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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-0\

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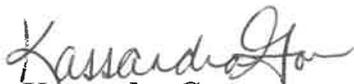
Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6-1(a)(2) of the Amesbury Home Rule Charter (the "Charter"), City government is hereby reorganized by Administrative Order of the Mayor as follows:

The Department of Public Wellness

1. The Department of Public Wellness is hereby created and established upon effect of this order.
2. The position of Director of Department of Public Wellness is hereby created and established upon effect of this order.
3. This new Department of Public Wellness will address health and human services needs within Amesbury and regionally and will be led by the Director of Department of Public Wellness who will report directly to the Mayor.
4. Some funding sources to fund this new Department are regional and age specific, resulting in a department that serves all age groups and populations as well as neighboring municipalities. To fund this new Department (staffing and program expenses), we will be pooling funding from the following multi-year sources:
 - Behavioral Health Outreach for Aging Population grant (BHOAP) - Connecting older adults with primary care and mental health providers, delivering comprehensive interventions designed to return elders to their previous state of mental and social health. **(regional)**
 - Public Health Excellence grant (PHE)- Improving municipalities' compliance with public health statutory and regulatory mandates and expand the public health protections and services we offer residents. **(regional)**
 - Drug Free Communities (DFC)- Reducing substance use among youth and, over time, among adults.
 - Opioids Settlement funding - Supplementing prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery interventions and programs.

5. The Director of Public Wellness will oversee the hiring, training and management of the Behavioral Health Outreach for Aging Population (BHOAP) grant program and staff, moving it from the Department of Council on Aging to the Department of Public Wellness.
6. The Director of Public Wellness will oversee the hiring, training and management of the Partnership of Amesbury Community & Teens (PACT) grant program and staff, pending the approval of an extension of the Drug-Free Community (DFC) grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
7. The Director of Public Wellness will oversee the hiring, training and management of staff including the current part-time Health Agent and regional health staff hired under the Public Health Excellence (PHE) grant program. These positions are currently overseen by the Director of Inspectional Services.
8. The Director of Public Wellness will oversee the hiring, training and management of anticipated newly hired staff, including but not limited to an Amesbury Public Health Nurse, Outreach & Prevention Specialists and Administrative Staff.

This Administrative Order shall become effective on the thirtieth day following the day on which notice of the proposed administrative order is filed with the City Council unless otherwise acted upon in accordance with Section 6-1(a)(2) of the Charter.


Kassandra Gove
Mayor