

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Jun 24, 2025 14:28:13.000000000 UTC
Subject: FW: NFG Survey - Town Follow Up
To: Anthony Ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com>

Hi Anthony,

I didn't see this email until after our call last evening. I apologized to Matt. We need to get him on our email distribution list.

From: Matthew Reynolds <mattrey97@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 6:18 PM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Cc: Anthony Ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: NFG Survey - Town Follow Up

Hi all,

I just wanted to check in to see if there was a meeting this evening/this week?
Apologies – I attempted to attend assuming it was at 6:15 using the Zoom link from last meeting, but it did not seem to work. I think I may not be on the email list so had not seen any updates.

Thanks so much and please let me know!
Matt

On Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 10:00 PM Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Matt, this we who should thank you.
While it would be great to have the data we recognize that there are protocols you have to follow.
We will wait for a bit to hear back and in the meantime be thinking about Plan B in case a Plan B is needed. We have some good info already.
Thank you!
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 13, 2025, at 6:10 PM, Matthew Reynolds
<mattrey97@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Anthony and Maureen,

Thank you so much for allowing me to attend Monday's meeting. I so greatly appreciated hearing more about the current state of NFG and the tremendous work that you and others are leading. I apologize for my delay in following up. I reached out to Dr. Winickoff after Monday's meeting and was hoping to hear back from him before reaching back out to you – I'm yet to hear back but will certainly keep you posted.

In short, I proposed to him the tentative plan we discussed – that you and others in the NFG group would reach out to those towns indicating

interest that you have personal connections to and that I would follow up with all other towns. I just need to clarify with him the data-sharing piece – in short, the wording of the IRB protocol states that survey data is to be kept within the study team and it is not clear to me how strictly we are defining "study team." It is of course my hope that I can share all of the data with you and the rest of the entire NFG group as it seems quite necessary – and our primary intent in gathering this data is that it be used for advocacy.

I will be sure to follow up in the coming days once I hear from him.

Thank you again,
Matt

On Sat, Jun 7, 2025 at 9:52 PM Anthony Ishak
<aishakpharmd@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Matt

I'm one of the primary organizers of this group so it would be helpful for me to have the list so I can update our Google Sheet and also for our meeting Monday. Also, I would like to again recommend that the survey be sent out to everyone as we have been losing ground to the opponents who are reaching out to towns/cities faster than we are. From the last survey data that was shared by Emara, we heard that one group has decided not to revisit NFG since they have done their update for the year.

If I get the list in time for Monday then I will incorporate it into the agenda otherwise our focus will be on Rockport preparation and learning from our 2 May municipal battles.

Anthony

Anthony Ishak Pharm.D. BCPS
he/his/him

On Monday, June 2, 2025 at 09:57:10 AM EDT, Buzby, Maureen
<mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Thank you, Matt, I believe our NFG Team is meeting next Monday evening (June 9th, virtually) and hopefully can use some of the meeting time to figure our next steps. I don't like to see too much time go by between when someone indicated "high interest" and when we follow up with them.

Best,

Maureen

From: Matthew Reynolds <mattrey97@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 7:42 PM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Cc: Chadwick, Ginny <ginnychadwick@brandeis.edu>;
silbaugh@bu.edu; Winickoff, Jonathan P., M.D.
<JWINICKOFF@mgh.harvard.edu>; Mark Gottlieb
<mark@phaionline.org>; Nabi, Emara <ENABI@mgh.harvard.edu>;
Jeffers, Abra Marie <AMJEFFERS@mgh.harvard.edu>; Hartman,
Lester <Lester.Hartman@childrens.harvard.edu>
Subject: Re: NFG Survey - Town Follow Up

Hi Maureen,

Thanks so much for your message and my sincere apologies for the slow reply. That certainly makes sense! Please let me know if it could be helpful for me and/or others to attend the meeting on June 9th – I would love to if possible.

I completely understand re: fluid situation and it is very encouraging to hear of all of the progress. We have now contacted almost every town in the state, but I suspect it will take a few rounds of contacts for more towns to reply. I realize that unfortunately prevents us from getting data from a single snapshot in time, but hope the data can still be helpful.

Thanks again,

Matt

On Tue, May 27, 2025 at 10:27 AM Buzby, Maureen
<mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Thanks for the email and for sharing the spreadsheet.

I think it would be a good idea for us to review these one-by-one at our next NFG Team Meeting (June

9th) and figure out what our next steps should be.

We don't want to let any of these - especially those with high interest - to slip through the cracks.

We may already be talking with or have some connection to some of the communities. I think we need to update the spreadsheet with current status, especially if one of us is already working with any of these municipalities. The survey was a snapshot in time and fortunately this is a fluid situation – meaning there may have been more progress in some than is indicated on this spreadsheet.

Others on this email may have other ideas.

Thanks again,

Maureen

From: Matthew Reynolds <mattrey97@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 3:29 PM
To: Chadwick, Ginny <ginnychadwick@brandeis.edu>; silbaugh@bu.edu; Winickoff, Jonathan P., M.D. <JWINICKOFF@mgh.harvard.edu>; Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>; Mark Gottlieb <mark@phaionline.org>; Klingbeil, Daniel <dklingbeil@bwh.harvard.edu>; Nabi, Emara <ENABI@mgh.harvard.edu>; Jeffers, Abra Marie <AMJEFFERS@mgh.harvard.edu>; Hartman, Lester <Lester.Hartman@childrens.harvard.edu>
Subject: NFG Survey - Town Follow Up

Hi Team,

I hope this message finds you well! For those of you I may not have had the opportunity to meet -- I'm Matt, a med student helping out Dr. Winickoff with the NFG survey planning and data collection.

I know Ginny suggested this earlier this month, but given we are now starting to accumulate survey responses, it would be terrific if we could begin sending info out to towns to help them in taking the next step. I would love to hear others' thoughts on the best way of strategically doing this. Perhaps we could start with sending out the FAQ, one-pager and sample regulations to interested towns and then request the opportunity to discuss further at a BOH meeting. If this is the strategy we ultimately decide to take, I'd be happy to put together that email for further review/edits. Let me know your thoughts and feel free to add anyone I may have missed to this thread!

I have attached a spreadsheet of the most recent response data. In the meantime, we will continue working on trying to gather as many survey responses as possible.

Thanks so much,

Matt Reynolds

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Matthew J. Reynolds

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