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January 31, 2025

To: Town Council  
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator  
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

**Re: Opioid Settlement Funds**

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Below please find our recommended Opioid Settlement Funds Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) and beyond. The anticipated funds are in Exhibit A at the bottom of the memo.

As you may recall, Massachusetts participated in nationwide financial settlements with several companies as part of the legal efforts to demand abatement from the harms caused by the opioid epidemic. Franklin opted into these settlements with the Commonwealth which combined will bring over \$900 million into Massachusetts for substance use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support. Of this funding, \$1,749,051.40 is allocated for Franklin, to be distributed in allotments from calendar years 2022 to 2038.

Thus far, the Town has received \$528,341.38 in Opioid Settlement funds, of which \$130,505.50 has been spent on the following:

\$67,505.50	Safe Coalition
\$35,000.00	Interface - William James
\$28,000.00	Interface - William James

**Proposed Policy Recommendations**

Of the payments we have received thus far, we currently have \$397,835.88 to be allocated. We propose drawing down the surplus and allocating the remaining funds over the next two years to the following four organizations, all of which will work to address Substance Use Disorder - prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support in our community.

\$200,000.00	SAFE Coalition
\$85,000.00	Gilly's House, Inc.
\$56,000.00	Art Pharmacy
\$56,000.00	William James

Many of you are familiar with the wonderful work of the SAFE Coalition in addressing substance use disorder in Franklin. In 2015 the **SAFE Coalition** originated in response to the opioid epidemic - as an effort to reduce barriers to substance use treatment. Working with community partners and allies to help individuals get into detox centers and get treatment, SAFE became a resource regionally for those who were trying to get into treatment centers, but also for educating the public on substance misuse, risks, and how to identify such things. As SAFE developed, opportunities for further support emerged. Today, SAFE offers local support groups for individuals and families, early intervention diversion courses for teens and adolescents, 90-day one-on-one support services, Narcan and CPR training and Narcan distribution, referral services, teen mentorships, medication take-back days, county-wide Overdose Awareness Day memorials, community events, trauma-informed yoga, a diaper bank, car seat bank, Santa Foundation partnership and more. See attached documents outlining SAFE's proposed utilization of Franklin's Opioid Abatement Funds, based on their research of the needs in the Town of Franklin.

**William James Interface Referral Service** - William James INTERFACE has been active in Franklin for several years, particularly in the Franklin Public Schools. However, the program provides all members of the Franklin Community with free and confidential mental health referrals. This service helps to facilitate connections to work through barriers to access mental health and wellness care for children, families, and adults. We would like to continue the program utilizing opioid settlement funds. This service is available to any Franklin resident and is free and confidential. Callers from Franklin work with a Resource and Referral Counselor available Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM to provide referrals through the INTERFACE Helpline at 888-244-6843. They help students and families navigate the challenges of finding mental health services. Each caller is assigned a lead counselor who will match them with licensed mental health providers from an extensive database, and each referral meets the location, insurance, and special needs of the caller. More information can be found on the Franklin Public Schools website - <https://www.franklinps.net/page/william-james-college-interface-referral-service> or the [William James INTERFACE Referral Service](#) website. See attached contract with William James Interface.

**Gilly's House Inc.** is a 501c3 non-profit sober recovery house in Wrentham certified by the Massachusetts Alliance of Sober Housing (MASH) offering a safe, stable, supportive, and structured living environment for 21 men in recovery. This is the only sober house in the region. It opened its doors in May 2018 and their mission is to provide men in recovery a structured sober environment along with the opportunity for them to increase their transitional life skills with the ultimate goal of moving back into the community with the necessary skills and support. Most residents of Gilly's House come from nearby towns, including Franklin. Currently 25% of the residents come from Franklin and since 2018 Franklin

residents have represented about 15% of all men who have sought long-term recovery at Gilly's House. Gilly's House, Inc. has become not only a house of healing for its residents, but also a house of hope for so many who have loved ones who struggle with addiction. It has also become a close-knit community for those who have lost a loved one and provides fellowship and support for those who have lost a loved one to substance use disorder. Two Franklin families have adopted rooms at Gilly's House in memory of their sons. This funding will go towards financial needs to run this house - see attached information and proposal for more details concerning intended uses of this funding.

[Art Pharmacy](#) was born out of a desire to creatively impact mental healthcare in America. They work with health plans, health systems, universities, and community partners to address the mental health crisis through social prescribing. In the face of the combined epidemics of loneliness and mental illness, Art Pharmacy partners with health plans and providers to enable the prescription of arts and culture programming for anxiety, depression, and loneliness. We are seeking to use Opioid Settlement Funding to pilot Art Pharmacy for substance use disorder here in Franklin.

The solution Art Pharmacy provides is innovative and for many a completely new type of treatment, but it is based on 40+ years of research and practice that have demonstrated the effectiveness that the arts & health field has on improving mental, emotional, and physical well-being. Art Pharmacy sends members to arts and culture engagements to be prescribed and traditionally paid for by healthcare partners and free for members. With this pilot, settlement funding would pay for this treatment.

When prescribers send members to programs/organizations, it's free to them, the organizations receive new patrons, members benefit from the work these programs/organizations do, and Art Pharmacy opioid settlement funds pay full price for admissions to local arts and culture programming such as Dean College Dance and Theatre performances, Town of Franklin Recreation programs, Franklin Lifelong Learning programs, etc.

### **Franklin Police Department Co-response Team**

Funding through County ARPA funds for the Franklin Police Department's Co-response program will cease December of 2026. In order to supplement this program through FY27, the Town will need \$144,315.02 to fully fund the co-response program through the fiscal year (assuming a 2.5% COLA). We propose making the program whole through FY27 with an allocation of \$144,315.02 from the Opioid Settlement Funds and further supplementing the program \$100,000 each year for 10 years starting FY28 through FY38 in an effort to maintain the program.

As you may recall, the Franklin Police Department Co-Response Program was initially launched by a third-party behavioral health agency contracted through the Department of Mental Health in November 2018. The program began as a regional Jail Diversion Program, partnering the Franklin Police Department with The Medway Police Department. The objective of the program was to provide on-scene crisis de-escalation, immediate support to those in need, and mental health and substance use evaluations.

The intended outcome of this initiative was to keep people in the community with appropriate resources and support in place, diverting them from unnecessary arrest or hospitalization and into more appropriate mental health or substance use treatment. The regional program experienced great success for five years. However, the needs of the Franklin Police Department and the Town of Franklin grew exponentially during that time.

In July of 2023, Chief Lynch and The Franklin Police Department pursued continued grant funding through the Department of Mental Health and launched their own Co-Response Program independent of a third-party agency. The program continues to pair mental health clinicians with police to best suit the needs of the community. The FPD Co-Response Program currently operates with a Co-Response Program Manager who oversees the program and co-responds to calls for mental health, substance use, and crisis. Additionally, with funds granted through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Co-Response Program has been able to add two additional full-time clinicians.

The goal remains to keep people in the community with appropriate support. The renewed Co-Response program works alongside other town providers as part of a crisis action team to provide a holistic approach to mental health, substance use, and crisis needs for the Town of Franklin. Co-response interventions include on-scene responses by clinicians and police officers responding to calls for service involving individuals in crisis. In addition to on-scene interventions, clinicians complete non-traditional or follow-ups. Since its inception in 2023, 1083 individuals have been referred to the Franklin Police Co-Response Program clinicians of which 312 were identified as having substance use disorders.

Opioid Settlement Funds must be used to fund prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs. The Commonwealth has issued guidance and reporting requirements concerning this funding and the Town is responsible for following the terms issued under the [State-Subdivision Agreement \(PDF\)](#). For more information about the Statewide Opioid Settlements, including copies of the agreements, charts reflecting anticipated payments, and answers to FAQs, visit the [AG's website](#). Also please visit the statewide [Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund and Advisory Council website](#) for more information.

