-day intensive interactive and practice-dominated course designed to teach suicide first-aid to help a person at risk stay safe and seek further help as needed. There are limited FREE slots available for SSCPP members. E-mail chna23@gmail.com if you are interested on a first come, first served basis.

The Plymouth Library's Health & Wellness Fair is on September 24th from 10am – 1pm on the library front lawn. Have a lot of great providers coming. BID is helping to sponsor the event which will allow for a shuttle bus running from Algonquin Heights to the library.

Adjourned at 10:10am.

Next meeting October 12th on Zoom.