NASHOBA HEALTH EQUITY PARTNERSHIP

POST-LAUNCH: NEXT STEPS

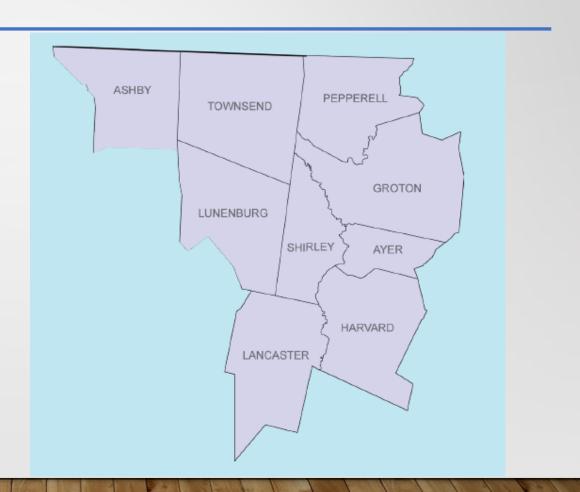






THIS PRESENTATION

- Summary of the launch event
- Next steps
- Resources



NASHOBA HEP LAUNCH ON 12/4/25

- Representatives from The Health Equity Partnership of North Central MA (CHNA9), Nashoba
 Associated Boards of Health (NABH), UMass Memorial Health (UMMH), & the Health Foundation of
 Central MA (THFCM) shared what has recently been done in the Nashoba Region to collect information
 about public health issues and address social determinants of health
- Introduced the new concept of micro-coalitions of the Health Equity Partnership of North Central Mass
- Nashoba Health Equity Partnership is the first micro-coalition to launch
- Break-out groups brainstormed more resources and items to address their community's selected areas
 of need
- Thank you to everyone who participated!

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Current Initiatives:

CHNA9 Youth Advisory Council; Training Active
Bystanders; School surveys; school-based mental health
services; prevention/diversion programs



Breakout Group Additions:

Homecare; more resources needed for non-crisis;
 central resource list would be useful; PPAL; Community
 Healthlink mobile crisis intervention team; youth
 mental health first aid training



SOCIAL ISOLATION, AGING POPULATION, & DIGITAL EQUITY

- Current Initiatives:
 - Telehealth Hubs; Age-Friendly Master Plan
- Breakout Group Additions:
 - Groton Hill Music; MA Coalition to Build Community & End Loneliness;
 Making Opportunity Count (MOC); Libraries; Department of Developmental
 Services (DDS); Department of Mental Health (DMH); Faith Communities;
 More education & awareness initiatives; Considering the affordability & accessibility of resources; Councils On Aging (COAs); Adult Day Health Care;
 Rotary Clubs, WHEAT & other food pantries; Schools; Department of Housing & Community Development; North Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG)



HEALTHCARE ACCESS

Current Initiatives:

- Standalone Emergency Facility (SEF) in Groton;
 Telehealth Hubs; Diagnostic services; Community EMS (Harvard); Ayer Library Health Connector Specialist
- Breakout Group Additions:
 - FindHelp.com; SHINE Counselors; "How would we pay the EMT for Community EMS?"; "How would we recruit people for Community EMS?"





HOLISTIC COMMUNITY PLANNING (NUTRITION ACCESS, WALKABILITY, HOUSING, NATURAL RESOURCE PRESERVATION, TRANSPORTATION)

Current Initiatives:

Transportation Management Association (TMA); Regional Coordinating Council (RCC);
 Funding for Ayer COA driver; Sen. Eldridge's earmark funds; micro-transit
 demonstration projects; regional food center; Complete Streets projects; Community
 Preservation Act; MBTA Communities; Accessory Dwelling Units

Breakout Group Additions:

Growing Places; Ag-World Farms (Aggregators, delivery to food pantries, local farms);
 Townsend Ecumenical Outreach; Town planners/local government; affording housing ie
 NewVue Communities; Housing Authority/task force; local developers;
 navigation/resource hubs; Homecare AFC; Aging services; walkability; Groton Trails
 Committee; Nashoba Watershed



NEXT STEPS

- Meetings for the individual working groups will be scheduled for January/February, based on the availability of members
 - All working groups have fluid, voluntary membership
 - Feel free to invite others, share this information, or join more than one working group yourself if desired
- Group meeting in March for the entire coalition, to summarize what's happened so far and work out next steps
- Nashoba HEP is looking for 2 Resident Leaders, paid positions that will help facilitate working groups and be leaders for this local coalition

RESOURCES

- Nashoba Valley Working Group report
 - https://www.mass.gov/doc/nashoba-valley-health-planning-working-group-report-pdf/download
- NABH Community Health Assessment
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/IqaSI8hH0iCi4rblfr43F4RAT-9WbdBmD/view
- Health Equity Partnership of North Central Mass (CHNA9)'s website
 - https://chna9.org/
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health website
 - https://www.nashoba.org/