

2017 Substance Abuse Task Force Report for the 2014-2019 Action Plan

Health Factor II: 25	Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Use Prevention	Smoking, prescription and illegal drug use		Goal:	Reduced smoking rates, less drug or alcohol addiction, fewer overdoses	
Problem Area	Strategic Goal	Strategy	Activity	Resources	Measures	Achieved
Opioid overdose deaths are rising	Reduce opioid overdoses and deaths resulting by making Narcan more readily available	Permit law enforcement officers to carry Narcan kits and train in its administration	Equip and train local law enforcement officers	State funding provided through Seven Hills	Number of officers trained	Count of officers trained
17: Both hospitals distribute Narcan kits to users and family members. Fall River Police officers carry Narcan kits and have been trained in their use.						

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Problem Area	Strategic Goal	Strategy	Activity	Resources	Measures	Achieved
Opioid overdose deaths are rising	Expand drug courts in Fall River	Fund and authorize a drug court in Fall River	Secure funding and authorization	State funding for a local drug court	Drug court operational	Evidence of drug court operations
17: Drug court operates in Fall River through current funding and training has been provided for probation officers.						

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Problem Area	Strategic Goal	Strategy	Activity	Resources	Measures	Achieved
Opiod overdose deaths are rising	Begin substance abuse prevention efforts in Somerset, Swansea and Westport.	Offer SADD programs to reach youth in Somerset, Swansea and Westport	Arrange and provide educational presentations in youth agencies and schools	BSAS funding through a variety of local grants	Number of educational presentation	Count of presentations
17: A SADD group is currently operation in Westport but has been tabled in Somerset and Swansea.						

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Problem Area	Strategic Goal	Strategy	Activity	Resources	Measures	Achieved
Track substance abuse related problems in surrounding towns	Administer the YRBS in Somerset, Swansea and Westport	Work with local school committees and town councils to ensure funding and administration	Run a YRBS and Youth Health Survey in all public schools	Grant funding and support from Partners if needed	Offer YRBS and YHS in each school at least every other year	Evidence of surveys offered
17: Attempts to secure funding for YRBS have not been productive. Plans are in place to secure federal funding.						

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Problem Area	Strategic Goal	Strategy	Activity	Resources	Measures	Achieved
Tobacco use is high among youth	Provide compliance checks of vendors in all area towns	Provide ongoing "stings" in each of the four towns	Provide random compliance checks of all area tobacco vendors	BSAS funding through a variety of local grants	Compliance checks administered among local tobacco vendors	Number of compliance checks; number of violations and Board of Health sanctions
<p>17: Compliance checks are directed by the State. All retailers get one check for an alternative tobacco product (this year it was flavord cigars). 50% of retailers received cigarette checks and violators were rechecked. Sales are down in all communities except Taunton. No BSAS funds were received.</p>						

Health Factor II: 30	Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Use Prevention	Smoking, prescription and illegal drug use		Goal:	Reduced smoking rates, less drug or alcohol addiction, fewer overdoses	
Problem Area	Strategic Goal	Strategy	Activity	Resources	Measures	Achieved
Tobacco use is high among youth	Provide compliance checks of vendors in all area towns	Increase uniformity of compliance checks across the four towns	Work with Boards of Health and Selectmen to create uniform procedures	BSAS funding through a variety of local grants	Compliance checks administered among local tobacco vendors	Number of compliance checks; number of violations and Board of Health sanctions
<p>17: Somerset enacted a comprehensive policy after three public hearings where no retailers attended, despite notice. After the policy went into effect, retailers complained and regulation was rescinded. Westport is now working on new regulations with a new Board of Health. No BSAS funds were received.</p>						

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Problem Area	Strategic Goal	Strategy	Activity	Resources	Measures	Achieved
Tobacco use is high among youth	Increase educational offerings to youth	Establish The84.org chapters in all four towns	Work with local schools to create organizations	BSAS funding through a variety of local grants; Partners funding if needed; Life together fellows	The number of The84.org chapters established	Count of The84.org chapters
<p>17: The Department of Public Health has no sanctioned educational programs for youth regarding tobacco use. Fall River had an 84 Chapter last year but not this year. There is a chapter in Westport.</p>						