

Opioid Abatement Projects:

Project Title/Name	Description
Medication disposal	<p>The Town purchased at-home medication disposal products, Dispose Rx to reduce of overdose by safely disposing unused/unwanted prescription or over the counter medication in Weymouth homes. This program is targeted at individuals aged 65+.</p> <p>The Town purchased at-home medication disposal products to reduce the risk of having unused/unwanted prescription or over the counter medication in Weymouth homes. These envelopes can be filled with over the counter or prescription pills and capsules and put in the mail. They are shipped to a disposal facility to be destroyed. The target demographic of this project is any Weymouth resident interested in reducing the amount of unused medications in their homes.</p>
Bay State Community Services	<p>Continued operations of BSCS harm-reduction drop-in center, Impact Weymouth. Target audience is individuals who are in recovery, actively using substances, or want to find support for their loved one. Programmatic goals include increasing outreach to Weymouth residents who are actively using substances and greatly increase harm reduction services.</p> <p>Weymouth Prevention Alliance was able to utilize some abatement funds to send our youth intern to CADCA in MD.</p>
<p>Screenagers: Under the Influence</p> <p>Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition</p> <p>South Shore Cinema</p>	<p>Screenagers; In coordination with Weymouth Public Schools. Weymouth aired Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age, and Screenagers: The Elementary Edition. Target demographics include middle and high school students and their parents. This prevention strategy aimed to increase parental knowledge of technology and the impacts on youth mental health. The move</p>

	was shown at The Cameo, a quaint movie theatre in Weymouth.
United Communities	United Communities provides community mental health and substance use prevention workshops to the non-English speaking population of Weymouth. The target demographic includes individuals with LEP. These workshops aim to address the stigma associated with mental health and substance use within the target demographic.
Recovered Souls	Recovered Souls manages the Town's Sober Home Scholarship Fund. These funds seek to support individuals aged 18+ who are looking for support to transition to sober living. Through the implementation of this project, the Town aims to provide stability and access to housing to those early in their recovery journey.
South Shore Health	South Shore Health (SSH) received support for the opening of their new day Treatment program. SSH continues to provide evidence-based SUD treatment programs for Weymouth and surrounding communities.
RAZ Inc.	Provided transportation to those in recovery allowing them to access methadone treatments, primary care, and other essential care services needed to maintain recovery. This small project began in the HEALing Communities Study and was supported briefly through the Town's abatement funds.
JSI Research	The Town of Weymouth contracted JSI to implement the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). The survey was implemented to all students at Chapman Middle School and Weymouth High School. The updated data from this survey will allow the Town and coalition to tailor prevention messages and strategies most relevant to Weymouth youth.

Narrative:

Question 1:

Although plenty of direct expenditures have occurred; there has been significant foundational progress made to strengthen Weymouth opioid abatement strategy and ensure equitable, evidence-based use of settlement funds including community engagement and coordination by disseminating surveys and conducting stakeholder interviews to identify needs. Recently, the Town has developed an updated Opioid Settlement Funds Policy. Weymouth continuously engages in public awareness and engagement by integrating abatement messaging into existing public health outreach within community events including the Weymouth Prevention Alliance programs, Walk for Hope and Recovery Festival and Community Overdose Vigil.

Question 2:

The Town of Weymouth has invested its opioid settlement funds in programs that expand access to treatment, recovery, and harm reduction. This includes funding for a new day treatment facility, a harm reduction drop-in center, sober home scholarships, and recovery education for residents with limited English proficiency. These initiatives strengthen our local system of care and promote equitable, community-driven recovery supports.