Franklin is slated to receive the remaining \$1,220,710.02 from calendar years 2025 - 2038, as seen in the chart below:

Calendar Year	Distributor (July)	Janssen (June)	Teva (July)	Allergan (July)	CVS (July)	Walgreens (April)	Total
2025	\$43,295.87	\$0.00	\$12,446.63	\$12,653.96	\$22,408.32	\$10,891.79	\$101,696.57
2026	\$43,295.87	\$6,646.09	\$12,446.63	\$12,653.96	\$22,408.32	\$10,891.79	\$108,342.66
2027	\$35,552.30	\$6,646.09	\$12,446.63	\$12,653.96	\$22,408.32	\$10,891.79	\$100,599.09
2028	\$50,921.15	\$6,646.09	\$12,446.63	\$12,653.96	\$22,408.32	\$10,891.79	\$115,967.94
2029	\$50,921.15	\$8,461.63	\$12,446.63	\$12,653.96	\$21,288.79	\$10,891.79	\$116,663.95
2030	\$50,921.15	\$8,461.63	\$12,446.63	\$0.00	\$20,169.26	\$16,501.05	\$108,499.72
2031	\$42,804.37	\$8,461.63	\$12,446.63	\$0.00	\$20,151.50	\$16,501.05	\$100,365.18
2032	\$42,804.37	\$0.00	\$12,446.63	\$0.00	\$20,151.50	\$16,501.05	\$91,903.55
2033	\$42,804.37	\$0.00	\$12,446.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,501.05	\$71,752.05
2034	\$42,804.37	\$0.00	\$12,446.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,501.05	\$71,752.05
2035	\$42,804.37	\$0.00	\$12,446.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,501.05	\$71,752.05
2036	\$42,804.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,501.05	\$59,305.42
2037	\$42,804.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,501.05	\$59,305.42
2038	\$42,804.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,804.37
<b>Total</b>	\$617,342.45	\$45,323.16	\$136,912.93	\$63,269.80	\$171,394.33	\$186,467.35	<b>\$1,220,710.02</b>

## Proposed Contract & Programming

The SAFE Coalition proposes the following contract terms for utilization of Franklin's Opioid

Abatement Funds:

Requested Funding (October 2024): \$125,000

***Revised Funding (December 2024): \$100,000***

Term of Contract: January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025

One invoice will be issued for the full amount on January 1, 2025

The SAFE Coalition shall provide the following services and resources to all Franklin residents, including Franklin school aged adolescents, beginning on January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. The Coalition shall utilize these funds in accordance with the State of Massachusetts guidelines for municipal use of abatement funds, which include seven specific strategies<sup>1</sup>.

The Massachusetts State Opioid Abatement Fund Agreement highlights seven specific strategies for community expenditure. SAFE is proud to offer programming in every category highlighted by the Commonwealth, all of which is tailored to the specific needs of Franklin residents. Below is an outline of each strategy and how SAFE will offer these programs to the community members of Franklin. SAFE is committed to providing required reporting documents to the Town of Franklin within 30 days of the end date of the funding disbursement.

Strategy	Description of Strategy	SAFE's role	Original Proposal: Frequency of Programming	Revised Proposed Frequency of Programming
<b>Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment</b>	Support and promote treatment of persons with OUD through programs and strategies that expand mobile interventions/treatments , support evidence-based withdrawal services, address mental health concerns with people with OUD, and/or treat trauma for individuals with OUD and their families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAFE has existing partnerships with Wayside Youth &amp; Family Support Network, Turning Point Recovery Support Center, Learn to Cope, Hockomock Area YMCA, Franklin Police Department, and Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, with whom we coordinate referrals and support systems. We are equipped to complete intakes with individuals in crisis and refer them directly to the most appropriate agency.</li> </ul>	Intakes and referrals: coordinated daily according to community needs. Weekly SAFE Cafe on Friday mornings accommodates walk-ins	Intakes and referrals: coordinated <b>weekly</b> according to community needs. Weekly SAFE Café on Friday mornings accommodates walk-ins
<b>Support People in Treatment and Recovery</b>	Provide wrap-around services to individuals with seeking or transitioning out of treatment for OUD, including employment assistance, childcare, housing, peer support programs, community support services, transportation assistance for individuals in recovery/treatment, support programs for recovery in schools and support for bereaved families and frontline providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide grief counseling to Franklin families to provide immediate support and care during times of crisis (e.g., overdose in the family, family member leaves for residential treatment, or family member engaged in Section 35 commitment)</li> </ul>	Grief Counseling: Weekly	Grief Counseling: <b>As-needed</b>
<b>Connections to Care</b>	Provide connections to care for people who have or are at risk of developing OUD that support community and school-based services related to OUD including immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAFE will host a weekly First Responder support group, facilitated by a Franklin police lieutenant.</li> <li>- Attend and do outreach at 6 community events in Franklin within the public</li> </ul>	First Responder support group: Weekly  Community events: six events between	First Responder support group: Weekly  Community events: <b>three</b> events between

	treatment services and suspension alternative programs, early identification and intervention training for families, school staff and others in contact with children or adolescents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- and school system for the term of the contract</li> <li>- SAFE partnered with 18 school districts last year to operate our teen substance use suspension diversion program Up in Smoke. SAFE will continue to expand our footprint in Franklin and across Norfolk County.</li> <li>- Our existing Families Anonymous is a 12-step program for family members impacted by their loved one's substance use or mental health concerns</li> </ul>	<p>January 1 and June 30, 2025.</p> <p>Up in Smoke: weekly Tuesday through Thursday</p> <p>Families Anonymous: weekly on Tuesday evenings</p>	<p>January 1 and June 30, 2025.</p> <p>Up in Smoke: weekly Tuesday through Thursday</p> <p>Families Anonymous: weekly on Tuesday evenings</p>
<b>Harm Reduction</b>	Support efforts to prevent overdose deaths by increasing availability of naloxone for first responders and other community members, providing training for naloxone administration, support mobile units that offer referrals to treatment and other relevant services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAFE is independently licensed to host biannual medication take-back events. We will continue to host events at our Franklin office and at several locations around Norfolk County,</li> <li>- SAFE will engage existing partnerships in Franklin to offer Narcan training in the community and at SAFE offices. We will also offer walk-in Narcan training at our Franklin office.</li> </ul>	<p>Medication takeback events: biannual in April and October</p> <p>Walk-in Narcan training: <b>daily</b> at the SAFE office Monday-Friday , 2-4pm</p>	<p>Medication takeback events: biannual in April and October</p> <p>Walk-in Narcan training: once <b>weekly</b> at the SAFE office</p>
<b>Address the Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons</b>	Support diversion programs and strategies for criminal-justice-involved persons with OUD and upon release from jail including harm reduction, healthcare, legal support. Develop alternative responder models with OUD-related 911 calls and collaborate with public-safety agencies on diversion strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAFE will continue to provide 90-day support plans for individuals referred to us, including those who are involved with or recently released from the criminal-justice system. In conjunction with recently awarded ARPA funds, SAFE will develop solutions for homelessness and mental health disparities in Franklin, which directly affect those with opioid-related criminal justice system involvement.</li> </ul>	<p>Support plans can be provided daily as needed. Walk-ins accommodated Friday mornings at SAFE Cafe</p>	<p>Support plans can be provided by weekly through a reservation system.</p>

<p><b>Support Pregnant or Parenting Women and their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome</b></p>	<p>Develop and support programs that provide family supports or childcare services for parents with OUD, including existing programs FIRST Steps Together and Moms Do Care and perinatal and family residential treatment programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAFE is collaborating with the Bernon Branch of the Hockomock Area YMCA to develop a perinatal support group for pregnant and postpartum women in the Franklin area. The program will be facilitated by a master's-level clinician and incorporate evidence-based practices for group support. The facilitator will also be equipped to handle substance abuse assessments and referrals as needed, in conjunction with existing state programs (e.g., FIRST Steps Together, Moms Do Care, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p>Postpartum support group: weekly starting January 2025.</p>	
<p><b>Prevent Misuse of Opioids and Implement Prevention Education</b></p>	<p>Support programs and practices that are effective at preventing drug misuse among youth, support community-based education or intervention services for individuals at risk for OUD, support greater access to mental health services for young people in the school and in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAFE currently partners with Why Try, a 10-week evidence-based social-emotional education program for high school students. Currently we work in high schools across Norfolk County and would launch our program at Franklin High School.</li> <li>- Our Peer-to-Peer program serves teens in recovery uses WhyTry and WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) to help individuals identify tools to help them navigate life challenges</li> <li>- Our existing program Hidden in Plain Sight educates parents on signs of drug use and/or mental health concerns in their children. We will host this program quarterly as a community event, incorporating our interactive display with a guest speaker and discussion.</li> </ul>	<p>Why Try: scheduling is dictated by school needs.</p> <p>Peer-to-Peer: weekly on Thursday evenings</p> <p>Hidden in Plain Sight: quarterly events at the SAFE office</p>	

## Budget

Strategy	Program	Cost	<b>REVISED</b> Cost
1 – OUD Treatment	Complete intake assessments, develop 90-day support plans and arrange referrals with partnered agencies	\$25,000	\$20,000
2 – Support People in Treatment and Recovery	Weekly grief counseling groups for Franklin families	\$12,500	\$10,000
3 – Connections to Care	First Responder support group	\$50,000	\$40,000
	Community Outreach Events		
	Up in Smoke Suspension Diversion Program		
	Families Anonymous		
4 – Harm Reduction	Medication Takeback	\$12,500	\$10,000
	Narcan Training		
5 – Address the Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons	Complete intake assessments, develop 90-day support plans and arrange referrals with partnered agencies. Care tailored to unique needs of those involved with the criminal justice system.	\$6,250	\$5,000
6 – Support Pregnant or Parenting Women and their Families	Perinatal support group in collaboration with the YMCA and state programs	\$6,250	\$5,000
7 – Prevent Misuse of Opioids and Implement Prevention Education	Why Try social emotional learning program	\$12,500	\$10,000
	Peer-to-peer program weekly meetings		
	Hidden in Plain Sight mobile education unit		

## Reporting

SAFE will provide funds utilization and programming reports and/or presentations as required.

