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Drug Free Communities Reporting Questions

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Erin Bartolini <ebartolini@hopkintonma.gov>
To: Shaun McAuliffe <smcauliffe@hopkintonma.gov>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 3:10 PM

Hi Shaun,

I've included a list of reporting questions I'd like to get your input on. I've also included your responses you had helped Dawn with in last year's report. Your answers should apply to any progress since October 1st. It may be more efficient to review this in person. I'd be happy to schedule time in the next week to review if that is preferred.

- *Update on School support/refer program? How many students?*
- *Average attendance for Narcan training?*
- *How many kits have been distributed/ordered?*
- *How many fentanyl test strips?*
- *Vendor/retailer compliance training? Is this still happening?*
- *Responsible beverage server training? Is this still happening?*
- *Strengthening enforcement: (e.g., supporting DUI checkpoints, shoulder tap programs, open container laws; drug task forces to reduce access to opioids/methamphetamine in community)*
- *Strengthening surveillance: (e.g., monitoring "hot spots," party patrols; identify and/or increase monitoring of opioid/methamphetamine use "hot spots")*
- *Recognition programs: (e.g., programs for merchants who pass compliance checks, recognizing drug-free youth; physicians exercising responsible prescribing practices; individuals in recovery)*
- *Publicize Non-Compliance: (e.g., advertisements highlighting businesses not compliant with local ordinances)*
- *Identifying physical design problems: (e.g., environmental scans, neighborhood meetings, windshield surveys)*
- *Cleanup and Beautification: (e.g., Improve parks and other physical landscapes, neighborhood clean-ups; clean needles and other waste related to substance use from parks and neighborhoods) **Had reported vape pod collection on trails; regular inspection at beaches for bottles, needles, etc. cameras installed - status on this?***

- *Improving visibility/ease of surveillance in public places and substance use hotspots (e.g., improved lighting, surveillance cameras, improved lines of sight) **Cameras on trails and beaches, any more cameras? Any updates?***
- *Promote improved signage/advertising/practices by suppliers: (e.g., Decrease signage or advertising, change product locations; post no smoking/no vaping signage) **Removal of nicotine pouches. NFG signage? Has this happened yet?***
- *Increase safe storage solutions in homes or schools: (e.g., lock boxes, drug deactivation kits)*
- *Identifying problem establishments for closure: (e.g., close drug houses)*
- *Encourage business/supplier designation of “no alcohol,” “no tobacco,” or “no marijuana” zones. **Had reported on removing nicotine products from price chopper. Any other reduction in licenses?***
- *Cost: Laws/public policies concerning cost: (e.g., alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana tax, fees) **Had reported the minimum sales price for tobacco products, any changes since last year?***
- *Underage Use: Laws/public policies focusing on use, possession, or behavior under the influence for minors*
- *Treatment/Prevention: Laws/public policies promoting treatment or prevention alternatives e.g., diversion treatment programs for underage substance use*
- *Supplier Promotion/Liability: (e.g., Laws/public policies concerning supplier advertising, promotion, liability, (e.g., server liability, product placement, happy hours, drink specials, mandatory compliance checks, responsible beverage service; Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs)*
- *Outlet Location/Density: Laws/public policies concerning limitation and restrictions of location and density of alcohol or marijuana outlets*
- *Sales Restrictions: Laws/public policies concerning restrictions on product sales (e.g., methamphetamine pre-cursor access, alcohol at gas stations) **NFG and nicotine pouches to adult only retailers (no more vendors)***

Thanks in advance, I realize this is a lot!

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Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 3:52 PM

Good afternoon Erin,

I will start working on this. With Dr. Zaleski gone, I have to figure out who is the keeper of the school information. I believe that I have the personal information of one of the counselors that would respond to me within a day or so.

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Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 1:05 PM

Hi Shaun,
I'm following up with this and in particular about the nicotine inspections. You had shared the results of the nicotine/tobaccos inspections back in march: [Link](#)
It looks like every vendor had some kind of violation. How was this addressed? I also was curious about the results of the NFG enforcement inspections last week, Would there have been another inspection done since October 1, 2024 (the beginning of my reporting period)?
Thanks,
Erin

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Shaun McAuliffe <smcauliffe@hopkintonma.gov>
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Fri, Jul 25, 2025 at 8:42 AM

Good morning Erin,

I've have addressed what I could. I have to contact the school next month to obtain the school related statistics.

- *Update on School support/refer program? How many students? Pending.*
- *Average attendance for Narcan training? 5*
- *How many kits have been distributed/ordered? 40*
- *How many fentanyl test strips? 1,500 distributed. 350 on hand. Demand is slowing.*
- *Vendor/retailer compliance training? Is this still happening? Most recent training was in April, before the NFG hearing.*
- *Responsible beverage server training? Is this still happening? This is overseen by the Police? We require proof of training for all alcohol related events.*

