

March 31 is next meeting, these are notes from the 3/17 meeting

Somerville:

- 20th at 6:00
- Youth from Somerville, part of 84 will be there
- **Alcohol tariffs and economy crashing**
- Zach Rich and his wife to testify
- 2 HHS staff people will be there controlling flow and sign up
- Someone else will monitor chat
- Today board got most revised draft
- NFG most controversial
- Other is pouches to adult only retail stores
- Dr. Brian Green somerville BOH said about menthol: if addiction is your business plan then you need another business plan
- Health dollars also disappearing (medicaid)
- 5,800 a year more to employers
- People who become nicotine dependent, Jeanne: "Getting young people addicted to something that will harm them for life and rob them of their income is not the preferred outcome of hard economic times."
- Bonny got a 16 year old buyer sold zyn across street from Somerville High

Youth:

- HRI runs the 84, gets paid by MTCP, so does TFM
- Shresta Chakilam (member of state leadership team of 84)
- Isabel Tashie
- Rory (via Maureen)
- Isabel points out that it would be great to have more male youth involved
- **Ed Rand of 84** says there is a page on NFG
- 84 educates and TFM lobbies
- 84 meeting dedicated to NFG?? Isabel raises idea bc you can advocate at local level

Mark Hymowitz from American Cancer

Chris from American Lung(?)

MCCC: giving Maureen 10 minutes on their quarterly meeting next week agenda.
Massachusetts Comprehensive Cancer Coalition. Survivors, Caregivers, Patients.

North Hampton 3/20 is whippet night

South Hadley 3/20

Amy Luckiewicz in **North Reading**: today she said they wrote a thank you note. They are giving BOH one more week, then write letter and say what are you doing. She presented NFG to

Topsfield Middleton and **Boxford** (tri-town). **Topsfield** and **Middleton**. Meredith and Maureen exchanged meeting.

Pari (Maureen's peer in **Framingham** and Concord): **Hopkinton** may be interested.

Beverly: someone moved off the board, pause for now

Berkshire Health Alliance in Western MA **26 towns**, Maureen presented last week, Bonny and Joyce both zoomed in.

Joyce has 18 cities **Saugus** to **Gloucester, Danvers**, Peabody. Peabody distributors and retailers came up with an agreement, their last compliance check was perfect. She has **Manchester**. She's interested in working this through towns.

Manchester has a challenge: several SB members signed for a town meeting warrant to repeal. Cheryl thinks they don't have authority.

Bonny: **Cambridge** separating ordinance from regulations. Sam Lipson who Bonny reports to was not very hopeful about NFG becoming part of that.

Medford: tabled NFG. Has said lets wait for Somerville and Cambridge.

Arlington has a new health director: give her a few weeks. Maureen is field trainer for new tobacco manager. Maureen working with her on how to introduce.

Belmont

Everett: doesn't seem too hopeful, we're watching to see who else
Whidden Hospital

Winthrop: Bonny is presenting to BOH intro meeting not about NFG, just get to know you.

Dover: April 7.

Natick: Shresta's chapter is a Department of Health staff in Natick. They're going to next BOH meeting. She said expect some push back from retailers in town. **Chris Bantham lives there**. BOH at first not so interested, but now more.

Cheryl Sbarro said she'd do video for us. Short 10 minutes, send link, hard to get people to come to meetings.

Shresta and Isabel: #TakeDownTobacco (Tobacco Free Kids)

ENUFF: spreadsheet showing key legislators are getting covered. Every legislator that day gets a packet from 84. Do 84 members know what is in the packet?

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mxd4hfNLR3MRzCLKGnMhNJxpjDaY-cyP/view> Zach's talk