



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

**Date:** Thursday February 23, 2017

**Location** OLVER TRANSIT CENTER, 12 Olive St. Grnfld

**Facilitator** Rob Lingle, Co-Chair

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Marti Taft-Ferguson, Buckland	<b>ABSENT:</b>
Ellen White, Leyden	Deb Coutinho, Shelburne	Deerfield
Betsy Kovacs, Heath	Cass Nawrocki, Hawley	Rowe
Sue Gruen, Heath	<b>STAFF:</b>	Gill
Meg Burch, Conway	Phoebe Walker	
Dave Nash, Monroe	Randy Crochier, Food Safety Agent	<b>REGRETS:</b>
Rob Lingle, Charlemont	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse	Kathie Benson, Leyden

Agenda Item	Action
Intros and minutes	Minutes from January unanimously approved. As an icebreaker we shared the messages we wish we had heard as young people, and reflected briefly on our role as public health leaders in supporting young people.
Staff Update Nurse:	<p>Lisa gave her annual Communicable Disease Report Review for CPHS towns. She began with a review of how the communicable disease system work in Massachusetts, and the role of the Board of Health in preventing spread from people diagnosed with a set of 75 specific reportable diseases. Discussion about 2016 rates included:</p> <p>Lyme disease rates were much lower. We wondered if that was because of the absence of the totally free tick tests, or because of the very dry summer.</p> <p>Hepatitis C was up, but some were due to a new method of reporting contacts of infected people. Discussion of the opening of a new needle exchange site in Greenfield to help address this issue.</p> <p>There were questions about how we communicate as a community when there are outbreaks of non-reportable illnesses like the Norovirus that swept through the region this winter. Lisa will look into the right process for communicating into MAVEN. Question about whether people with influenza were vaccinated? Lisa says that data is not reported in MAVEN.</p>
Staff Update Health Agents:	Glen reminded members of the reason for the new T5 witness policy discussed during the last three months. Policy was passed unanimously by those towns participating in the health inspection programs. Cass shared the letter that the Hawley BOH had mailed to legislators about House Bill HD3453 on lead testing in schools, and Glen gave a brief update on the issue. He will bring test results for district schools to the March meeting. Sue Gruen pointed out that mandatory blood testing of children ends at 5 years old, before they enter school, making this an even more important issue.

Revised Fee Schedule	Board reviewed and adopted a new fee schedule for the first time since 2014. Schedule passed unanimously by those towns participating in the health inspection programs.
FRCOG Report	<p>The group finalized our Meeting Schedule and locations for 2017. April canceled due to MAPHCO Annual Meeting, March meeting combined with MAPHCO for a training on BOH preparedness responsibilities, and August meeting canceled for summer vacation. See schedule distributed.</p> <p>Phoebe reported that BOH/COA meeting planning is underway – flyers were passed out and people were asked to invite COAs, Select Boards, etc.. Kathie and Betsy will join Lisa, Phoebe, and Lynne Feldman from LifePath in planning the event.</p>
Member updates	<p>Phoebe reported that <b>Charlemont</b> Federated Church, <b>Rowe</b> School, and <b>Buckland</b> Public Library received mini-grants from the Mass in Motion program to undertake projects to encourage healthy eating and active living. Congrats! Cass reported that <b>Hawley's</b> BOH decided not to pursue Tobacco 21 regulations at this time. <b>Monroe</b> got 9 companies to their pre-bid meeting for Mill demolition – bids due soon! <b>Heath</b> is meeting with Mass Assn of Health Boards to consider adoption of the Tobacco 21 regulations, and is very interested in doing work on abandoned properties improvement. <b>Conway</b> is also looking to update their Tobacco regulations, including the 21 age limit. <b>Leyden</b> worked with their Town Clerk to get their minutes online in response to the new Public Records Law provisions.</p>
Note:	COA/ BOH meetings: April 3 at 3:30 and May 15 at 3:30 at SF Senior Center

This meeting is wheelchair accessible. Please call Phoebe with any requests for accessibility.  
**Light Dinner will be served – call Phoebe with any dietary restrictions!**

