

# TOWN OF MEDFIELD

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## **Medfield Outreach Advisory Board**

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MEETING OF:  
September 11, 2023  
MINUTES

**Members Present:** Molly Frankel, Parent, Board Chair; Kathleen Cahill, Medfield Helping Hands; Kate Thomas, Karuna Nutrition & Movement;

**Members Absent:**; Abby Bligh, Student, Junior Member; Kyler Groner, Part Time Prevention Coordinator; Kathleen Thompson, Former Nurse Leader for MPS; Michelle Manganello, MPD

**Staff Present:** Kathy McDonald, Outreach Director; Meri Haas, Prevention Coordinator; Mia Cianciarulo, Outreach Clinician;

### **1. Welcomes**

Molly Frankel called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM, seconded by Kathleen Cahill.

### **2. Approval of Minutes from 8/7/2023**

Motion to approve by Kathleen Cahill and seconded by Kate Thomas.

### **3. General Update Outreach**

#### **A. Clinical**

1. Medfield Outreach's clinical intern, Theodora Bliziotis started last week, her internship runs from September-April.  
MO staff anticipate an influx in referrals around October once students settle into routines at school.

#### **B. Needs-Based**

1. Backpack Distribution

Pick-up was successful. Backpacks were also brought to most of the schools to be available for students that may not be connected with this office but are in need.

2. CAF Fund

MO staff shared the data tracking requests and different vendors for requests.

4. **Prevention Programming**

A. MCSP Updates

- Suicide Prevention month campaign is underway. Ribbons were hung up on 09/01 and lights were distributed to businesses by MCSP coalition members.
- Some businesses that agreed to participate have not displayed their purple lights on 9/1 but have slowly been adding lights, increasing participation.
- There has been some interest expressed in participating in QPR training. A date will be set for training within a month or so.

B. MCAP Updates

- Grant application is moving forward for years 6-10
- The coalition is forming a leadership team
- 8 high school students have expressed interest in joining the Medfield chapter of the 84–high school aged prevention club.
- Youth Action Club (YAC!) information was sent to parents/guardians of middle school students. The goal of YAC! Is to support youth in gaining real world experience to use their voice to impact their community.
- Narcan training is being offered for residents and town employees and merchants on 9/26. Event will be promoted on social media and local papers

5. **Medfield Day**

- A. Volunteers have signed up to support running the booth. Full Outreach staff will be present as well on Medfield Day. This year’s theme will be “Fall in Love with Medfield”.
- B. MEMO generously donated tickets for the childrens’ section of Medfield Day. MO will be contacting their families to offer the tickets.

6. **Open Floor, Q&A**

7. **Closing, Set date/agenda for next meeting**

Molly Frankel called for a motion to close–called by Kathleen Cahill and seconded by Kate Thomas.

Our next meeting will be on 10/02/2023

- Review strategic plan, this will be done over 2 sessions

