



## Quaboag Hills Community Coalition Substance Use Task Force

Based on local health needs assessments and concerns about the impact of drug addiction on our communities, in July 2014, individuals and agencies came together to establish the Substance Use Task Force under the auspices of the Quaboag Hills Community Coalition ([ghcc.weebly.com](http://ghcc.weebly.com)).

The Task Force is a diverse group of representatives from public safety, law enforcement, public schools, higher education, early childhood programs, businesses, health care, clergy, treatment providers, town officials, civic leaders, youth organizations, and families affected by addiction.

With support from Baystate Mary Lane Hospital, we meet in Ware to support expanded substance use prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services. Join us by going to our website.

Regionally, the Task Force is a partner in the Hampshire County Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education (Hampshire HOPE) project and the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative (SAPC), an initiative addressing underage drinking and marijuana use.

**In the 15-town Quaboag Hills Community Coalition geographic service area\*, the Substance Use Task Force works with its partners to:**

- **Prevent and reduce substance misuse and addiction**
- **Contribute to reductions in health problems resulting from addiction, including deaths from overdose, injuries, and chronic illnesses**
- **Increase treatment and recovery rates through community education and expanded access to support services for individuals and families**



\* the towns of Belchertown; Brimfield; Brookfield; East Brookfield; Hardwick; Holland; Monson; New Braintree; North Brookfield; Palmer; Spencer; Wales; Ware; Warren; and West Brookfield

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**The Quaboag Hills Community Coalition Mission:**

*“Promoting access to services for people of the Quaboag Hills region.”*