## The Opioid Crisis in Franklin

As opioid use disorder (OUD) prevention and recovery programs are prioritized amid abatement fund disbursement, Massachusetts is celebrating an overall decrease in opioid overdose-related deaths and non-fatal opioid related incidents. From 2022 to 2023, Massachusetts officials recorded a 10% decrease in opioid overdose related deaths between 2022 and 2023<sup>2</sup>.

**However, over this same period the Town of Franklin has recorded a significant *increase in opioid overdose deaths* – a 66% increase in deaths per year between 2022 and 2023<sup>3</sup>. Norfolk County has experienced a continuous 3.1% rise in opioid overdose deaths since 2023<sup>4</sup>, even as opioid dispensing rates in the county have steadily decreased over that period<sup>5</sup>.**

The rate of non-fatal opioid-related incidents, perhaps a more accurate measure of the opioid crisis in our area, has remained steady in Franklin, with 28 events recorded in 2022 and 31 events in 2023. During Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2024, there have been 12 recorded incidents in Franklin<sup>6</sup>. In 2023, more than half of such incidents were caused by acute overdose, highlighting the need for naloxone treatment availability and training in our communities.<sup>7</sup>

## Neighbors at Risk

Amid the existing rates of opioid-related incidents and deaths in Franklin, **residents also experience higher rates of mental health and substance use issues when compared to Norfolk County and MetroWest Region.** This is a significant problem, especially in the context of the opioid crisis – depression, anxiety and existing substance use issues increase the risk of developing OUD.<sup>8</sup>

According to the 2023 MetroWest Community Health Assessment, **in 2021, 13.8% of Franklin residents aged 18+ reported that their mental health was not good for half or more of the last month, compared to 12.8% of adults in the MetroWest region<sup>9</sup>.** About 21.2% of adults in Franklin reported a diagnosis of depression by a medical professional, compared to 20.2% of adults in the MetroWest region and 19.7% in Norfolk County. Finally, 20.5% of adults in Franklin engaged in binge drinking within a month prior to reporting, compared to 18.2% of adults in the MetroWest region and 18.8% in Norfolk County. **Yet, 44.4% of adults in Franklin are unable to access substance use services.**

According to the Franklin High School<sup>10</sup> and Franklin Middle Schools<sup>11</sup> components of the MetroWest adolescent Health Survey<sup>12</sup>, **high school and middle school-age adolescents in Franklin also experience significant substance use and mental health challenges.** About 22% of high school students and 15% of middle school students reported their life was very stressful in the last 30 days<sup>10,11</sup>. At least 27% of high school and middle school students reported experiencing anxiety symptoms on more than half the days in the past two weeks<sup>10,11</sup>. Finally, 17% of high school students and 20% of middle school students reported experiencing depressive symptoms in the past year<sup>10,11</sup>.

Although overall drug use has decreased over the last several years, 5% of Franklin High School students report lifetime prescription drug misuse and 2% report misusing prescription pain medication, including opioids<sup>10</sup>. On a regional level, there is a clear link between prescription drug misuse and mental health<sup>11</sup>. Adolescents in the MetroWest region who misused prescription drugs were more likely to experience mental health problems (depressive symptoms: 44% of drug users vs 21% non-users; suicidal thoughts 29% users vs. 9% non-users)<sup>11</sup>.

There exists a clear reciprocal relationship between mental health and substance abuse. As demonstrated above, a significant portion of Franklin's youth experience stress, anxiety and depression, which makes them more susceptible to substance abuse. Thus, it is critical that adolescents in Franklin have access to SAFE programming, including peer-to-peer support, Why Try, and suspension diversion. Further it is critical that all our neighbors receive wraparound care to prevent and treat substance abuse disorders and more specifically OUD. With the opioid abatement funds, SAFE would provide such care to Franklin residents, targeting the most at-risk populations and ensuring that every individual has access to preventative services and resources.

## SAFE's Impact

The SAFE Coalition has been directly engaged with the Franklin community and surrounding towns since its inception in 2015. We remain the only non-profit organization in southeast Massachusetts to offer all services at no cost to the individual or family. **With the requested opioid abatement funding, SAFE will restart programming specifically for Franklin residents and be able to expand the services we already offer to Franklin citizens.**

Additionally, every high school age youth in Franklin will have weekly access to our suspension

diversion program Up in Smoke. Our goal is to provide education, prevention, and support opportunities to any residents seeking care related to mental health and substance use as it connects to the 7 strategies listed above.

As of this writing, in 2024, SAFE has fielded 562 calls and of that 265 calls were for new support related specifically to substance use needs, to our support line (see table below). Each of these unique calls represents the first contact between a community member and SAFE.

Additionally, the SAFE coalition also receives virtual referrals for community programming including the diversion program, diaper requests and Narcan training. The impact of these existing programs is clear: in 2024, SAFE has received 70 referrals to our high school suspension diversion program and fulfilled 114 requests for diapers and/or car seats.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Calls to SAFE Support Line</b>
January 2024	28
February 2024	60
March 2024	45
April 2024	49
May 2024	61
June 2024	22
July 2024	54
August 2024	27
September 2024	49
October 2024	45
November 2024	68
December 2024	40

To date, SAFE Coalition staff have facilitated 20 Narcan training events in 2024 and there are 10 more events planned before the year's end. We host training in community spaces which welcome all individuals to access resources, new skills and information. As the only area

organization with a subsidized Massachusetts Controlled Substance Registration (MCSR) for Narcan, we look forward to facilitating Narcan training at the SAFE office and other locations in Franklin. Thus far in 2024, we have distributed 1,044 doses of Narcan to 711 individuals.

### **Total Community Members Reached in 2024 by the SAFE Coalition: 1288**

## References

<sup>1</sup> The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. (2022, March 4).

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<sup>2</sup>Massachusetts Department of Public Health. (2024, June). Data Brief: Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths among Massachusetts Residents.

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<sup>3</sup>Massachusetts Department of Public Health. (2024, June). Number of Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intents by City/Town 2016-2023.

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<sup>6</sup> Massachusetts Department of Public Health. (2024, August 1). EMS Regional Opioid Dashboard – Municipality Details.

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<sup>10</sup> MetroWest Health Foundation (2024). Highlights from the 2023 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey: Franklin High School Report.

<sup>11</sup> MetroWest Health Foundation (2024). Highlights from the 2023 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey: Franklin Middle School Report.

<sup>12</sup> MetroWest Health Foundation (2024). MetroWest Regional High School Highlights Report.

<https://d2yy08d49bfqoo.cloudfront.net/documents/Item-of-Interest-2023-MWAHS-High-School-Regional-Highlights-UPDATED.pdf>



**WILLIAM JAMES  
COLLEGE**

**Agreement for INTERFACE Referral Service**

Contracted with: Town of Franklin

Contract to cover: Residents of Community & Public School Student Population

Contract amount: \$ 28,000.00

Payment Due: July 01, 2024: \$ 28,000.00

Contract Term:

Year 1: From 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2025

Renewal Term: TBD\*

\*A new agreement will be generated for Franklin's review and signature 45 days prior to the end of Year 1 that will contain a new fee for service and terms and conditions otherwise substantially similar to the current Agreement (as defined in Exhibit B).

INTERFACE Referral Service is an initiative of William James College ("WJC"). The primary goal of INTERFACE Referral Service to promote and facilitate access to outpatient mental health services for individuals within subscribing towns and cities who are permanent residents of such town or city and/or who are full-time students in the public school system of such town or city (the foregoing individuals, collectively, "Eligible Individuals").

The primary feature of the service is to provide appropriate counseling referrals that take into account, to the extent practicable, such factors as location, availability, specialty, and insurance or fee requirements. Individuals from subscribing communities or systems can call the referral helpline (toll free number at 1-888-244-6843) during INTERFACE's business hours, to consult with a Resource and Referral Counselor to receive services.

The services provided by WJC for the subscribing town or city (the "Community") are:

- Provide helpline services to Franklin Residents of Community & Public School Student Population for resource and referral to outpatient mental health services during INTERFACE's business hours using resources available in the area.
- Promote helpline services in collaboration with appropriate community stakeholders
- Recruit and add additional providers and services to the existing database that are appropriate for Franklin Residents of Community & Public School Student Population.
- During the Term, create a town page on the existing INTERFACE website <http://interface.williamjames.edu> to be maintained by the Community's designated liaison, which include information appropriate for Franklin Residents of Community & Public School Student Population, including guides for navigating mental health services and links to resources within the area that help Franklin Residents of Community & Public School Student Population gain access to mental health and wellness services.
- Anonymized service reporting two times each year in substantially the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A.

