PRESS RELEASE

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MEDFIELD OUTREACH EXPANDS SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES WITH OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Thanks to funding received through the Massachusetts State Subdivision agreement for statewide opioid settlement, Medfield Outreach is expanding services and deepening their commitment to the well-being of Medfield Residents. As a result of a national settlement with Opioid distributors, the Commonwealth and its cities and towns began receiving payments in 2022. Participants in the State Subdivision Agreement must use the funds within 7 abatement strategies put forth by the Commonwealth and they include: treatment for opioid use disorder, support for people in treatment and recovery, harm reduction, connections to care, meeting the needs of justice involved individuals, support for parenting and pregnant individuals and their children, and prevention and prevention education.

This past year Medfield Outreach partnered with the SAFE Coalition in Franklin to conduct a community wide survey to hear from residents. Medfield Outreach hosted a stakeholder meeting and held 3 listening sessions aimed at giving people with lived and living experience a voice in the process. These conversations helped shape next steps and ensure that Medfield Outreach's response is informed by those most impacted. The community survey results can be found on Medfield Outreach's website.

Medfield Outreach's Prevention & Recovery Coordinator, Kim Norgren, will coordinate the response efforts and serve as a resource for individuals and families affected by SUD/OUD. Medfield Outreach will be offering free Narcan training and virtual meet and greet appointments.

Medfield Outreach remains committed to working closely with town departments, schools, and community leaders to ensure that our efforts are collaborative and impactful. We welcome your feedback, ideas, and participation. If you have any questions or suggestions, or are looking for support, please contact Medfield Outreach: medfieldoutreach@medfield.net, 508-359-7121