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Nicotine Free Generation

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Shaun McAuliffe <smcauliffe@hopkintonma.gov>
To: Rebecca Donham <rdonham@mwhealth.org>

Wed, May 14, 2025 at 9:15 PM

Good evening Rebecca,

Writing to inform you that we passed the Nicotine Free Generation regulation tonight; 16th in the Commonwealth. We discussed the support and partnership that the Foundation provided us. A PhD student will be diving into the results of the MWAHS.

We look forward to taking our support team to Ashland, Hudson and Natick.

Have a great evening.

Appreciate your support.

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Rebecca Donham <rdonham@mwhealth.org>
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Fri, May 16, 2025 at 10:39 AM

Congratulations! Great work.

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Fri, May 16, 2025 at 10:51 AM

Thank you.

The first of our new public health nurses is on-boarding now. We have a second in the pipeline for an early June hire and a third to contract for several months.

I will forward a formal report to you shortly.

Have a good weekend.

Shaun

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Rebecca Donham <rdonham@mwhealth.org>
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Fri, May 16, 2025 at 11:26 AM

I'm curious who the mental health advocates were who defended tobacco for substance use recovery at the April hearing.

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To: Rebecca Donham <rdonham@mwhealth.org>

Fri, May 16, 2025 at 11:41 AM

We had no one defending tobacco and/or substance use at the hearing.

Peter Brennan, the Executive Director of New England Convenience Store and Energy Marketers Association attended our April meeting remotely. Stephen Helfter of Cambridge Citizens for Smokers' Rights and his crew sent me 30 or so letters and reports. Otherwise, we had terrific support from a broad coalition of people.

I have since reached out to Natick, Ashland, Sudbury and Hudson, hoping that they follow our lead.

A woman named Ginny Chadwick might reach out to Kate or the Foundation in general. She is working on her PhD at Brandeis. She reviewed our MWAHS and was interested in reviewing others and the data that the Foundation posts in general. She advocated for the regulation and would like to see it adopted across the Commonwealth. There is a bill to adopt NFG state wide. I've heard that the legislators are waiting for a few more communities to adopt it on their own. We will get there.

All good things.

Shaun

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Rebecca Donham <rdonham@mwhealth.org>
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Mon, May 19, 2025 at 9:23 AM

Thanks, Shaun. The article in the paper said that mental health advocates were against this because of tobacco's role in the recovery movement. I found that disappointing. Glad to hear that was not the case.

Becca

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Mon, May 19, 2025 at 9:29 AM

There was an individual present at an earlier hearing that stated that tobacco was the only thing that got him through his other substance abuse issues. He did not attend the final hearing.

Shaun

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Mon, May 19, 2025 at 9:31 AM

Ah. Got it.

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