

SUPPORT THE PREVENTION & WELLNESS TRUST FUND

Please Support S643/H2480 by Senators Lewis, Chandler and Welch and Representatives Vega and Chan



The Prevention & Wellness Trust Fund (PWTF) has increased access to preventive services for nearly 1 million people across every region of the Commonwealth. PWTF invests in evidence-based community interventions that keep residents healthy and safe and is helping to transform the linkages between clinical care and community-based services. The first program of its kind in the country, PWTF has been recognized as a national model. Funding for PWTF will sunset in mid-2017 without action from the Legislature.

Independent Evaluation Finds Promising Results, Supports Further Investment

An independent evaluator found promising results on health impacts, cost effectiveness, potential for cost savings, and systems innovation – and concluded that the program warrants further investment. The Prevention & Wellness Advisory Board—which includes representatives of consumers, insurers, hospitals, municipalities, business, researchers, and others - recommends continued funding.



Community Interventions To Tackle Root Causes of Poor Health & Health Inequities

Preventable health conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and substance use disorders continue to rise, consuming 86% of national health care costs. The result is shorter lives, lower quality of life, reduced workplace productivity, and missed school days. Lower income communities and communities of color are impacted the most. Tackling these challenges requires robust investment in community prevention.

Essential Partner in Successful Health Care Transformation

PWTF brings evidence-based interventions to scale and evaluates their impact, providing crucial lessons for MassHealth and accountable care organizations as they seek to improve care at lower cost. PWTF also addresses community factors that lead to poor health – supporting ACOs to take on financial risk by tackling major cost drivers.



Small Investment, Major Impact

A small assessment on health care payers can impact millions of Massachusetts residents, with financial benefits for payers, businesses, government, and families. SD1482/HD2638 funds PWTF at \$33 million annually through an assessment of roughly one-seventh of one-percent of payers' health care costs.

Continued Funding Supported by Health Care, Municipal, Social Service, and Community Leaders

Hundreds of civic leaders have called for continued funding for PWTF, from large hospitals and health systems to small community based-organizations, from health policy leaders to labor leaders, and from business leaders to elder service providers. Mayors from Boston to Pittsfield also support future funding.

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PREVENTION TRUST COALITION

(as of October 2017)

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| Action for Boston Community Development | Holyoke Public Schools |
| Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs | Holyoke YMCA |
| Berkshire County Boards of Health Association | Hudson Health Department |
| Berkshire Family YMCA | Immigrants' Assistance Center, Inc. |
| Berkshire Health System | Latino Health Insurance Program |
| Berkshire Public Health Alliance | Lynn Community Health Center |
| Berkshire Regional Planning Commission | Lynn Health Department |
| Boston Senior Home Care | Manet Community Health Center |
| Berkshire South Regional Community Center | Massachusetts Association for Mental Health |
| Boston Public Health Commission | Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers |
| Bowdoin Street Health Center | The Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics |
| City of Boston Elderly Commission | Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless |
| Codman Square Health Center | Massachusetts Medical Society |
| Community Action of the Franklin, Hampshire & North Quabbin Regions | Massachusetts Public Health Association |
| Community Health Center of Cape Cod | Metropolitan Area Planning Council |
| Community Health Center of Franklin County | Metrowest YMCA |
| Community Nurse Home Care | New Bedford Health Department |
| DotHouse Health | Northern Berkshire Community Coalition |
| Duffy Health Center | Organization of Nurse Leaders |
| Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center | Partners for a Healthier Community |
| Elder Services of Berkshire County | Quincy Health Department |
| Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands | River Valley Counseling Center, Inc. |
| Elder Services of Merrimack Valley | South Shore Elder Services |
| Ethos | South Shore YMCA |
| Enhance Asian Community on Health | Springfield Food Policy Council |
| Family Health Center of Worcester | Tri-Town Health Department |
| Gloucester Health Department | UMass Memorial Health Care |
| Greater Boston Interfaith Organization | Volunteers in Medicine |
| Greater Lowell Health Alliance | VNA of Cape Cod |
| Harbor Health Services, Inc. - Hyannis | Western Area Massachusetts Dietetic Association |
| Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center | Western Massachusetts Physicians Associates |
| Health Care For All | Western Massachusetts Health Equity Network |
| Health Resources in Action | Weymouth Health Department |
| Healthy Living Center of Excellence | YMCA Cape Cod |
| Heywood Healthcare | YMCA Southcoast |
| Holyoke Health Center | |
| Holyoke Medical Center | |