

## **Responses to “Other Comments”:**

- Provide more information to town residents about the scope of the problem and what services are available.
- Depending upon the settlement amount, my suggestion is to create a Basic First Aid or Life Saving Services program for town residents and students.
- We should be allocating funds to prevention and psycho education for our high school community members who are vulnerable.
- Provide cash to families of opioid death.
- Save money until we see if there is a greater need in the future in opioid problems.
- I have concerns about a house on a nearby street that is going door to door trying to sell prescription medication among other drugs. I think some increased police presence would be beneficial to the area given how it is to the Sweetsir School (Nichols Street).  
\*\*this looks to be in Merrimac\*\*
- As a non-profit worker reaching a hard-to-reach population, we've had success pitching Narcan as an item that should be in your first aid kit. You and your team could benefit from other non-stigmatizing forms of outreach education.
- Money should go to schools.
- I have no personal experience and therefore don't feel that I'm really in a place to provide serious suggestions for best use of funds. However, I am a parent to young children, and I am very aware that addiction can impact anyone from all walks of life. If additional focused education targeting younger and future generations might reduce or prevent others from experiencing it in the future, that would seem like a good use for some of the funds (similar to a DARE program).
- Educating the public on how we got here is very important. Oxycontin was not approved in Europe, and for good reason. We need sensible government regulation to keep citizens safe from corporate greed and recklessness. If people don't understand this, the cycle will be perpetuated.
- Teaching at risk YOUTH about the risks of taking anything not prescribed as well as the risks of taking prescribed addictive medications. What alternatives might be available should you need take a prescribed medication and what to be aware of to avoid dependency.
- Up to date lists for local health care providers.
- Counseling services readily available.
- Do not use this money directly on law enforcement resources or training. Ideally, we bundle to small amount with Groveland and Merrimac and do strong data-driven, best practices, prevention education and intervention.

- Family safety series: Opioids/Resources/Narcan use/drug security and disposal/CPR class/fire safety/ponds/ice safety/animal safety/etc. Teach whole family, not just adults.  
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- Continuing to reduce stigma, but also holding addicts responsible for their behavior.
- I believe that the best use of abatement funds will be to bolster local services and school-based prevention and outreach as outreach programming in youth behavioral health is facing significant cuts.
- There needs to be a safety net for those with drug addiction. Programs are prohibitively expensive.
- Educate early and often in elementary school.
- Teach students how to effectively resolve conflicts not just calm down techniques. Students also need to be held accountable for their actions from the time they enter school – developing personal accountability and responsibility for our actions and consequences is a vital life skill that is not being taught to students.
- Stop calling addictions disorders
- This makes it sound like a small thing. An addiction will alter or destroy someone's life. Hard truths need to be told.
- We need more halfway houses. As a case manager we see really long wait times for halfway housing due to a lack of available beds.
- Encourage more public education and talk about how to use Narcan to students at Pentucket Schools as well as parents.
- I think if the town can use some of the funds to better equip or update the ambulance or fire trucks it would be a win – win for all residents as well as people who are dealing with opioid issues. Additionally funding to put support equipment into police vehicles would be important as the officers are usually the first to arrive on scene.