



## **TOWN OF BROOKLINE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

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To: Melissa Goff, Deputy Town Administrator  
From: Sigalle Reiss, Director of Public Health & Human Services  
Date: August 30, 2022  
Re: Proposed use of Opioid Settlement Funds

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The Public Health & Human Services Department is proposing using the Opioid Settlement funds to prevent misuse of opioids and implement prevention programs and harm reduction strategies in accordance with the Massachusetts Abatement Terms.

These funds will advance the work of the department's substance use prevention division, including developing a community substance use prevention coalition. Rebuilding Brookline's community coalition will engage a robust, multi-sector coalition of stakeholders in developing and implementing the strategic plan to prevent substance use. The funds will support the coalition implementation of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [Strategic Prevention Framework](#). Examples of coalition work could include creating positive social norms campaigns around youth substance use, promoting healthy decisions among youth, parent skills training on talking to a child about substance use, and harm reductions strategies like Naloxone training and distribution. The programs and actions implemented will be driven by the SPF, an engaged coalition, evaluation of existing programs and services, identified risk factors and protective factors specifically in Brookline.