



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

| Meeting: Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board | | | |
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| Date: | Thursday January 19, 2017 | Location | OLVER TRANSIT CENTER, 12 Olive St. Grnfld |
| Facilitator | Kathie Benson, Co-Chair | | |
| Time | 5:00- 7:00 PM | Room: | Downstairs Meeting Room |

| PRESENT: | | REGRETS | |
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| Deb Coutinho, Shelburne | Terry Estes, Buckland | Rob Lingle, Charlemont | |
| Maggie Rice, Rowe | Staff: | Betsy Kovacs, Heath | |
| Dave Nash, Monroe | Randy Crochier, Health Agent | Marti Taft-Ferguson, Buckland | |
| Cass Nawrocki, Hawley | Phoebe Walker, FRCOG | ABSENT: | |
| Doug Telling, Charlemont | Glen Ayers, Health Agent | Heath, Conway, Deerfield | |
| Kathie Benson, Leyden | Lisa White, Public Health Nurse | | |

| Agenda Item | Action |
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| Intros & Minutes | Kathie led the group in a discussion of the best things that happened in your town this fall/winter. Answers included everything from new IT systems in Town Hall to examples of neighbors coming together to support community members in need, to the work to demolish the Ramage Paper Mill! Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written. |
| Staff Update – Nurse | Lisa reported on research into possible new nursing services. She did not find a need for more childhood vaccinations, but did think education on the need for vaccination was a need, given our high rates of pertussis and the new mandate to increase HPV vaccination levels. Her recommendations included offering Hep B shot series for first responders and DPW workers, offering scheduled pneumonia vaccinations at the regular wellness clinics (perhaps marketed at the flu clinics). There was discussion about the Diabetes Prevention Program, how it works and how we can get it out into our communities, and Lisa offered to send out more information on it and pre-diabetes. Members were generally supportive, and also asked if rabies vaccines for ACOs might be a possibility. |
| Staff Update – Health Agents | Randy reported that the Serve Safe/Choke Saver/Allergan training for 1/27 is overfull, and 11 people from non-district towns have been turned away. He also showed Board members a bag of kitchen disinfection supplies that he and Glen are distributing when they do food inspections, which includes Bru-Tabs, a chlorine disinfectant that is far more long-lasting and effective than chlorine bleach. Many food services establishments incorrectly assume that if bleach still smells like bleach, it is working, which is entirely false. Glen reported that permit renewals are well underway. Doug has handled the process for Charlemont, and Marti for Buckland. Glen is doing the other towns. He reviewed the proposed Title 5 inspection witness fee payment policy from our November meeting again. |

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| | <p>Final vote will be in February, as we forgot to put it on the agenda for tonight.</p> <p>Glen asked towns that have not passed the Tobacco 21 regulations if they were interested. Monroe reported no. He will share information with others.</p> <p>Finally, Glen drew the Board’s attention to the issue of lead in drinking water in schools. In reaction to the issues in Flint, MI, Massachusetts has been doing water testing in every school, at every water outlet. The current limit for action under the DEP is 15 ppb, but the American Academy of Pediatrics has set 1 ppb as an acceptable rate, as children are a very vulnerable population, and spend a great deal of time in school. Glen explained the various sources of lead in the water, and reported that he had been gathering data from the state about district schools, and would bring them to the next meeting. Terry reported that at Buckland Shelburne Elementary, 10% of the water sources tested at over 15 ppb, and 80% over 1 ppb. A State Rep from Eastern Mass has filed legislation to require testing and remediation in all schools, and set the limit at 1 ppb.</p> |
| FY18 Fee Schedule Discussion | <p>Phoebe and Glen passed out a proposed revision to the fee schedule (last adjusted in 2014). Most fees were left as is, and few specific changes were recommended and discussed, including clarifying that the food permit fee is \$150 per kitchen, and includes two inspections a year for each, and the addition of a voluntary pre-rental housing inspection. A final vote will be taken at the February meeting.</p> |
| FY18 Budget Discussion and Vote | <p>Phoebe gave a presentation on the budget for FY18, including the process used to create a budget and details on each type of revenue and how it is counted toward town costs. The district is still using reserve funds for two more years, but is nearly done with the transition to a fair and fairly applied formula for all towns. Doug Telling moved that the Board adopt the budget and assessment figures as proposed, Dave Nash seconded it and the Board voted unanimously to do so.</p> |
| Member updates | <p>Maggie reported that in Rowe they have a great new BOH Clerk, Joanne. Also, the town recently voted to put up the money for internet from the town’s fund balance, and the pole count is done! Kathie shared a story from her volunteering at the Literacy Project that illustrated the need for continued education in infectious disease transmission. Doug described the town’s recent frustration at the defeat of two of their pieces of legislation as the session closed – a rec tax and and a small town EMS variance. Terry of Buckland reported that there is discussion a new Highway Garage.</p> <p>Phoebe handed out materials from the recent marijuana legalization training and pointed members to a collection of resources on the website.</p> |
| Upcoming Meetings and trainings | <p>Discussed 2017 meeting schedule –keep fourth Thursdays? If so, next meeting is 2/23 at Transit Center</p> <p>COA/ BOH meetings: April 3 at 3:30 and May 15 at 3:30 at SF Senior Center</p> |

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

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

