



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
Date	February 22, 2016	Location	JWO Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA Room 104
Time	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Duration	2 Hours
		Facilitator:	Nicole Zabko, Co-Chair Carolyn Shores Ness, Co-Chair

ATTENDEES:	
Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH	Deb Coutinho, Shelburne BOH
Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH	Nicole Zabko, Greenfield Health Director
Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH	Doug Telling, Charlemont BOH
Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH	John Hillman, Leverett BOH
Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH	
ABSENT:	
Gina McNeely, Montague Health Director	Flora Sadri, Northfield BOH
Lisa Hassay, Town Nurse, Montague	Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH
FRCOG STAFF:	GUESTS:
Greg Lewis, Mark Maloni	Michael Nelson, MDPH
Tracy Rogers	

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/ agenda/introductions	Called to order at 4:36 p.m.
2. Review/approval of January 11, 2016 minutes	Carolyn moved to accept the January minutes as written and Deb seconded. Passed unanimously, one abstention.
3. Roundtable Updates	a. None.
4. DPH update	a. OPEM is examining BP5, and wanting to enhance cautiousness around expenditures. Coalition funding will look the same, but the procedures for accessing money will look a little different. All expenditures will need to be pre-planned. Mini-grant funds will need to be determined prior to July 1. Budget forms are anticipated to be available for April 4 th . Coalition will need to consider this is light of mini grants program. Do we wish to use our funds in this way, or look towards trainings and exercises as a better use of funds?

	<p>b. BP5 – not definite, but hearing that there will be a requirement for a work plan that mirrors the budget.</p>
<p>5. Old Business</p> <p>a) Staff reports</p> <p>b) HMCC update</p> <p>c) WAG Update</p> <p>d) Q2/Q3 Deliverables update</p> <p>e) 2016 flu clinics</p>	<p>a. Staff report for Greg approved as written and submitted.</p> <p>b. Mark updated on the HMCC. Steering Committee selection almost complete. March planning meeting is final planning group meeting, then will kick off to Steering Committee. Initial work will be to build the regional coordination plan for response, build outreach and informational materials, and look towards BP5.</p> <p>c. Greg mentioned that some new staff members are attending the WAG meeting – Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire all have new staff attending.</p> <p>d. Q3 – CPGs are almost done; not a lot of changes based on this budget period being more about HMCC formation and training new staff. Greg will follow up with EDS's from their ORR to identify areas for improvement.</p> <p>e. Walgreen's partnership – Regional health director for New England and Greg have been talking. Walgreens will partner with any municipality to provide vaccine, personnel, and will take insurance, Medicaid, cash, and will also provide on-the-spot free vouchers. Some local folks might not need this, particularly if they are in the CPHS district, which has some capacity. March 9th, there will be a meeting with a Walgreen's rep to hash this out further.</p>
<p>6. New business</p> <p>a) Voting to select 2 public health representatives to the HMCC Steering Committee.</p> <p>b) Zika virus and mosquito control.</p>	<p>a. Ballots distributed to all attendees. Each attendee will select 2. Hampshire will vote later in the month, and Michael will notify the discipline later in the week. The remaining two candidates of the slate of four can then serve as alternates.</p> <p>b. Greg has been doing research on the Asian Tiger mosquito. Northern boundary for this species currently is southern CT. This species is expected to be in the Valley by 2020. What are the implications of this on the notion of building a mosquito control district? Greg contacted the central Mass mosquito control district, and their contact indicates that there is already a document in play indicated that central MA already has the species present. This doesn't mean established populations, but it is indicative of the growth potential for the species. The state is not very responsive to this info thus far. While the issue has been raised, not a lot of response is forthcoming.</p>
<p>7. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>a) Tracy – UMass student building go-kits for seniors and wondering if there is further money.</p>
<p>8. Wrap up and adjourn.</p>	<p>Deb moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded, none opposed. Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.</p>