



Norfolk County-8 Coalition

July 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes



Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Virtual Meeting Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86277008938

Attendance Roll Call

Sam Menard, Dedham
Abbie Atkins, Norwood
Melissa Ranieri, Walpole
Jared Orsini, Westwood
Meg Goldstein, Canton
Jhana Wallace, Wellesley
Caroline Hamilton, BME Strategies
Áine Studdert-Kennedy, BME Strategies

I. Welcome, Reintroductions & Meeting Framing

A. Caroline Hamilton opened the meeting and led round-robin introductions.

II. Quick Check-In

A. BME Strategies convened representatives from Norfolk County-8 (NC-8) towns to discuss opportunities for shared coordination of opioid settlement funds, building on priorities identified at the June Coalition Meeting: wraparound services, referral network-building, and shared programming.

III. Concept Overview & Brainstorming

A. The group discussed where each town stands in its use of opioid settlement funding, common challenges, and shared interests.

IV. Open Discussion

- A. The group discussed the possibility of a **shared NC-8 opioid abatement collaborative**, potentially including:
1. A shared, part-time coordinator role to liaise with the state, aggregate town questions, and share tools/templates across towns
 2. No requirement to pool funding – towns could contract separately for shared services
 3. BME Strategies confirmed this type of coordination role is allowable under the state settlement agreement

V. Next Steps & Closing

A. Caroline Hamilton summarized the discussion and helped the group align on next steps.