The Master Terms and Conditions attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B will govern this Agreement and are incorporated herein by reference.



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Agreed to by:

**William James College**

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*Tanya Snyder*  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tanya Snyder  
Co-Director,  
INTERFACE Referral Service  
William James College

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Chief Financial Officer  
William James College

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**Franklin**

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Jamie Hellen  
Town Administrator  
Franklin

5/17/2024  
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Date

Kindly sign this Agreement in the required location and then return through DocuSign or mail within the next three business days to: William James College, Attn: Tanya Snyder Co-Director, INTERFACE Referral Service, 1 Wells Ave, Newton, MA 02459.



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**EXHIBIT A**

(Sample biannual report)

**SAMPLE REPORT**  
(PLEASE NOTE: DOES NOT INCLUDE SCHOOL INFORMATION)

**(Community Name Inserted Here) INTERFACE Activity Report**  
**June 1, 2021-November 30, 2021**

**Number of Cases Since the Service Began on 7/1/19: 167**

<b>Reporting Period</b>	<b>Community Name</b>
<b>7/1/19-11/30/19*</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>12/1/19-5/31/20</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>6/1/20-11/30/20</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>12/1/20-5/31/21</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>6/1/21-11/30/21</b>	<b>37</b>

\*This reporting period is shorter, as we typically will be reporting June-November and December-May.

**Data Trends:**

You will notice that the number of referrals received for this reporting period is slightly higher than the same timeframe in 2020 (30 vs. 37). The average cost per referral is approximately \$250, which means that your community (with 37 referrals this reporting period) received a value of \$9,250 of INTERFACE services.

Regarding trends in your community, the referral population continued to identify their race as predominately Caucasian, though other races/ethnicities were reported in smaller numbers. There were significantly more callers who identified as male this reporting period. There were more referrals for youth (26) made by guardians, many of whom learned about the service from the school system. This period there were 11 adults seeking services for themselves, who learned of the service from many sources, which are noted below. There were 6 repeat callers this reporting period, perhaps indicating that callers found the service helpful and sought it out again to help with finding services for themselves or other members of their immediate family.



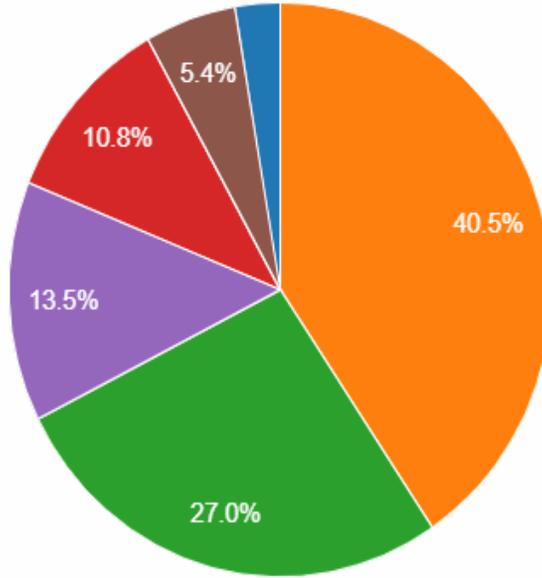
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Most callers were seeking referrals for Individual Therapy, followed by other services in smaller numbers. As in most communities, Anxiety (20) was one of the most reported issues callers were seeking services to address. This was followed by 6 callers each seeking services to assist with Behavioral Issues, Depression and Family Related Issues. Of note, again this period there were 2 callers reporting current or recent Suicidal Ideation. Additionally, there was 1 caller reporting current or recent engagement in Self-Injurious Behaviors.



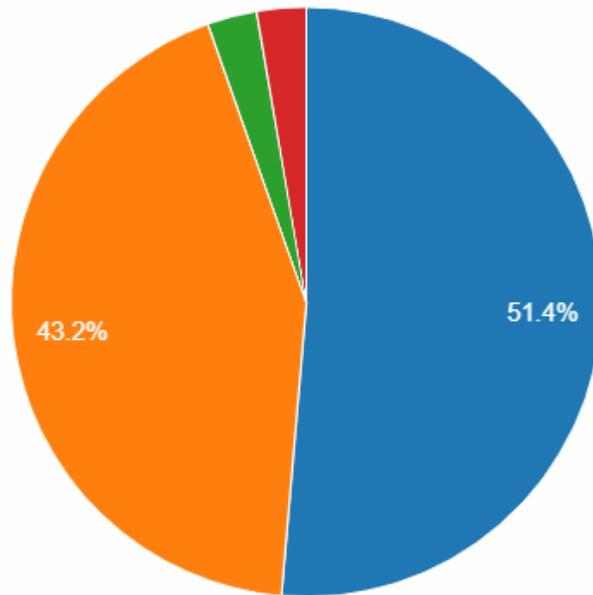
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### Age of Person Served



■ Preschool (0-5 years) (1) ■ Children (6-12 years) (15) ■ Teenagers (13-17 years) (10)  
■ Young Adult (18-24 years) (4) ■ Adult (25-59) (5) ■ Older Adult (60+) (2)

