



# Norfolk County-8 Coalition

## March 12, 2026



### Community Health Assessment Biweekly Meeting Minutes

<b>Time:</b> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
<b>Virtual Meeting</b> <a href="https://hria.zoom.us/j/83571797838">https://hria.zoom.us/j/83571797838</a>

#### **Attendees:**

#### **Health Resources in Action:**

Hannah Carliner  
Allyson Auerbach  
Julia Taylor  
Priyokti Rana  
Victoria Tran  
Mithila Farin

#### **NC-8 Representatives:**

Meg Goldstein, Canton Health Director  
Samantha Menard, Dedham Health Director  
Sarah Lavari, NC-8 Regional Epidemiologist  
Stacey Lane, Norwood Health Director  
Kevin Myers, Westwood Public Health Nurse  
Jenna Conroy, Canton Health Inspector

#### **BME Strategies:**

Aine Studdert-Kennedy  
Beth Haefner  
Cynthia Baker

#### **I. Review Community Health Assessment workplan**

The meeting opened with a discussion on how to best track the various moving pieces of the assessment across the different communities and individuals involved. To ensure everyone stays aligned, HRiA will maintain a weekly workplan document that outlines specific activities for HRiA, BME, and the NC-8 Advisory Committee. Project materials and updates will be organized and shared with the team to facilitate coordination throughout the assessment process.

#### **II. Review Community Survey Draft**

A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to a line-by-line review of the community survey draft to ensure it yields the most useful data for the region.



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The group reviewed and aligned on the geographic scope of the survey, which will include the 5 towns participating in the Community Health Assessment (CHA) project (Norwood, Dedham, Westwood, Canton, Walpole).

There was a discussion regarding survey eligibility, specifically how to best capture the health needs of both residents and those who commute into the region for work.

Members recommended adjustments to the behavioral health and medical access sections to better differentiate between various service needs, such as mental health support, substance use resources, and acute medical care.

The group discussed translation needs to ensure the assessment is accessible to as many community members as possible.

### III. Secondary Data Indicator List

The group discussed the public health data being compiled for the assessment, including school health records and infectious disease trends. The Coalition is working to secure regional emergency medical services data and youth health surveys to provide a more comprehensive view of community wellness.

### IV. Miscellaneous

The group discussed logistics for upcoming focus groups, emphasizing the need for accessible meeting locations (whether virtual or local) to ensure high community participation. Group members discussed the use of incentives, such as a gift card drawing, to encourage broad participation in the upcoming community survey.

### V. Action Items and Next Steps

- A. HRiA will circulate the revised survey draft for a final round of feedback from the Coalition.
- B. Bi-weekly meetings will continue to be held throughout the duration of the project to monitor progress toward the final report deadline.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.

### Materials Referenced:

Meeting Presentation