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Subject: FW: Check in report for Mary Brush
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Hi Mary,

Hope you had a good vacation.

Thought I would write up a few notes to help with our check-in call later this week. So much going on I knew I wouldn't be able to dredge everything up doing our chat Wednesday. Also, it sets me up well to complete the first quarter report. Yeah!

This isn't everything but it's a start.

Inspections:

Focused on completing at least two inspections in each municipality. Not the most efficient use of time. Too much re-tracing of steps. Can we discuss going back to doing inspections municipality by municipality. Or section by section. Winchester has five permitted stores. Makes sense to do all at once, rather than making four trips to Winchester to do one in each of three quarters and then two in one of the quarters.

Compliance checks:

- . One check done in each store in four smallest communities (Melrose, Reading, Stoneham Winchester).
- . Lost my "best buyers" to college (self-named) - - the two youth who did most of FY2024 and FY 2025 compliance checks. Training new recruit this week.

Policy:

As you know, all my communities have all the "model reg" regulations except for Medford which has not yet adopted NFG. May not while the current chair is still on the board. He starts every meeting with, "I'm retailer friendly". The manager of a Medford sandwich shop told me they would never pass NFG in Medford because the board members smoke. Don't know how true that is but wouldn't be surprised.

Other miscellaneous:

- . In addition to inspections, compliance checks, and smoking complaints, there were inquiries about Kratom, Whippets, etc. To be discussed further at PHE meeting 10/1

Activities/meetings/webinars/etc.

JULY:

- . Fourth of July holiday

- . Completed end-of-fiscal-year reports
- . Annual two-week family vacation
- . Testified at State House Public Hearing July 15
- . Shadowed by DPH MPH intern
- . Attended John Scheft cannabis training in Reading
- . Monthly BOH meetings (three communities)
- . Coalition meetings for those who hold meetings over the summer – not all do
- . Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition networking meeting
- . MHOA regionalization/shared services webinar
- . ASH webinar
- . PHE quarterly meeting
- . Miscellaneous phone calls/emails/zoom meetings with North Reading CIT Coalition

AUGUST:

- . AATCC webinar
- . Worked on NFG flyer on poster for NCTOH
- . Planning call with ASH to plan for Endgame Summit
- . National Night Out
- . MHOA Lunch and Learn
- . Prevention Professionals meeting
- . Zoom meeting with Melissa Pond (Abington)
- . Zoom meeting with Stephanie Patton (Stoughton/Acton)
- . DA's monthly Opioid Prevention Task Force meeting
- . MTCP monthly call
- . Shadowed by two new Melrose HHS employees (regional public health nurse and inspector trainee)
- . Met with new MAAV (Melrose Alliance [Against Violence](#)) ED Melissa Shaw formerly of Tri-Town Coalition.
- . Endgame Summit 8/25
- . NTCTOH Conference 8/26 – 8/ 28

SEPTEMBER:

- . Follow up with new colleagues from ASH Endgame Summit and NCTOH – John Mah, Carol MacGruder, et al
- . Regular monthly meetings (Coalitions, BOH, PHE, etc.)
- . Presented to Tri-Town Council (Middleton/Topsfield/Boxford) 9/19
- . Participated at HHS table at Melrose Victorian Fair (“Town Day”) 9/7
- . TFM quarterly meeting 9/4

- . Zoom with MaryEllen Duggan, Northborough Stoughton Southboro Public Schools Nurse Supervisor
- . Shadowed by new Melrose Youth Advisor 9/11
- . Met with Wakefield High School's new SRO 9/16
- . State-wide MTCP meeting 9/18
- . Met with Barabra Best, Cambridge (Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2025 member) 9/23
- . Tri-board meeting (Melrose/Wakefield/Stoneham) 9/23
- . Participated in regional Recovery and Remembrance events (Reading 9/17, Stoneham 9/27, Wakefield 9/30)
- . Presented to Stoughton BOH 9/25 with Reilly Ellis
- . Tri-Town (Lee/Lennox/Stockbridge) BOH meeting 9/24
- . Wakefield Town Day 9/28
- . Scheduled to meet with student nurses 9/30
- . Phone chat with recent UMass grad (Wakefield resident) about public health field 9/29
- . Wrote letters of recommendation for two youth buyers
- . North Reading listening session 9/30. Two more, one in Oct. and one in Nov.
- . Conversation with city councilor candidate 9/27 - - "tell me about the work of Melrose Health and Human Services Dept."
- . Prepared for upcoming MTCP site visit
- . Prepared for Mary Brush check in

OCTOBER:

- . Check in with Mary Brush 10/12025. 😊
- . Zoom meeting 10/2 with Jennifer Tsoi of MHOA and Dr. Howard Koh to plan for November MHOA workshop
- . MAAV Walk/vigil 10/5
- . etc. etc. etc.

Shaping up to be a busy October. Several NFG public hearings: South Hadley, Amherst, maybe Stoughton, Tri-Town Council (Middleton/Topsfield/Boxford), et al. NFG Team strategy meeting next Tuesdays 10/7 – this is an all-volunteer group. Strategy meetings are in the evening so those of us who work full-time can participate.

Look forward to catching up 10/1. 😊

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