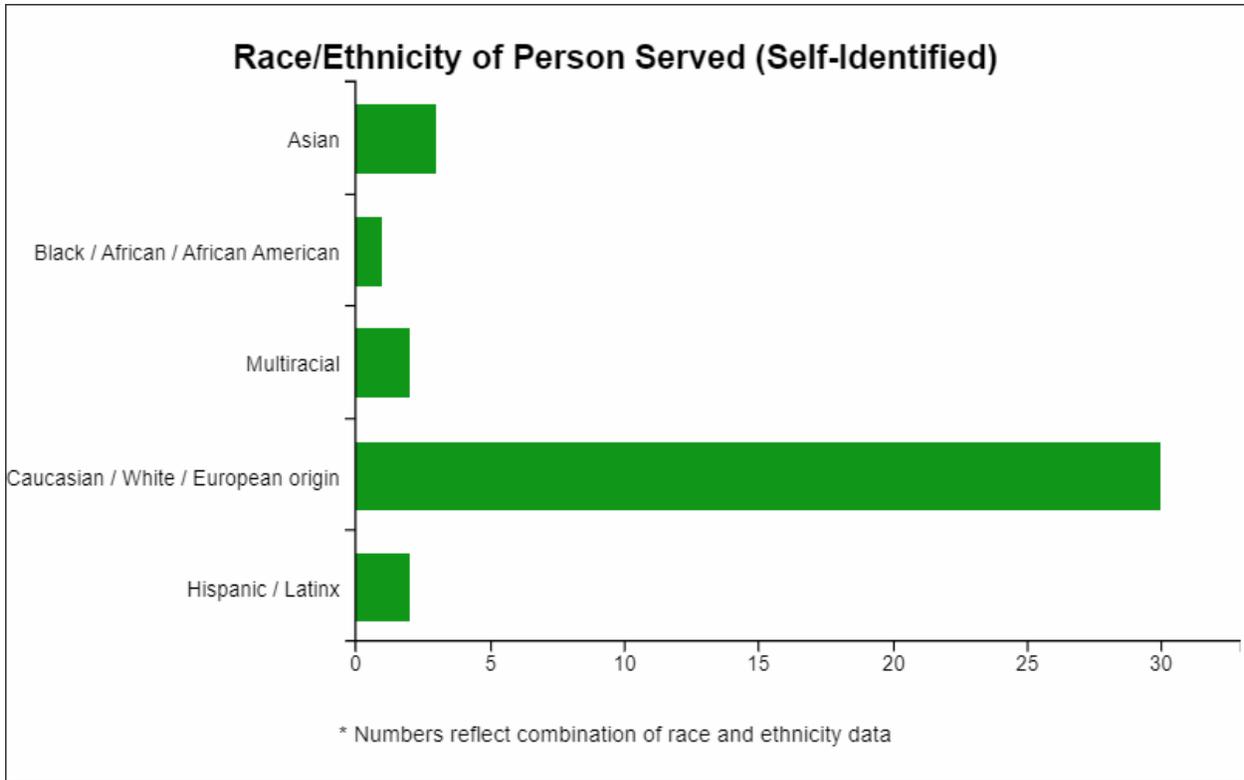
### Gender of Person Served

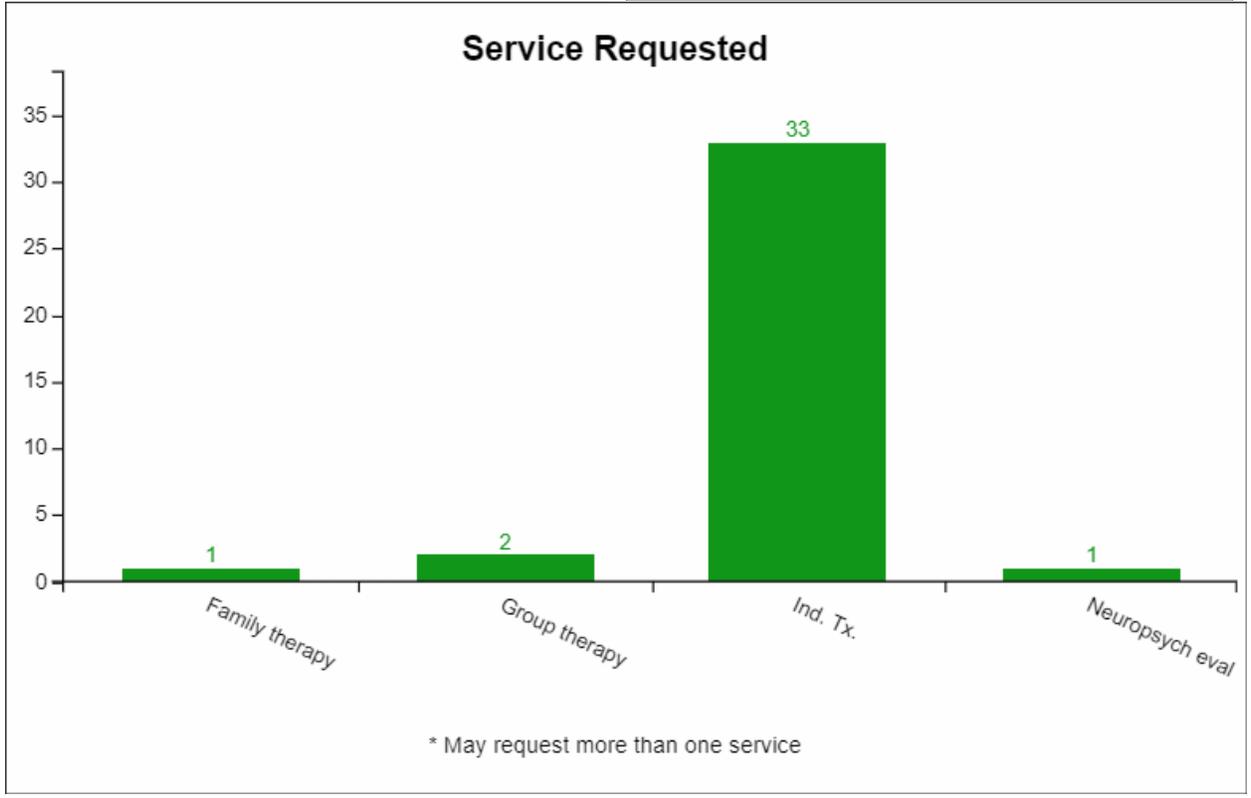
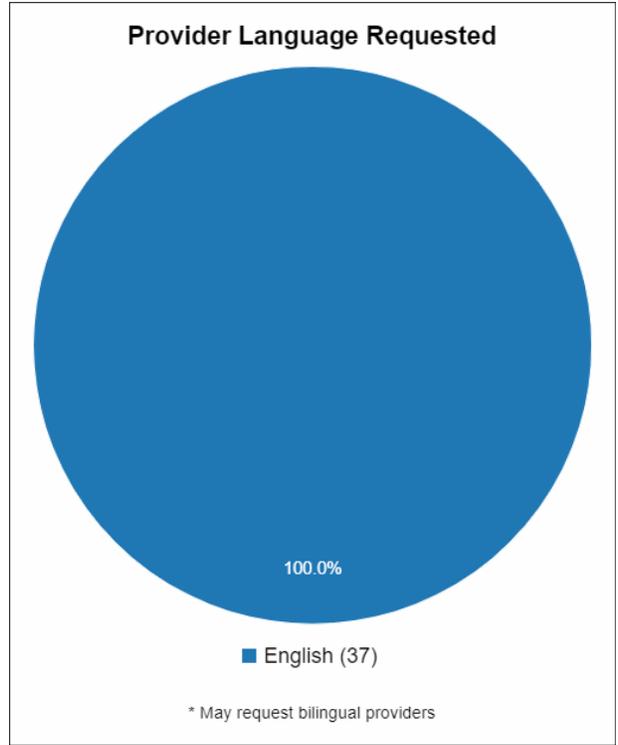
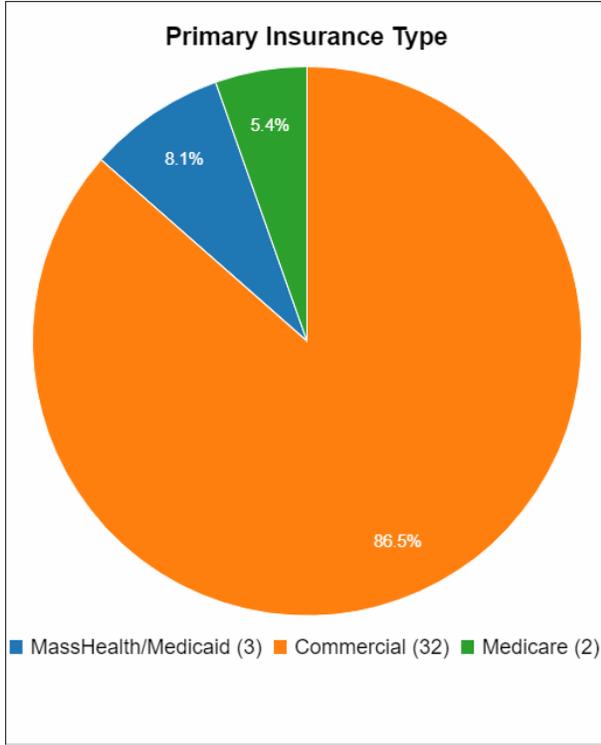


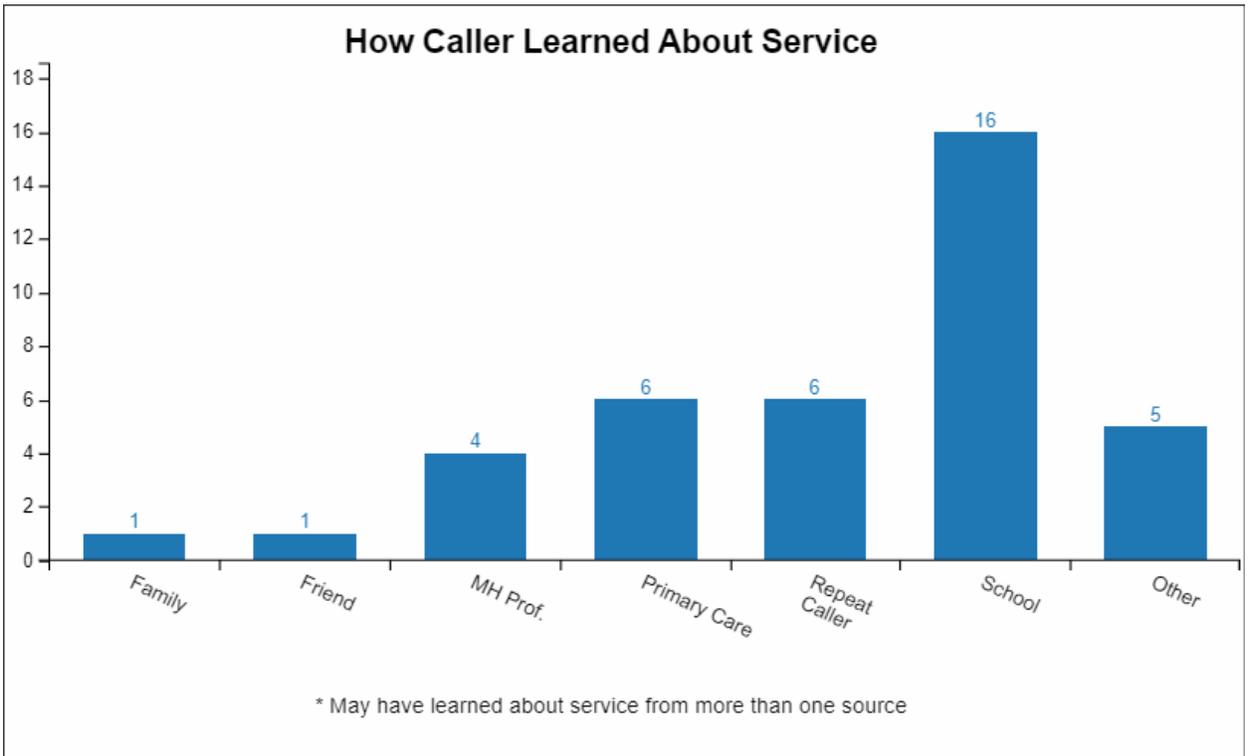
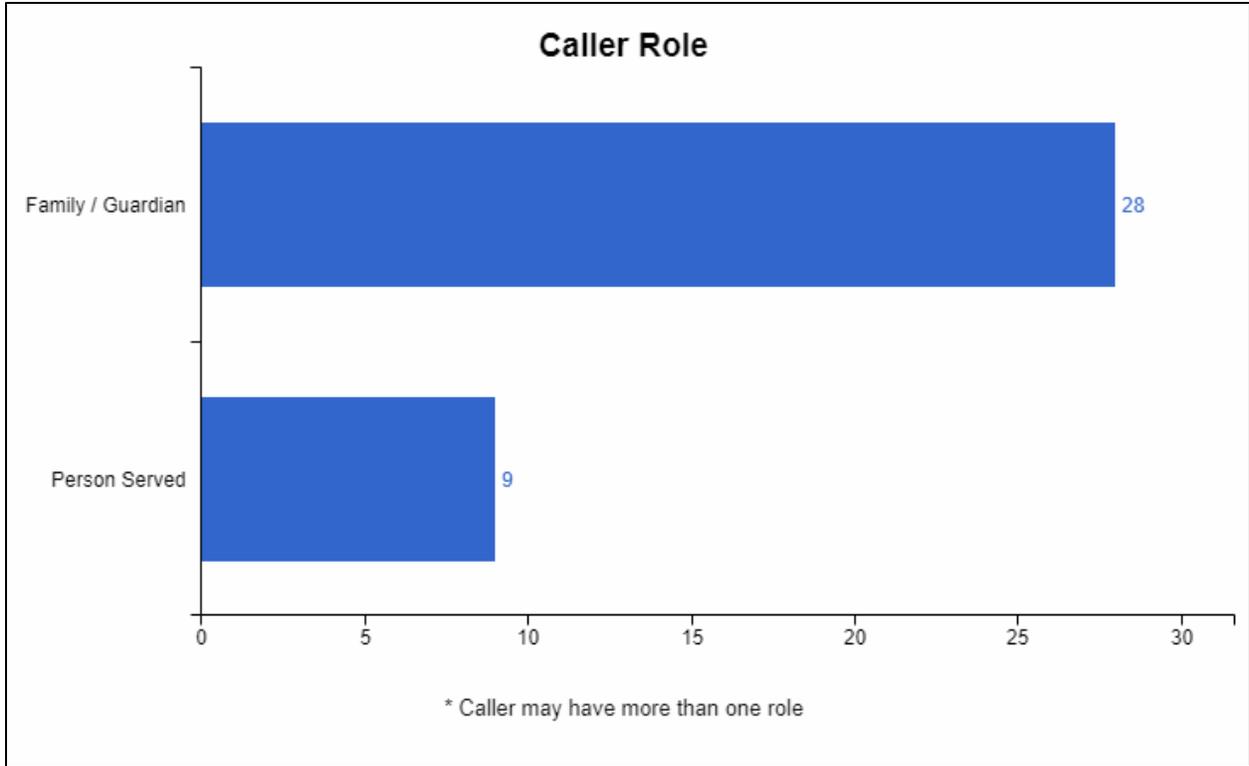
■ Female ■ Male ■ Non-binary ■ Transgender



