



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting: Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Date: Thursday May 26	Location: Buckland Town Hall, Second Floor	Facilitator: Kathie Benson, Co-Chair
Time: 5:00- 7:00 PM	Room: Upstairs	Mins. taken by: Karen Brooks

ATTENDEES:	Rob Lingle/Charlemont	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG (briefly)
Karen Brooks/Heath	Kathie Benson/Leyden	ABSENT:
John Sears/Hawley	Martha Taft Ferguson/Buckland	Gill
Jim Bauerlein/Buckland	Staff:	Deerfield
Dave Nash/Monroe	Glen Ayers/Regional Health Agent	Regrets:
Deb Coutinho/Shelburne	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse	Meg Burch/Conway
Marie Iken/Conway	Randy Crochier, Food Safety Agent	

Agenda Item	Person
Intros & minutes	Group welcomed two new members, Marie Iken of Conway, Martha Taft-Ferguson of Buckland, and John Sears of Hawley. Minutes of March were accepted unanimously.
Staff update - Nurse	<p>Lisa White presented new numbers on nymph and adult populations and tick testing results by date and town showing highest numbers in November of 2015. Kathie shared a Leyden resident’s experience with lyme, stating that she experienced full recovery, and Rob added some good information as well. We discussed whether there is the possibility of full recovery.</p> <p>Reimbursement for flu vaccine still underway for this season, but a higher percentage of claims are being paid than we expected – good news. Most likely we will be required to have a lab-quality refrigerator for storing vaccine soon.</p> <p>The program that brought nurses from UMass to Shelburne Falls Senior Center was very successful. Deb spoke about her experience with Hurricane Irene and creating “Go Bags”. This was recreated at the Senior Center with the nurses. Program will be most likely happening again next spring. Karen asked if they would be available for Heath. Lisa said that a requirement of the program is that all the students need to stay together -- so if a town can use all the nurses, then it could work.</p> <p>Lisa also presented a packet on elder care. Zika virus: no new info. Not likely to come this far north but pregnant women could still be at risk because of travelers.</p>
FRCOG Update:	Phoebe reported that finances were in fine shape.
Staff Update – Health	Glen talked about tobacco regs—there is a form we can sign to change the age to 21. Glen and Phoebe are drafting a letter to realtors reminding them about Title V, perc tests, etc. They

Agent	will bring it to the Board at the next meeting.
Member updates	<p>Kathie said business at the Leyden BOH was very slow. She went to a training with Cheryl Sbarra that talked about how easy it is for things to slip through the cracks. All boards involved but no communication created a terrible outcome. Important to make sure items on agenda get carried forward to next meeting. Blight housing issue—went to selectboard and asked if the town would back them up. Turned it over and put it in the minutes. Rob talked about housing committee in Charlemont created to try to solve problems. Jim is working on BOH until the end of June. Working on senior housing with COA and ways to stay at home. Glen brought up the pellet stove at the school. Public health should have been involved in decision-making process.</p> <p>Charlemont: Rob reported that Doug, Trice and Rob are now 3-member board. Signed Tobacco 21, relatively slow. Charlemont Inn still in court, waiting judges decision.</p> <p>John Sears from the Hawley BOH/BOS: things quiet, talked about safety of pellet stoves. Peggy Sloan at FRCOG is planning a workshop on the air quality impacts of commercial-scale pellet stoves. Rob spoke about carbon-producing lignates vs burning live trees. Jim said there has been a 20-year discussion on outdoor woodburning stoves. Monroe: Glen and Dave talked about court appearance and litigation. Selectboard and survey boards are both being sued, as well as 2 individuals.</p> <p>Heath: Karen reported that Brownfields grant still being discussed by selectboard. Condemnation hearing was held. Property was cleared before perc so she is working on a list for potential property owners with items that need to happen and order to do them in, so that this doesn't happen again. Jim said Oversight Board is useful because all issues are common to all towns. Conway: Marie noted that the pipeline's withdrawal has really quieted the business of the BOH. They also regulate transfer station and have been dealing with personnel issues there. Marie and other board members discussed servsafe and residential kitchen inspections for those who want to sell their products. Shelburne: trying to get word out on tick-testing and Title V's.</p>
Food Safety Primer for BOH	Randy's presentation was put off to the next meeting due to the lateness of the hour.
Next meetings	Board voted to skip June meeting because MAPHCO Annual Dinner is on 6/29 at Greenfield Country Club. We will attend that instead of meeting. Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 28 at the Transit Center in Greenfield.

This meeting is wheelchair accessible. Please call Phoebe with any requests for accessibility.

Light Dinner will be served – call Phoebe with any dietary restrictions!

