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Fwd: Holliston Policy Advice

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Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 11:19 AM

To: Shaun McAuliffe <smcauliffe@hopkintonma.gov>, "Moreau, Zoe" <moreauz@holliston.k12.ma.us>

Hi Shaun and Zoe,

Any feedback we can give Zoe? Zoe is Holliston DFC. Shaun is Hopkinton Public Health!

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Hi Everyone!

Me and ChatGPT have been researching policy best practices and what we currently have in Holliston for several hours today. I pasted below where we landed, which is what next steps should be. I'm curious if anyone is working on any of these, if anyone has done/passed any of these, or if there's any we're missing. Policy is not my favorite nor most understood topic so I'm looking for any advice/support I can get. We just completed an environmental scan of all tobacco and/or alcohol license holders in town and I'm trying to figure out what the next step should be. This is the [whole doc](#) I've been working on. And here are the suggested next steps from Chat based on a lot of back and forth of what we have and what the best practices are:

What Holliston Should Focus On

Alcohol:

- Raise local excise taxes or add local licensing fees on alcohol sales.
- Implement minimum unit pricing for alcohol products.
- Ban or further restrict alcohol advertising/promotions beyond signage size limits (e.g., ban happy hour locally).
- Mandatory Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) training for alcohol servers.
- Increase frequency of compliance checks on alcohol retailers and servers.
- Enforce or strengthen dram shop/social host liability laws with public education.

Tobacco:

- Implement local excise taxes on tobacco products.
- Ban tobacco sales near schools and youth centers (explicit local zoning restriction).
- Require mandatory health warning signage prominently displayed at retail points of sale.
- Increase frequency of compliance checks and penalties for tobacco retailers.
- Strengthen restrictions on tobacco advertising and promotions targeting youth.

Marijuana:

- Limit potency and regulate packaging of marijuana edibles to prevent youth accidental ingestion.
- Ban or restrict public consumption of marijuana locally.
- Cap the number of marijuana licenses issued locally (beyond ban, for future consideration).
- Strengthen enforcement of social host penalties for adult enabling of underage marijuana use.

Other:

- Expand evidence-based prevention curricula across all grade levels (e.g., incorporate MTSS frameworks).
- Increase local access to adolescent treatment providers, family support services, and peer recovery groups beyond iDecide diversion program.
- Promote and support local employer drug-free workplace policies and Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs).

- Increase public education campaigns on social host laws, Good Samaritan protections, and overdose prevention including naloxone training availability.

Thanks in advance for any responses :)

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Good afternoon Zoe,

We have completed several of the AI recommendations and gone beyond that.

1. Ask the health department if they are part of the MDPH sponsored tobacco collaborative/grant. Our inspectors verify that all of the establishments are meeting the state minimum requirements for signage and pricing.
2. Ask the health department if they have adopted the state's model tobacco regulation (see MAHB or MHOA for copies). if not, why not.
3. The health department has the regulatory authority to enact it's own regulations. We just passed and are enacting NFG and a lozenge/pouch ban next week. Don't waste your time with a Town Meeting vote. As long as the Board supports the legislation, they should draft the regulation, hold a hearing, vote on the regulation and adopt it.
4. Tobacco shops are not permitted to be within...1,000 feet of a school, possibly 500? That is part of the model regulation.
5. Implement a tobacco/vaping diversion program. Your school nurses and guidance staff could adopt the program that we ran. The MWHF could fund the implementation of our plan.
6. We trained your school nurses on Narcan. I'd recommend that someone go through a train the trainer program and start offering regular training. We offer training on Tuesday evenings.

Your Board could encourage your director to do more.

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Thanks Shaun!

I was supposed to meet with our BOH today but it got cancelled. Hoping to connect with them in July, these are helpful guiding questions, I appreciate it!

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