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<b>Presenting Issue</b>	<b>Number Reporting</b>
ADD/ADHD	5
Anger Management	1
Anxiety	20
Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
Behavioral Issues	6
Depression	6
Family-Related Issues	6
Gender Identity Support	2
Grief & Loss	1
Learning Issues	1
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	2
Parent Coaching	1
Self Injury	1
Sexual Orientation Support	3
Social Issues	2
Stress	2
Suicidal Ideation	2
Trauma	3



**EXHIBIT B**

**Master Terms and Conditions**

These Terms and Conditions (“**Terms**”) are entered into by William James College (“**WJC**”) and **Franklin** (the “**Community**”), who has signed an “Agreement for Interface Referral Service” with WJC (the “**Service Agreement**”) to which these Terms are attached. These Terms are incorporated by reference into the Service Agreement. The Service Agreement and Terms, are collectively the “**Agreement**” entered into by the parties. These Terms will survive any termination or expiration of the Service Agreement.

**1.1 Rights and Assignment.** The rights and obligations under the Agreement shall bind the parties, and their successors, and assigns; provided, however, that Community may not assign its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of WJC.

**1.2 Modifications.** Except as expressly provided in the Agreement, no modifications, amendments or alterations to the Agreement shall be effective unless made in a writing signed by each party.

**1.3 Force Majeure.** Neither party will be responsible for delay in performance or failure to fulfill any obligation under this Agreement due to an event beyond the control of such party, which, by its nature could not reasonably have been foreseen by such party or, if it could reasonably have been foreseen, was unavoidable, including: acts of God, natural disasters, war, insurrection, or acts of terrorism, telecommunications outages, denial of internet service, epidemic, pandemic (including the COVID-19 pandemic and any variants thereof), quarantine, unavailability of sufficient qualified providers to provide requested outpatient mental health services in or near the Community, health emergency declared by any governmental agency, or adoption of any law, regulation or governmental guideline (“**Force Majeure Events**”), provided that the non-performing party uses commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate the effects of any Force Majeure Events and resume performance under this Agreement as soon as reasonably practicable.

**1.4 Suspension.** WJC may suspend its provision of the services to be provided under the Agreement, in whole or in part, to the extent that WJC reasonably determines that it is unable to provide the services as a result of excess demand for such services. WJC will promptly notify Community of any such suspension. The suspended services will be reinstated upon WJC’s determination that the cause of the suspension has been resolved. Community will not be entitled to a service credit or refund in connection with any such suspension.

**1.5 Expiration.** Unless earlier terminated by the mutual written agreement of WJC and Community, the Agreement will expire on the last day of the Term. WJC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to decline to accept new Eligible Individuals for referrals from and after the date that is thirty (30) days prior to the end of the Term.

**1.6 No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** There are no third-party beneficiaries to the Agreement. Nothing express or implied in this Agreement is intended or shall be deemed to confer upon any person other than WJC and Community, and their respective successors and assigns, any rights, obligations, remedies or liabilities.

**1.7 Limitation of Liability.** TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, A PARTY’S TOTAL LIABILITY FOR ANY CLAIM OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PROVEN DIRECT DAMAGES CAUSED THE OTHER PARTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FEES ACTUALLY PAID BY COMMUNITY UNDER THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDED THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL REDUCE OR LIMIT COMMUNITY’S OBLIGATIONS TO PAY ALL AMOUNTS DUE AND PAYABLE UNDER THE AGREEMENT. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE IN CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LAW, FOR ANY INDIRECT, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, EXEMPLARY, EXTRA-CONTRACTUAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT OR THE SERVICES PROVIDED THEREUNDER.

**1.8 Jurisdiction/Jury Trial Waiver.** If for any reason a claim relating to this Agreement is brought and heard in any court, such claim shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without regard to its conflict of law’s provisions, and WJC and Community agree that the sole venue and jurisdiction for all claims shall be the federal or state courts located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and each party waives any right that it might have to claim that venue in any such court is improper or that any such court is an inconvenient forum. WJC AND COMMUNITY EACH UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVE THEIR RESPECTIVE RIGHTS TO A JURY TRIAL WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIM.



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**1.9 Waiver.** Neither party shall be deemed to have waived any provision hereof unless such waiver is in writing and executed by a duly authorized officer of the waiving party. No waiver by either party of any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver of such provision on any other occasion. No delay or omission by either party in exercising any right hereunder shall be construed as a waiver.

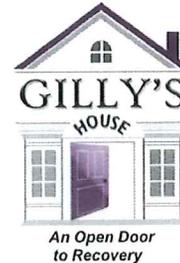
**1.10 Severability.** The invalidity or unenforceability, in whole or in part, of any provision, term, or condition hereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of such provision, term or condition or of any other provision, term, or condition.

**1.11 Headings.** Headings of the sections of the Agreement are for reference purpose only and do not constitute terms or conditions of the Agreement nor shall they limit or affect the terms and conditions hereof.

**1.12 Entire Agreement.** The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between WJC and Community and supersedes any prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof.

**1.13 Signatures/Counterparts.** The Agreement may be signed in counterparts, which together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Signatures executed and delivered electronically (including in .PDF format or through DocuSign) shall be treated as original signatures for all purposes.

THESE MASTER TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THE SERVICE  
AGREEMENT



Gilly's House, Inc. is a non-profit 501 c3 sober recovery house for men certified by Massachusetts Alliance of Sober Housing. Gilly's House provides a safe, supportive and structured environment for the 21 men who reside there. Gilly's House has paid staff, who are all in long term recovery, 24 hours a day, unheard of in affordable sober housing. The annual payroll to provide this is about \$240,000.

As an 8500 square foot building our costs are more than a typical family home. For example, our latest water bill (for 6 months) is \$2,000. Our insurance, including liability and workmen's compensation, are also a large part of our budget.

Below is a brief summary of our financial needs with specific details of their use and how these expenditures will improve the recovery of the men who live at Gilly's House.

