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**Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance (QHSUA)**

***Our mission is to work collaboratively to prevent and reduce substance misuse, especially among youth; to break down stigma associated with substance use disorder; to reduce health problems resulting from substance use disorder; to contribute to community efforts to expand access to treatment services, and to value all pathways to recovery.***

**Monthly Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022**

**9:00 am to 10:30 am**

**Agenda**

**A. Welcome, Introductions, Zoom “etiquette”, Welcome to our new members!**

**B. Updates on QHSUA & Partner Activities**

* Mobile Harm Reduction in Belchertown & Ware
* Introduction of Naomi Ward as the new full-time Drug Free Communities (DFC) Project Director; DFC project serves Ware, West Brookfield & Warren
* Looking to hire a half-time (20 hours per week) DFC Community Engagement Coordinator

**C. Group Discussion & Input Gathering with Jamboard:** Hampden County opioid overdose prevention/reduction and stigma reduction project; QHSUA getting funding from the National Association of City and County Health Officers (NACCHO), Hampden County DA, and Public Health Institute of Western Mass

**D. May is Mental Health Month;** QHSUA activities for the month; other agencies activities

**E. Update from Ware Regional Recovery Center**

**F. Update from the HEALing Communities Study (Ware & Belchertown)**

**G. Call to Action Requests**

* Authors for Ware River News/Turley Publications articles each month
* Volunteers to be trained as Narcan trainers for NACCHO project
* Ideas to mark the 8th anniversary of the Alliance founding in July 2022?

**H. Brief updates from local services & programs**

**Next QHSUA monthly meeting date: June 13, 2022.**

**Co-chairs of Pioneer Valley Coalition for Suicide Prevention will be guest speakers**

**QHSUA serves the towns of Barre; Belchertown; Brimfield; Brookfield; East Brookfield; Hardwick; Holland; Hubbardston; Monson; New Braintree; North Brookfield; Oakham; Palmer; Spencer; Wales; Ware; Warren; and West Brookfield.**