



**Easthampton Healthy Youth Coalition**  
**Policy/Systems Change Work Group MINUTES**  
**March 2, 2015 at EHS 4-5:30**

Topic/Goal/Strategies	Description/Action	Who leads/Next Steps/By Whom/When
Welcome	<p><i>Present: Don Gallagher (NWDA), Jeff Harness (Cooley Hospital), Michele Komosa Lois Levin (Bay State/parent) (MTCP/tobacco), Ruth Ever (staff)</i></p> <p><i>Regrets: Mayor Cadiuex, Chris Langelier (Treehouse), Officer Al Schadel</i></p>	<p>Who's missing that could be invited?            Chamber of commerce, health agent or board of health, Mary Kersell, Rep. Humason and other elected officials</p>
<p><u>Align work with Action Plan</u></p> <p>Review of guidelines, expectations from funder, goals of coalition</p>	<p>Discussed all this. This workgroup is focused on policy which easily fits with funder's expectations.</p>	<p>Ruth will email all the papers out to everyone for review.</p>
<p><b><u>Reduce Youth Substance Use:</u></b></p> <p>Review possible topics/actions to take on:            Tobacco            Marijuana            Alcohol            Heroin/prescription drugs</p>	<p><b>Tobacco:</b> agreed it's worth exploring raising age to 21 for tobacco and marijuana. Recent passage in South Hadley, Montague, Leverett and many other towns makes it viable and serious. Greenfield has hearings on March 11. Our current ordinance does not address age, environmental smoke, flavor bans (like in blunt wraps, for vaping, etc). There is a doctor from Eastern MA, Dr. Hartman who speaks to this all over state on the 21 age issue, as well as Mary Kersell locally. This issue will also include marijuana, if it is a referendum in 2016.</p> <p><u>Process steps for 21 issue:</u>            Review the ordinance; establish wording for new one; gauge support/interest from health agent and BOH members; promote</p>	<p>Talk to Mary Kersell to get more info, and sample ordinances on 21.</p> <p>Set up a meeting with our health agent, Jackie Duda to test waters for 21 with our BOH.</p> <p>Review the exact wording we currently have to see what might need to be</p>

	<p>awareness of it; provide education and strategies before and after passage incl. talking with BOH, collaboration with SADD and their work in this area. ID supporters and also barriers.</p> <p><b>Marijuana:</b> do our current ordinances include <i>any</i> smoked device? Should wording be changed/addended?</p> <p>Possible presenters on MJ and teen brain include Dr. Susan Andersen and Dr. Jennifer Michaels. Mary Lou Sudders is holding Listening Sessions on Opioid issue, incl. one in Greenfield on 3/19 from 4-6 pm.</p> <p><b>Alcohol:</b> this group can help prioritize which checks to do—purchase surveys (using young adults 21-23 to legally purchase but see if ID gets checked), compliance checks (minors attempt to purchase), shoulder tap surveys (minors stand in parking lot and try to get people to buy for them), sticker shock (putting stickers on 6-packs, etc to remind people not to buy for minors). Officer Al and Ruth are planning to do an informal survey of package stores and alcohol serving restaurants/bars to see how many staff are already certified and how often and when they did the program, etc.</p>	<p>changed to include MJ.</p>
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