### **Professional Development for Staff**

Our staff attends a monthly seminar from Josh Perlman of Straight Talk Counseling, Inc. who provides interactive information covering subjects such as conflict resolution. These sessions will help our staff to improve and understand how our actions affect outcomes and how to mitigate complex situations. Approximate cost \$3,000 for the year.

### **Leisure/Recreational Activities for Residents**

It's important to learn to have fun without the need to be high at the time. Gilly's House provides a variety of activities for any of the men to participate. Bowling, deep sea fishing, movies, dinner out at a restaurant to name a few. We do occasionally receive tickets to

events/movies that people/companies donate to us. On other occasions we purchase tickets to events/activities for our residents. Approximate cost \$5,000 for the year.

### **Personal Growth for Residents**

Josh Perlman provides some interactive groups for residents which include topics such as building self-esteem. In a non-AA setting this meeting is meant to provoke conversations around understanding relationships and how our actions affect others. Strategies for building self-esteem and dealing with difficult conversations are but a few of possible topics. Approximately \$3,000/year

Zen Meditation with Mike Maddox is a twice a month interactive group that men can participate in. A non-AA group with some meditation techniques along with conversations about learning to relax and handle anxiety. Approximately \$3600/year

Gilly's House prides itself on the support it gives to its residents.

### **Technology upgrade**

There is a great need to upgrade our staff area: workspace, need for more and updated electrical outlets, office storage space, installing an electronic bulletin board for general notices to the residents.

For security and safety in the house we have numerous cameras installed around in public areas. Our camera monitors need to be running from a new Chromebook.

Approximate cost for technology upgrades: \$15,000

### **Capital Improvements**

Two new boilers are needed. They are quite old. (We have already replace a boiler with a new hot water system.) These improvements will be completed by Star Petroleum, a Foxborough company, who have supplied all the oil needed to heat Gilly's House for the past 6 years, for free. Estimated cost to upgrade boilers: \$25,000.

Flooring. The first and second floor hallways are in desperate need of new flooring. As we are an 8500 square foot building, this is quite a bit of flooring. Estimated cost \$20,000.

Front/side veranda. Gilly's House is a registered antique home on the state's register of historic homes. Our front veranda, although not of antique age, does need to be replaced. It is quite large and with wood costs high, this will be an expensive project. Approximate cost (although not in writing) \$30,000.

## **The Scholarship Funds**

Many of our residents, from time to time, come to Gilly's without a job and are therefore challenged with paying weekly house fees. Never wanting to turn away anyone from lack of funds, we turn to our own small scholarship fund (or tap into some of our scholarship connection organizations). We would like to use some of the settlement funds to replenish our own scholarship fund. Approximately \$5,000.

We are not expecting any one town's Opioid Settlement Funds to pay for all of the above, however, it was important to give an explanation for the rationale for the request. Listed above are our top priorities; there are other items that would be considered the next level of needs/improvement.

Please let us know if there are any questions or need for more explanations. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone for a tour of Gilly's House. We are proud of what we have created and enjoy sharing our mission with others.

Sincerely,

David and Barbara Gillmeister

Co-Founders

Gilly's House, Inc.

P.O. Box 110

1022 West St.

Wrentham, Ma. 02093

[David@gillyshouse.com](mailto:David@gillyshouse.com)

[Barbara@gillyshouse.com](mailto:Barbara@gillyshouse.com)



### For Franklin Opioid Allocation Funds

Gilly's House Inc. opened its doors in May 2018. Throughout the last 6.5 years, its residents have hailed from more than seventy-two cities and towns in Massachusetts and five other states. Most residents come from towns closer proximity to Gilly's House, including Franklin. Currently 25% of the residents come from Franklin. Since 2018, Franklin residents represent about 15% of all men who have sought long-term recovery at Gilly's House. I recall specifically a young man from years old, graduate of Franklin High School who found tremendous success here. He currently has his own apartment, is gainfully employed, and is doing very well.

Gilly's House, Inc. has become not only a house of healing for its residents, but also a house of hope for so many who have loved ones who struggle with addiction. It has also become a close-knit community for those who have lost a loved one and provides fellowship and support for those who have lost a loved one to substance use disorder. Two Franklin families have adopted rooms at Gilly's House in memory of their sons.

Gilly's House has many connections and supporters from the Franklin community.

### **Volunteers**

Gilly's House boasts more than three hundred individual volunteer families, many of whom call Franklin home. Two groups that stand out are Lions Heart and dozens of student groups at Franklin High School, who have prepared or sponsored meals, collected needed items and volunteered at a Gilly's House event.

## **Public Events**

Gilly's House regularly sponsors public events in which Franklin residents take part:

### **Supper with Siblings**

- This support group, for those who have lost a sibling, takes place on the third Tuesday of every month.

### **Mom's Luncheon**

- This annual free luncheon, for moms who have lost a child, has touched the lives of over four hundred moms (some from Franklin) over the five years.

### **Men's BBQ**

- This event provides comradery and support for fathers who have lost a child to addiction.

## **Organizations and Corporate Support**

Gilly's House has had support from many different organizations as well as corporations. The following is a sample list of those from Franklin.

The BPOE Elks Lodge

Benjamin Franklin Charter School, Capstone Projects

New England Chapel

St. Mary's Church

Franklin Girls Softball

FHS National Honor Society

Franklin Federated Church

Franklin Interfaith Council

Franklin Rod and Gun Club

Franklin Observer

Vendetti Motors

Dean Bank

MRN Diagnostics

Grove Street Auto

YMCA

ThermoFisher Scientific

East Coast Driving School

D.G. Ranieri Real Estate

Vallee Jewelers

Camp Haiastan

Temple Etz Chaim

Rome Restaurant

Dell EMC

**Support from state legislators:**

State Senator Rebecca Rausch

State Representative Jeffrey Roy

Norfolk County Commissioners

Norfolk County Sheriff

Gilly's House is a member of the Franklin Downtown Partnership and takes part in their activities.



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## **Franklin Police Department Co-Response Program**

### **2024 Annual Report**

The Franklin Police Department Co-Response Program was initially launched by a third-party behavioral health agency contracted through the Department of Mental Health in November 2018. The program began as a regional Jail Diversion Program, partnering the Franklin Police Department with The Medway Police Department. The objective of the program was to provide on-scene crisis de-escalation, immediate support to those in need, and mental health and substance use evaluations. The intended outcome of this initiative was to keep people in the community with appropriate resources and supports in place, diverting them from unnecessary arrest or hospitalization.

The regional program experienced great success for five years. However, the needs of the Franklin Police Department and the Town of Franklin grew exponentially during that time. In July of 2023, Chief Lynch and The Franklin Police Department pursued continued grant funding through the Department of Mental Health and launched their own Co-Response Program independent of a third-party agency. The program continues to pair mental health clinicians with police to best suit the needs of the community. The FPD Co-Response Program currently operates with a Co-Response Program Manager who oversees the program and co-responds to calls for mental health, substance use, and crisis. Additionally, with funds granted through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Co-Response Program has been able to add two additional full-time clinicians. The second clinician started in November 2023, and the third in April 2024.

The goal remains: to keep people in the community with appropriate support. The renewed Co-Response program works alongside other town providers as part of a crisis action team to provide a holistic approach to mental health, substance use, and crisis needs for the Town of Franklin.

### **Co-Response Interventions**

Co-response interventions include on-scene responses by clinicians and police officers to calls for service involving individuals in crisis. In addition to on-scene interventions, clinicians also complete non-traditional or follow-ups. In 2024, **837** individuals were referred to the Franklin Police Co-Response Program clinicians.

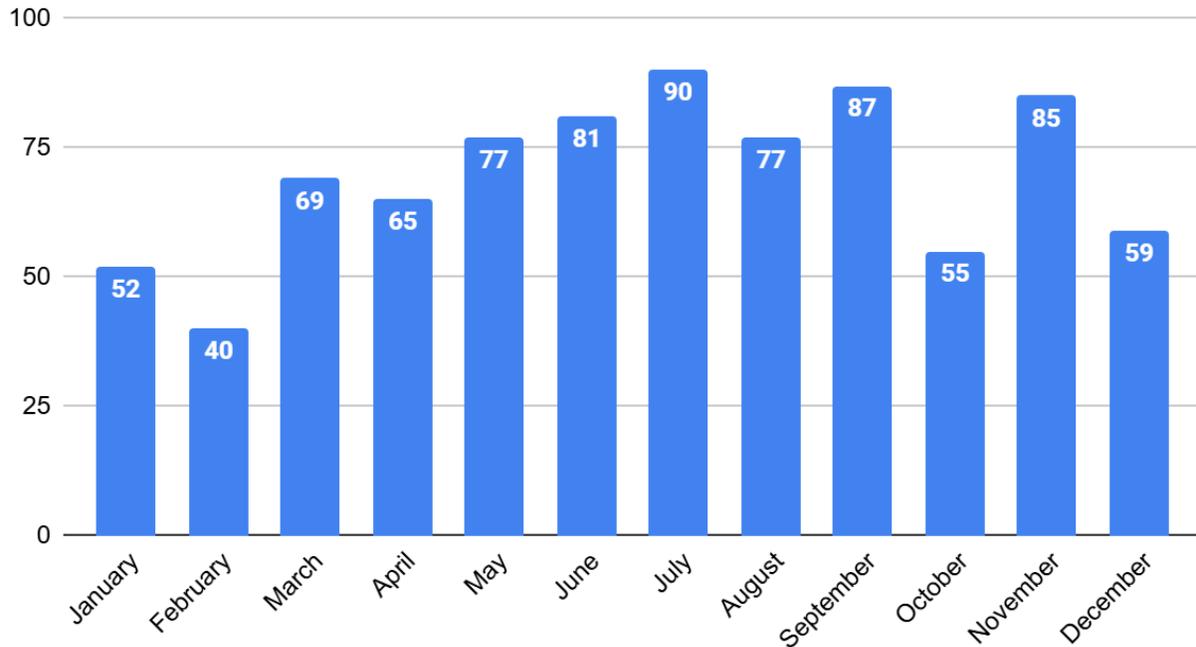


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## 2024 Co-Response Interventions



