



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Wakefield Unified Prevention Coalition Meeting Tuesday, June 17th 2025, 9-10AM

9:00 AM Welcome, Introductions & Vision/Mission

Attendees: Maureen Buzby, Laurel Gourville, Peg Sallade, Pina Masciarelli, Jennifer Waczkowski, Tracy Rizzo, SRO Rich Pacini, Nick McLeod, Meagan Kinton, Heather Day, Dep Chief Craig Calabrese, Chief Steve Skory, Madhu Mohanraj, Liz Parsons

9:05 AM "7 Minute Clinic": Introduction Between Alcohol Policy & Prevention Coalition Work by Peg Sallade, Substance Use Prevention Professional

Peg provided an overview of alcohol use data, public health impact, and regulations in MA and locally. She also provided information on how the coalition can use local data to identify evidence-based policy strategies. Discussion about the presentation followed with one member noting the tax revenue per drink vs the public health cost per drink was impactful. Next steps identified included review of local data, create plan to address identified areas, and ask to educate the Town Council liaison/Town Council.

9:40 AM Coalition Updates

- Annual Meeting Review: Great meeting and presentation by YATL. Appreciate the Year in Review document both online and in print. Would like to explore an evening meeting next year, possibly at the Senior Center. Prioritize the YATL's and their families being able to attend.
- Youth Action Team Initiatives
 - YAT at Galvin & WMHS updates: hiring new YATLs; will do Sticker Shock this summer. And, the WPD plan to do retailer visits and possibly compliance checks should we get some limited funding from MVPHC.
 - Rainbow Café sessions: Wrapped up a great program with participants asking to continue it quarterly next year.
 - Multi-Lingual Student Advisory Group: Group was successful in identifying initial strengths/challenges to belonging. Participants asked to continue efforts next year.
 - Summer Program with Rec and Public Safety: Planning various health activities for k-5th graders, YATL will help lead, and is a collaboration with Rec and the Police Dept.
- Recovery Month event updates: Planning is underway. Planning committee would like to move event from Town Common to Americal. Please contact Liz if you'd like to get involved.

9:45 AM School Programs

- Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS): Preliminary report out for initial review, but not public yet.
- Diversion Program Updates: Suzanne Burns is retiring. Andrea Keogh will be the new WMHS Diversion Coordinator along with Andrew Cedrone at Galvin Middle School. A big thank you to Suzanne for all of her contributions to Wake-UP and the success of the Diversion Program!
- Northeast Metro Tech High School Updates: None



9:50 AM **Wakefield Social Service Provider Updates:** Sandra continues to be busy supporting residents with a variety of needs and now has office hours at the library (as well as the Food Pantry).

9:55 AM **Partner Updates**

- Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition (MVPHC): Annual meeting next Wednesday. Congratulations to Amy Chiaravalloti and the Beebe Library for receiving the MVPHC Community Champion Awards for their significant contributions to the Wake-UP and the community. Liz will do a press release announcing the winners and use a picture from the event.
- Regional Tobacco Prevention: There will be continued funding for FY26, but anything after that is unsure. 17 communities have enacted NFG to date with Wakefield as the 2nd BOH to enact it.
- Wakefield Alliance Against Violence (WAAV): Annual Breakfast is next Wednesday.
- Senior Night Update: Great success again! Over 200 seniors attended.
- Others

10:05 AM Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16th, 9-10am. See you in September!

Upcoming Events:

WAAV Annual Meeting: Wednesday, June 25th 9am at Lakeside Inn

Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition: Wednesday, June 25th 9am at Wright Locke Farm, Winchester

Wake-Up's vision is a safe, vibrant, resourceful Wakefield in which all members, young to old, engage in making healthy decisions.

Wake-Up (Wakefield Unified Prevention Coalition), formed in 2011, is a community-based coalition of residents, businesses, organizations, professionals, and advocates who work together to promote a healthy community environment. The coalition is dedicated to reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among its residents, especially its youth. Partnering locally and regionally, we take a leadership role in implementing environmental and evidence-based substance prevention strategies.