



**Care Massachusetts
The Opioid Abatement
Partnership**

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Background: Care Massachusetts

Care Massachusetts is working collaboratively with cities and towns across the state to take action to end the overdose crisis.

We provide resources and technical assistance with:

- Connecting municipalities with the people most impacted by the overdose epidemic
- Promoting the selection and implementation of proven public health strategies
- Educating the public on the source and purpose of the funds
- Facilitating collaboration across municipalities



OFFICE HOURS

**Municipal Sharing Session: Planning
Process Successes, Challenges, and
Examples**

7/18/2024



Objectives and Agenda

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- ❑ Share successes and challenges to using abatement funds with their peers
- ❑ Identify strategies used by peers which may be useful to their municipality or intermunicipal group

- New Bedford's experience
- Open sharing opportunity
- Question and answer



NEW BEDFORD

Karen MacDonald, Public Health
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Peer Sharing

- ❑ What is your name and your role?
- ❑ What municipality/municipalities do you represent?
- ❑ What is your municipal group's current status in using the funds?
- ❑ What have been some key successes? Do you have resources or guidance which may be helpful to others?
- ❑ What have been some key challenges? Have you been able to overcome them?
 - If so, how?
 - If not, what additional support and information do you need?
- ❑ How are you ensuring that equity is centered in your planning efforts?



Questions and Answers

- ❑ How did you get started utilizing your funds?
- ❑ How successful have community surveys and community meetings been in your municipality/municipalities?
- ❑ How have you involved non-profits in your community in your planning processes?
- ❑ What is the best way to help formerly addicted people stay in recovery?



Questions?



Next Steps

- ❑ **Upcoming Care Massachusetts Events:**
 - Office Hours: Expenditure Reporting - August 29th 2pm
Register [here](#)
- ❑ **Other Relevant Events**
 - Addiction Policy Forum [Criminal Justice Leaders - Responding to Addiction](#) - July 26th 12-3pm
 - National Association of County and City Officials (NACCHO) [Street Medicine and Harm Reduction: Meeting People Where They're At](#) - July 30th 3pm
- ❑ [Previous office hours slides and recordings](#)
- ❑ [Request individualized technical assistance](#)
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