

SUPPORT THE PREVENTION & WELLNESS TRUST FUND

Please Co-Sponsor SD1482/HD2638 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 January 24, 2017)

Action for Boston Community Development
Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs
Berkshire County Boards of Health Association
Berkshire Family YMCA
Berkshire Health System
Berkshire Public Health Alliance
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
Berkshire South Regional Community Center
Boston Public Health Commission
Community Health Center of Cape Cod
Community Nurse Home Care
Duffy Health Center
Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
Elder Services of Berkshire County
Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands
Elder Services of Merrimack Valley
Enhance Asian Community on Health
Family Health Center of Worcester
Greater Boston Interfaith Organization
Greater Lowell Health Alliance
Harbor Health Services, Inc. - Hyannis
Health Care For All
Health Resources in Action
Healthy Living Center of Excellence
Heywood Healthcare
Holyoke Health Center
Holyoke Medical Center
Holyoke Public Schools
Holyoke YMCA
Hudson Health Department
Latino Health Insurance Program
Lynn Community Health Center
Lynn Health Department
Manet Community Health Center
Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers
Massachusetts Public Health Association
Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Metrowest YMCA
New Bedford Health Department
Northern Berkshire Community Coalition
Partners for a Healthier Community
Quincy Health Department
South Shore Elder Services
South Shore YMCA
Springfield Food Policy Council
Tri-Town Health Department
UMass Memorial Health Care
Volunteers in Medicine
VNA of Cape Cod
Western Massachusetts Physicians Associates
Western Massachusetts Health Equity Network
YMCA Cape Cod