

# MIM/Healthy Wey Coalition Meeting

Meeting date: November 14, 2023

Time: 9:30-10:30am

Meeting location: Tufts Library Room 133

Meeting purpose: Quarterly Coalition Update - Community Conversation

TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
9:30am	Networking & Connection	
9:35am	Introductions	Coalition Members
9:40am	Healthy Wey/MIM Community Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mapping Weymouth's Landscape<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Food Access</li><li>◦ Language Access</li></ul></li></ul>	Teryn
10:15am	Community Partner Updates	Coalition Members
10:25am	Wrap-up / Final comments	Coalition Members



# Meeting Notes, August 22, 2023

TOPIC	NOTES
<p>Healthy Wey/MIM Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FY24 Strategies<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Food Access</li><li>◦ Language Access</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><b>Food Access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increasing need seen across all orgs around food security (Wellspring &amp; Weymouth Food Pantry [WFP])</li><li>• WFP has seen level of need double since 2020 - which was double 2019 #s. Have broken single day records 2 of the most recent Saturdays - 184 families</li><li>• WFP 20-30% demographic shift, now serving 49% diverse population</li><li>• How to best meet these needs NOW?</li></ul> <p><b>Language Access</b></p> <p><b>-(NEW MIM FY24 strategy - addressing growing need of diverse, non-English population in Weymouth and how to best connect them to Food Access points and ALL services offered in our Town and community. Working with all MIM partners and MAPC Language Access Project as additional partners and support.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weymouth non-English language breakdown/needs:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2% Spanish, 4% Asian, 8% Indo-European</li><li>• Working with Housing and Grant Writer to combine efforts on other/existing language access needs and requirements (Town needs to develop a Limited English Proficiency Plan [LEP] in accordance with federal regulations for housing)</li><li>• Need for on-site translation options</li><li>• WFP is seeing 40% non-English (highest are Portuguese then Russian)</li><li>• In the moment translation options to explore: staff training (WFP Rosetta Stone for Staff), pocket translators, outlook translation widget</li><li>• Rob shared <a href="#">BPL materials</a> on Lang Access</li><li>• Gena shared the program WPS using for Lang Access</li></ul></li></ul>

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Community Partner Updates	<p><b>Weymouth Prevention Alliance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overdose Remembrance Vigil 8/31 @ Bradhaves Park</li><li>• Walk for Hope &amp; Recovery Festival 9/23</li><li>• Upcoming community initiatives for SAMBOXes (naloxone boxes)</li><li>• Opioid Abatement Funds have supported 18 individuals accessing Sober Home support through Recovered Souls Foundation</li><li>• Keryn is also our Behavioral Health Care Collaborative Coordinator and can support individuals in need of housing, transportation, other needs (currently has 7 clients)</li></ul> <p><b>Planning Dept./Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore funding around transportation services to better support the needs for those with mobility issues (outside of Elder Service Dept offerings)</li><li>• Lottery info shared for Vault 88 low income units at new building</li></ul> <p><b>Weymouth Food Pantry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increasing stress level of clients and staff around upcoming election cycles. Wondering if any support would be available around anxiety/coping and community norms - Will share resources</li></ul> <p><b>Conservation Dept.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updating the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Planning 2.0 (MVP 2.0) - grant for municipalities to revisit their climate resilience priorities with a focus on equity and translate those priorities into action (<a href="#">Link here</a>). <i>*Interesting opportunity and collaboration with HW &amp; Conservation*</i></li></ul> <p><b>Libraries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jon from Holly Hill doing 3 fall planting/gardening workshops again (<a href="#">Sept Sign Up</a>)</li></ul> <p><b>Wellspring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eastern Nazarene Immigrant Welcome Center (<a href="#">Article</a>)</li></ul>