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Subject Re: Updates MA T/NFG Task Force

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Attached.

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On Wed, Jul 10, 2024 at 11:56 AM Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Not able to open the link. I'll go buy a copy. Thank you.
P.S. The reporter nicely emailed Anthony Chui and me to let us know the article was finally published.

From: Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 10:19 AM

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Today's Washington Post

**Some Massachusetts towns are trying to say
goodbye to tobacco — forever**

[washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com)

Sent from a handheld device

On Jul 4, 2024, at 5:30 PM, Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

Thanks this is great. I would benefit from this in the rest of my life!

Reminder that there are resources in this google drive folder, and anyone with this link can get in, to be shared with anyone asking for resources until we have the professional packet.

**MA NFG resources -
Google Drive**

<[drive_2022q3_32dp.png](https://drive.google.com/drive/2022q3_32dp.png)>

drive.google.com

Sent from a handheld device

On Jul 4, 2024, at 5:06 PM, Anthony Ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com> wrote:

I made a Trello board for us to track municipalities. We can keep it simple for now and add functions as people get used to it.

I made 3 columns: done (color scheme to make more friendly for color-blind), in-process, on-deck. You can assign people by choosing @ and typing name so as people register I'll add them to cards. When you click to edit the card you can add info. For now, let's just put dates and links. We can save the Google drive for actual documents. When we choose a date "due" it can send

reminders. For example I assigned a date of July 10@7pm for Newton since that is their next hearing. I think using this can help decrease email burden while allowing a snapshot of what we are covering. I think I'm limited to 250 cards so we are in good shape. Let's keep it limited to the working group for now.

<https://trello.com/invite/b/rg77VCVh/ATTI3f75814e324b3162285604f45f8c2defBD88FE83/municipal-tracker>

Anthony Ishak Pharm.D. BCPS

he/his/him

On Monday, July 1, 2024 at 11:14:04 AM EDT, Bonny Carroll <bcarroll@somervillema.gov> wrote:

Hi folks

The two updates I have now are:

Somerville Board of Health asked for more info about the New Zealand reversal of the ban, which I have provided. Now they are on vacation until September.

The Revere Health Director said she first spoke about it to the Mayor who is not in favor at the moment. Revere will soon open a cannabis shop or two and the mayor feels it could be a conflicting message.

Best

Bonny

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>

Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 10:34 AM

To: anthony ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com>; Tangri, Cherry <TangriC@worcesterma.gov>

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I plan to be on the call this evening but here are the updates (or non-updates) I can think of...

- . Honorable mention: **Peabody** 😊
- . We can provide an update on the **Everett** BOH meeting (6/24) unless everyone on this email already knows.
- . I think everyone is up-to-date on **Concord** (6/18).
- . Not sure if we've had an update meeting since I met with **Woburn** Mayor Callahan (6/19).
- . Had a long conversation with Wes Chin, **Belmont** Health Director. Hope to present to the Belmont BOH this month.
- . There may be a **Washington Post** article coming out soon – about NFG.
- . There also may be another **Boston Globe** article – mentioning the Everett BOH meeting but maybe even more focused on nicotine pouch use.
- . No update on **North Reading**.
- . **Chelsea**? We met with the Chelsea BOH back on 6/4. Don't know when their July meeting is. If they meet in July.
- . **Medford** – As you know, the BOH doesn't meet in July so the earliest they could vote is August. We can't provide additional "testimony", but we can provide the Health Director with any important updates which she may then decide to pass on to the Board before they meet to deliberate and vote. Actual updates. Similar to Mark updating Boards about

the SJC decision. We can dial into the August meeting. My understanding is they will go back to meeting virtually. Given the personalities I think we want to strategize carefully and really think about what would be helpful. And what wouldn't.

. **Newton?**

. And last but not least, **Worcester!** Very productive call with a big Worcester team (6/25). And since then I've shared a lot of information with Mattie Castiel, the Health and Human Services Commissioner. I'm sure they will have questions and be looking for additional information. I see Cherry is on this email. She may be able to provide additional insight.

Best regards to all,

Maureen

From: anthony ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2024 10:31 PM
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Subject: Re: Updates MA T/NFG Task Force

For Monday from me:

1. Needham update
2. Trello or organizational tool for workflow/ municipality status.

On Jun 24, 2024, at 9:19 AM, Tangri, Cherry
<TangriC@worcesterma.gov> wrote:

Hello all,

Worcester's meeting is set up for June 25th, 2 pm to meet with Malden and Winchester's Health Directors. Kate Silbaugh is also attending?

Cherry

From: Silbaugh, Katharine

<silbaugh@bu.edu>

Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2024 1:26 PM

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Our next meeting is:

July 1 at 6 PM: next MA N/TFG task force meeting

<https://bostonu.zoom.us/j/99426161255?pwd=Oa7akZEwzYtnzVouUGMuHZQHaU6pXD.1>

Reminder! EVERETT has an informational discussion tomorrow, **Monday, June 24 at 6:00 PM**. This is likely to be in person only, but Bonny checking. So far we have Mark, Anthony Ishak, confirmed, I'm assuming also Bonny and Maureen, possibly Anthony Chui? Link: <https://cityofeverett.com/events/board-of-health-06-24-24/>

Updates by municipality, corrections welcome:

Progressing:

1. **Medford** held public hearing **June 18**, will vote at their **August BOH meeting** (they don't meet in July)
2. **Concord** had a discussion **June 18** Mark and A Ishak were there—feedback?
3. **Newton:** calendared a discussion for **June 20** but has postponed (held), possibly until .. **July 10** meeting. She needs letters of support, both medical and citizen. Send them to the Programs and Services Committee - Newton City Council citycouncil@newtonma.gov . Winickoff letter (or phone call, honestly) needs to go to new councilor and retired pediatrician Alan Lobovitz.
4. **Woburn:** Maureen met with Mike Cocannon, new mayor. MacKenzie, the Woburn substance abuse prevention person in mayor's office just going out on parental leave. Mayor will check with his BOH to see if they are interested in NFG, he seems to be.
5. **Worcester:** Cherry Tangri setting up meeting to discuss the idea with city leaders.
6. **Belmont:** Wesley Chin, Belmont health director. Part of Norwood collaborative, which is without a tobacco control person at the moment. Wes is putting NFG on the BOH's **July meeting, not yet calendared**.
7. **Everett:** Everett Board of Health Monday, **June 24** at 6:00, initial presentation (Bonny Carroll). Anthony Ishak will attend, Mark Gottlieb also.

8. **Walpole:** we can reach out to the Walpole Health Director and/or Chair of Board of Health to see if they're considering this. Part of the Norwood collaborative.
Citizen/physician (pulmonologist)
Diane Stover-Pepe
stoverd@MSKCC.ORG wants to take the lead, wants help, Ishak offers to help.

Good targets--Where are we--these seemed to be in the hopper but do we have more information?

1. **Chelsea:** hasn't set hearing date?
2. **Somerville:** we last heard landscape is good, are there action steps?
3. **Needham:** A Ishak and Mark had contacts to get the ball rolling?
4. **Revere:** ? this mattered to Chelsea
5. **Harvard:** Winickoff knew someone?

Media: Joanna Slater of WaPo interviewed Maureen Buzby and Anthony Chui

KBS: episode came out, it covered Reading hearing

Thanks all, you'll get a reminder July 1, just wanted to capture what's been happening. I'm out of town for the summer now so can only do this.

Best, Kate.

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