

Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund DPH Listening Sessions

Southeast Region

7/17/2013 10 am—12 pm
Fairfield Inn & Suites
185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford

Boston Region

7/17/2013 3 pm—5 pm
Boston Public Library, Commonwealth Salon
McKim Building, 700 Boylston Street, Boston
(enter on Dartmouth St.)

Western Region

7/18/2013 10 am—12 pm
Holyoke Community College, Kittredge Center Chevron
Room, 303 Homestead Avenue, Holyoke

Central Region

7/18/2013 3 pm—5 pm
College of the Holy Cross, Hogan Conf Center
One College Street, Room 410, Worcester

These listening sessions are designed as a forum for municipalities, healthcare systems, businesses, regional planning organizations, and schools to provide input before the Request for Response (RFR) is drafted. DPH is seeking input on a number of specific issues and hope to receive your opinion on the following:

- Qualifications used to select communities
- Necessary partnerships to achieve cost savings
- Realistic goals
- Infrastructure necessary for communities to apply for grants
- Number of municipalities needed to allow communities to learn from one other
- Adapting the application process for smaller or rural communities
- Assistance needed from DPH for evaluation of local initiatives
- Additional ideas and items to consider

If you are unable to attend, written comments and feedback are equally valued by DPH and can be submitted via email to Benjamin.Kingston@state.ma.us

PWTF Background Information

Chapter 224, enacted by the Massachusetts legislature in July 2012, authorizes \$60 million be allocated to the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund (PWTF) over four years. At least 75% of these funds are to be distributed to community-based partnerships including municipalities, healthcare systems, businesses, regional planning organizations, and schools. The goal is for these groups to work together to provide research-based interventions that will:

- reduce rates of the most prevalent and preventable health conditions;
- increase healthy behaviors;
- increase the adoption of workplace-based wellness or health management programs;
- address health disparities.

DPH is dedicated to engaging stakeholders to obtain community input for writing the RFR to distribute funds from the PWTF. To that end, DPH is considering several important issues to assure that municipalities and their regional healthcare systems work together to create a shared responsibility to prevent and control chronic disease in their community.



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