### Diversions from Arrest

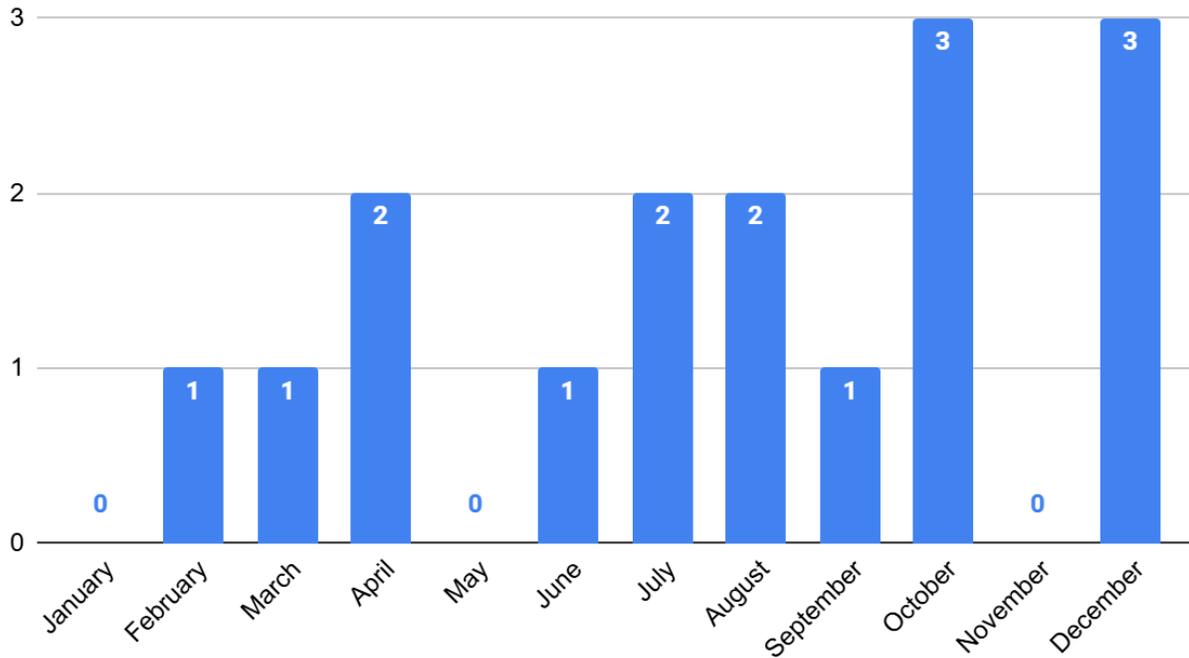
One of the objectives of the Franklin Police Co-Response Program is to divert individuals involved in low-level crimes away from the criminal justice system and into more appropriate mental health or substance use treatment. During the year 2024, a total of **16** individuals with mental health, behavioral health, or substance use challenges that were encountered by the Co-Response clinicians and Franklin Police Officers were diverted from arrest and referred to treatment. There was a **80%** diversion rate for individuals who were eligible for arrest diversion.



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## 2024 Arrest Diversions



Each arrest is associated with cost savings. The cost savings are an additional benefit of diverting individuals from arrest. This quarter's arrest diversions amount to an estimated cost savings to the criminal justice system of, **\$114,704\*** (\$7,169 per arrest diversion).

### Diversions from the Emergency Department

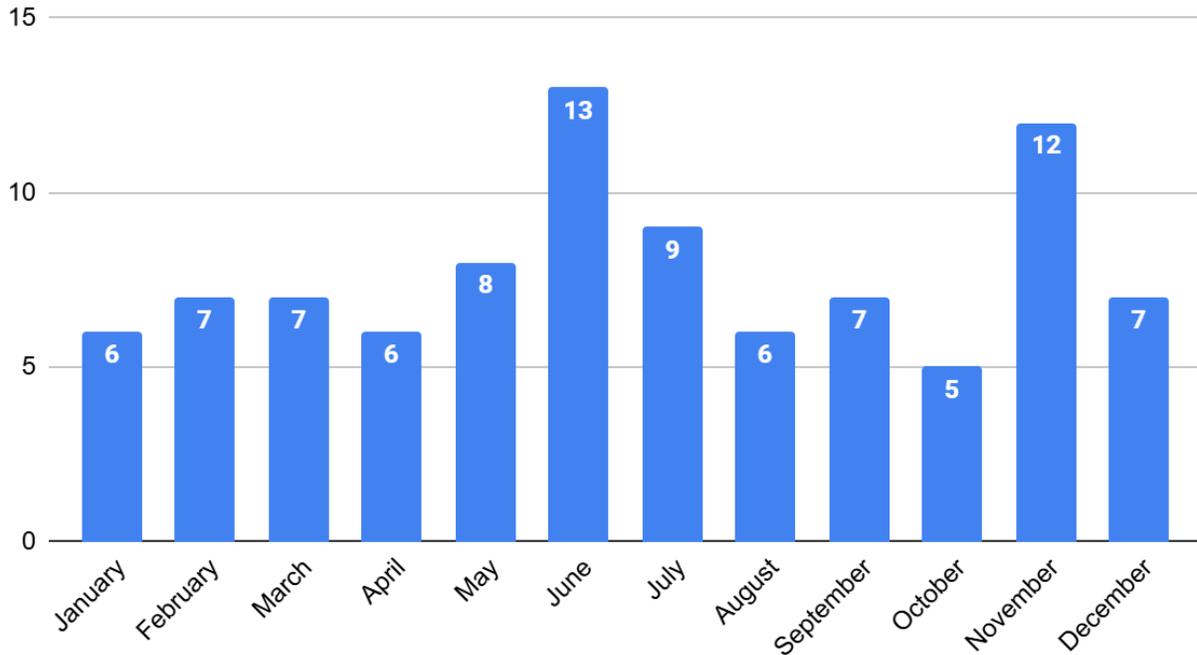
An additional objective of the Franklin Police Co-Response Program is to divert individuals with mental health, behavioral health, or substance use challenges away from unnecessary hospital emergency department (ED) presentations, and into community-based treatment. Throughout 2024, a total of **93** individuals were diverted from unnecessary ED visits.



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## 2024 ED Diversions



Each ED diversion is also associated with cost savings. The cost savings are an additional benefit of diverting individuals from the hospital. This quarter's ED diversions amount to an estimated cost savings to the healthcare system of **\$203,484\*** (\$2,188 per ED diversion).

The estimated cost savings due to arrest and emergency department diversions for 2024 is **\$318,188\***.

Report submitted by: Kallie Montagano | Co-Response Program Manager | Franklin Police Department

\**Jail and arrest diversion grant program - mass.gov. mass.gov. (2024, February).*

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/fy-2023-jdp-annual-report/download>



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN  
RESOLUTION 25-02**

**APPROPRIATION:** Statewide Opioid Settlement Fund

**TOTAL REQUESTED:** \$ 397,000.00

**PURPOSE:** To appropriate from the Statewide Opioid Settlement Fund in the amount of \$397,000.00 to pay for the following:

\$56,000.00 for two 1 year contracts with William James INTERFACE Referral Service

\$200,000.00 for two 1 year contracts with the SAFE Coalition

\$85,000.00 for two 1 year contracts with Gilly's House

\$56,000.00 for two 1 year contracts with Art Pharmacy

**MOTION:**

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council of the Town of Franklin that the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Dollars (\$397,000.00) be appropriated as indicated above from the Statewide Opioid Settlement Fund, for the stated purposes.

This Resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**A True Record Attest:**

**Nancy Danello, CMC  
Town Clerk**

**VOTED:**

**UNANIMOUS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Glenn Jones, Clerk  
Franklin Town Council**