

SUPPORT THE PREVENTION & WELLNESS TRUST FUND

*Please protect the Prevention & Wellness Trust Fund in the FY18 Conference Committee Budget!
(include Senate budget sections 70 and 94)*



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

The provision included in the Senate budget will close a tax loophole on flavored cigars, bringing the tax level with similar tobacco products. Revenue generated from closing this loophole will go directly to supporting the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund.

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.

PREVENTION TRUST COALITION

(as of June 5, 2017)

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