IPSWICH AWARE
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**AGENDA**

**Open** Meeting of the Community and the Ipswich Aware Steering Committee
1-2 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 – Change of date due to Veteran's Day

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1. **Introductions**

2. **Ipswich Aware Updates**

   - **Ipswich Teen Leaders**
   - **Ascension Memorial Church's "Season of Giving" Christmas Bazaar -**Saturday, December 12th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ipswich Aware will have a table at the event.
   - **What else should Ipswich Aware be doing in the community?**

3. **Ipswich Public Health and Opioid Settlement Funds Update**
   - Anti-Stigma Campaign
   - Opioid Abatement Support Award

4. **Partner Updates/Other Business**
   - RYPN and North Shore Youth Leaders
   - Opioid Abatement Collaborative Update – Gloucester, Ipswich, Rockport

5. **PASS Program – Positive Alternative to School Suspension**
   **Rebecca Jackson**, Director of Community Programs at the North Shore Y and Be Healthy Beverly will join us!

   PASS is a short-term early intervention program designed for students facing suspension or in need of behavioral health support. Many participants are navigating challenges such as substance use disorder, depression, anxiety, or trauma. Currently serving multiple districts and schools, PASS offers a supportive, therapeutic environment where students can continue their academic work while receiving mental health services. The program also helps reduce suspension time, promoting a smoother and more successful reintegration into school.

   The YMCA of the North Shore offers the PASS Program through our Greater Beverly and Haverhill YMCAs. Greater Beverly's PASS Program is a collaborative initiative between the YMCA of the North Shore, North Shore Education Consortium, Justice Resource Institute/Children's Friend and Family Services, and Essex County Outreach.

**Happy Thanksgiving and ALL the upcoming holidays!!**
**Next (virtual) Meeting – January 13th, 2027, 1-2 p.m.**

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