The Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund (PWTF) of Massachusetts is a first-in-the-nation effort to improve health outcomes by combining public health and health care strategies.

Established by the state legislature through Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, PWTF received $60 million over four years, through funding from an assessment of health insurers and large hospital systems. The Quincy Weymouth Wellness Initiative, coordinated by Manet Community Health Center, received $5.2 million as one of nine partnerships across the Commonwealth.

THE NEED
Preventable and chronic health conditions continue to climb. Furthermore, health care inequities based on race, income, and geography are a persistent challenge. Quincy and Weymouth communities adjoin each other and share many cultural and social assets, institutions, and aspirations. They are also home to some of Massachusetts’ most vulnerable and high-risk individuals and families.

PWTF leverages a network of health care providers, community-based organizations, residents, leaders, and existing initiatives to bring a comprehensive approach to the prevention and management of hypertension, falls in older adults, tobacco use, diabetes, and substance use disorders.

CLINICAL PARTNERS
- Manet Community Health Center
- South Shore Hospital
- Granite Medical Group

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- Bay State Community Services, Inc.
- Enhancing Asian Community on Health (EACH)
- South Shore Elder Services, Inc.
- South Shore Workforce Investment Board
- South Shore YMCA
- City of Quincy (municipality)
- Town of Weymouth (municipality)

QUINCY WEYMOUTH SNAPSHOT
Covers city of Quincy and town of Weymouth - 118,000 residents

Health Equity: The Asian community comprises nearly 25% of Quincy’s population.

Hypertension: 28.7% of adults have been told they have hypertension, which is also the statewide average.

Falls in Older Adults: 11.1% of residents over age 65 have experienced a fall with an injury in the last 12 months vs. 10.1% statewide.

Tobacco Use: 17.8% smoke regularly vs. 15.9% statewide.

“I feel very confident managing my health conditions now.”

Linda, CDSMP participant

Learn more at www.mass.gov/pwtf
THE PARTNERSHIPS

PWTF supports a partnership that shares leadership among clinical, municipal, and community organizations. The coordinating partner (Manet Community Health Center) is responsible for building, monitoring, and maintaining a robust infrastructure of working relationships that focuses on referral management, training, data collection and evaluation, and quality improvement.

THE LOCAL IMPACT

Since implementing the program, the Quincy Weymouth Wellness Initiative made over 1,328 referrals from clinical sites to community organizations. PWTF is proving to be an essential component in the mission to improve health outcomes and combat health inequities in our communities.

With PWTF support, more than 100 new leaders for community wellness programs have been trained and certified, including helping both municipalities enhance the capacity of their public health departments. These include many leaders who can offer classes in Chinese to address the needs of Quincy’s large Asian population.

For more information, visit the QWWI website at www.quincyweymouthwellness.org.