- *Strengthening enforcement: (e.g., supporting DUI checkpoints, shoulder tap programs, open container laws; drug task forces to reduce access to opioids/methamphetamine in community). Police*
- *Strengthening surveillance: (e.g., monitoring "hot spots," party patrols; identify and/or increase monitoring of opioid/methamphetamine use "hot spots"). Police has a list of hot spots that they monitor. We provide tips and recommendations based on the information that is communicated to the Health Department. Often times, trails users will communicate locations where beer cans, vape pods, etc. are observed.*
- *Recognition programs: (e.g., programs for merchants who pass compliance checks, recognizing drug-free youth; physicians exercising responsible prescribing practices; individuals in recovery). We have nothing. We don't have the capacity.*
- *Publicize Non-Compliance: (e.g., advertisements highlighting businesses not compliant with local ordinances). We discuss incidents of non-compliance with the Board and the Hopkinton Independent has the option to publish the inspection reports.*
- *Identifying physical design problems: (e.g., environmental scans, neighborhood meetings, windshield surveys). Residents will provide notices to the department when public health issues are identified. The Department will communicate these to the police.*
- *Cleanup and Beautification: (e.g., Improve parks and other physical landscapes, neighborhood clean-ups; clean needles and other waste related to substance use from parks and neighborhoods) **Had reported vape pod collection on trails; regular inspection at beaches for bottles, needles, etc. cameras installed - status on this? We continue to solicit input from residents, trails groups, etc. We coordinate cleanup with the groups, DPW and/or Health Department staff. Cameras have been installed at the beach and I believe Fruit St.***
- *Improving visibility/ease of surveillance in public places and substance use hotspots (e.g., improved lighting, surveillance cameras, improved lines of sight) **Cameras on trails and beaches, any more cameras? Any updates? Lighting and more cameras have been installed at Sandy Beach. I believe that the lighting and cameras have also been installed at Fruit Street.***
- *Promote improved signage/advertising/practices by suppliers: (e.g., Decrease signage or advertising, change product locations; post no smoking/no vaping signage) **Removal of nicotine pouches. NFG signage? Has this happened yet? Compliance Inspection completed July 7-11, 2025. Awaiting report.***
- *Increase safe storage solutions in homes or schools: (e.g., lock boxes, drug deactivation kits). ?*

- *Identifying problem establishments for closure: (e.g., close drug houses). We have identified several homes where the parents have in the past, provided alcohol to minors. They have been cited and/or are on probation for their crimes.*
- *Encourage business/supplier designation of "no alcohol," "no tobacco," or "no marijuana" zones. **Had reported on removing nicotine products from price chopper. Any other reduction in licenses? I intend to visit the tobacco retailers next month and will discuss the forfeiture non-renewal of licenses in at least two locations.***
- *Cost: Laws/public policies concerning cost: (e.g., alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana tax, fees) **Had reported the minimum sales price for tobacco products, any changes since last year? This was included in our latest tobacco regulation and is part of each inspection.***
- *Underage Use: Laws/public policies focusing on use, possession, or behavior under the influence for minors. Bylaw prevents me from taking action at the schools.*
- *Treatment/Prevention: Laws/public policies promoting treatment or prevention alternatives e.g., diversion treatment programs for underage substance use. We intend to dedicate opioid funds to help reduce the barriers to access treatment.*
- *Supplier Promotion/Liability: (e.g., Laws/public policies concerning supplier advertising, promotion, liability, (e.g., server liability, product placement, happy hours, drink specials, mandatory compliance checks, responsible beverage service; Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs). Police? CVS and the physician offices are the only dispensers that I can think of in town. On occasion, we review state records on the "suppliers." No formal policy or procedure.*
- *Outlet Location/Density: Laws/public policies concerning limitation and restrictions of location and density of alcohol or marijuana outlets. Marijuana outlets are not permitted. Our tobacco regulations limit where tobacco establishments may be located. Our regulations sunset the tobacco licenses when the establishments close.*
- *Sales Restrictions: Laws/public policies concerning restrictions on product sales (e.g., methamphetamine pre-cursor access, alcohol at gas stations) **NFG and nicotine pouches to adult only retailers (no more vendors). I will be completing a survey of our convenience stores. If non-FDA approved "supplements" are identified at any of the establishments, we will recommend that the Select Board suspend the businesses' operating license.***

On Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 3:10 PM Erin Bartolini <ebartolini@hopkintonma.gov> wrote:

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Fri, Jul 25, 2025 at 11:38 AM

Thanks Shaun. This is really helpful. I have a few quick follow up questions.

Were any alcohol licenses sunset in this past year 10/1/2024 to date? Colleen thought you may have sunset one? In regards to minimum sales price for tobacco products, was there a change in the new NFG legislation, or was it maintained from the previous regulation?

For your reference, Colleen and I had a call with Justin Pominville at the high school and he had positive things to report. He feels the vape detectors are working and serving as a deterrent. They are doing more searches because of the detectors and catching about the same number of students. He thinks that is a positive as they were probably missing incidents before the detectors were installed. They caught about 10 students with vapes this past school year. All of them opted into the Genesys program. They have not had any repeat offenders after the program.

Thanks again!
Erin
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Fri, Jul 25, 2025 at 11:45 AM

There was a liquor store at the former Dominoes address that closed but Country Farms opened as a stand alone liquor store. I don't know of any other liquor stores that are closing.

Carbone's will be closing and that liquor license will be closed as of January 1.

I believe that the price minimums were changed. Let me check.
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