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Sent: Apr 08, 2025 14:32:41.000000000 UTC
Subject: FW: FY25 Q2 Quarterly Report draft.
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 9:19 AM
To: Melissa Ripley <mkripley1@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: FY25 Q2 Quarterly Report draft.

Thank you! Give me your hours once the \$ report is done.

From: Melissa Ripley <mkripley1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2025 10:03 PM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Re: FY25 Q2 Quarterly Report draft.

All done. Let me know if you don't receive it (I sent it to Mary as well).

On Sun, Jan 12, 2025 at 9:31 PM Melissa Ripley <mkr1071@icloud.com> wrote:

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From: "Buzby, Maureen" <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Date: January 7, 2025 at 7:40:56 PM EST
To: Melissa Ripley <mkr1071@icloud.com>
Cc: "Buzby, Maureen" <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: FW: FY25 Q2 Quarterly Report draft.

Hi MR,
Can you cut and paste this narrative into the excel spreadsheet I provide earlier. And send it to Mary with copy to me?
Thank you! (You can do it this weekend if that works better for your schedule.)
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From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 4:40 PM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FY25 Quarterly Report draft.

Racial equity:

Equity Narrative: Q2 Same as Q1

Progress Narrative: Q2 No trainings or other equity projects that were short and doable given my workload. Nothing offered by the City of Melrose. However, our NFG policy discussions always begin with a reminder to use an equity lens in our language, and in our outreach to other communities across the Commonwealth.

Though not in my region, we all were especially happy that Chelsea's BOH voted to adopt NFG as Chelsea, a very, very diverse city, has higher than state average smoking related death and disease statistics. While it's sometimes easier to change policy in white, affluent municipalities we recognize that health disparities exist in poorer, non-white majority communities. Chelsea is also important because of its retail store density - - forty-two stores in two and a half square miles. I try to attend ASH (Action on Smoking Health) webinars as well as AATCLC (African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council)webinars as time allows. Chris Bostic from ASH has become more personally involved in NFG activities in Massachusetts – even providing testimony at some public hearings.

Policy Reporting:

Number of Presentations to municipal decision makers to promote local policy strategies:

Metric #: None.

Equity Narrative: As stated in the Equity Section, the NFG Task Force has continued to be mindful of nicotine addiction/health disparities. In keeping with one of the goals of the NFG Task Force, one member, an MGH pharmacologist who works with underserved communities including Chelsea, and whose father was an immigrant who died from tobacco use, produced a compelling report on how this policy in particular is aimed at improving the health of low income, mostly immigrant communities which we share with interested communities.

Progress Narrative: No formal presentations other than regular updates in my region where all municipalities have all of the updated regulations and six of seven have adopted NFG. [Nine](#) presentations and/or testimony in [non-Mystic Valley Region](#) communities, [some of which adopted NFG](#).

Number of Municipalities for which policy has been changed/created

Metric #: None.

Equity Narrative: Same as above.

Progress Narrative: Same as above. [No policy changes in the Mystic Valley Region but Concord, Needham, Manchester, Belchertown, and Chelsea all adopted NFG. I provided testimony, both written and in person or virtually for all. I also presented NFG, and/or provided testimony in other communities that have not yet adopted NFG \(Lexington, Belmont, Somerville\).](#)

Number of tobacco retailer density policies passed (specify specific policy)

Metric #: None

Equity Narrative: N/A

Progress Narrative: All of my communities have a permit cap. Three [communities](#) have the most progressive permit cap in the state.

of cigar pricing packaging policies passed

Metric #: None

Equity Narrative: N/A

Progress Narrative: All of my communities have cigar minimum price regulation.

Enforcement and Surveillance Report:

Number of investigations made to smoke-free workplace law complaints

Complete: None

Equity Narrative: The same protocol is followed for each SFWP complaint without regard to who filed the complaint or who might have been smoking or where they were allegedly smoking, whenever there are complaints that need to be investigated.

Progress Narrative: N/A No complaints of workplace smoking this quarter. Several SFH (Smoke-Free Housing) complaints investigated.

Number of retail Inspections completed:

Complete: 27

Equity Narrative: The same protocol is followed for every retail store inspection - - driven by the POST retail store education form.

Progress Narrative: Stores were all basically compliant. No flavored products found. A few sign violations. No more-than-3% nicotine vapes found. No Newport Non-menthols. In addition to routine store inspections, every store in six communities was visited in December for retailer education regarding the new policy as well as new sign delivery - - a total of 122 stores. Also helped Bonny Carroll by conducting retailer education and sign delivery for twenty-two stores in Chelsea.

Number of compliance checks completed with youth buyers:

Complete: 238

Equity Narrative: The same protocol is followed for every compliance check - - driven by the POST Enforcement form.

Progress Narrative: Conducted more compliance checks than normal this quarter as I wanted to have current sales-to-minors data before the 1/1/25 NFG effective date in six communities. Compliance was excellent. Possibly because the youth buyers were teenagers - - 16, 17 and 18. Possibly because I have

made so many visits in the past six months. Or maybe they recognize my car, though I try to be discrete. Or they pick up on my youth buyers and are savvy enough to only sell to “known” youth. I mix up my visits – a male one time, a female the next. Afterschool, early evening, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, even holidays.

Number of follow-up visits conducted from violations of previous compliance checks or inspections:

Complete: 10

Equity Narrative: Since follow-ups are prescribed by the workplan there is no wiggle room to treat a minority owned stores (or minority employees) differently than other employees.

Progress Narrative: I am investigating the possible purchase of newer, easier to use translation devices though most owners and staff in my region speak English.

NOTES: In addition to MTCP off-site, Quarterly TFM meeting, Monthly MTCP/BOH calls, various local community meetings (monthly Coalition, monthly prevention partnership, quarterly social services networking lunch, quarterly HD update meetings, quarterly youth advisors’ meeting, etc.) I did a podcast for MMTV (Melrose Community TV) with State Rep Kate Lipper-Garabedian and also did a podcast with the Stoneham Public Health Nurse for Stoneham Cable TV. I met with six student nurses to explain tobacco prevention activities and policies. Along with Chris Banthin and Anthony Chou, I led an NFG workshop at the MHOA Conference in Springfield in November, which resulted in interest from some HD’s who admitted they were not really thinking about the policy before hearing our presentation. Also attended several interesting workshops/presentations including one by the Fall River Food Inspector who explained his

personal safety routine. Participated in, along with Adolis Ramos, Stoneham's School Safety Night. Answered questions from fellow Tobacco Program Managers and provided input to the NFG Guidance Doc recently released by MTCP. I've also provided NFG info to many of my colleagues and their HD's or Boards. Etc.

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