



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

DRAFT Meeting Minutes: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017, 5-7 PM **Location:** Olver Transit Ctr, Greenfield **Facilitator:** Rob Lingle, Co-Chair

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

Agenda Item	Person
Intros, Icebreaker and minutes	Board members shared their favorite childhood summer memory. May minutes were approved with no corrections. Review of the minutes sparked a question about the Naloxone gap for police in our area. Phoebe reported that the Opioid Task Force has purchased some to distribute, and she will follow up to make sure it is happening.
Staff Update – Food Safety Agent	Randy reported that the next ServeSafe class would be held on October 27, the day after the Annual Meeting, in the same location – Shelburne Falls Eagles. Flyers will be available for distribution shortly. From now to September 28 is priority registration for residents and employees of businesses in the comprehensive member towns – Buckland, Charlemont, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, and Rowe. Shared services towns Conway, Deerfield, and Shelburne may register from September 29-Oct 10, and then non-district towns can register as of October 11.
Staff Update – Regional Health Agent	<p>Glen gave an overview of how we handle well water quality in the comprehensive towns. We require well testing at the time of property transfer, along with the Title 5 inspection. Transfers among family members do not have to do these tests. Glen makes it as easy as possible for the homeowner, even providing the sample bottles. and Glen estimates that about one in five has some kind of negative result, ususally coliform. He described the other common findings in wells and what they come from. These include e coli, iron, and lead.</p> <p>We do not currently have a system for tracking the results, which Glen has identified as a gap before, part of the challenge is that the entire state has no tracking system for private well quality, which leaves us without important tools to use in cases of contamination/hazardous spills. Public water supplies, in contrast, test monthly and the reports are sent to DEP. In the fall he will be asking for a few members to help him design a</p>

	<p>way for BOHs to track failed well and T5 inspections that we could all use.</p> <p>Board members asked to have staff send out Hawley’s letter to legislators about the proposed legislation on lead in school and daycare water. The group also expressed interest in staff providing some well owner educational materials for town meetings, newsletters, etc..</p>
<p>Staff Update – Nurse</p>	<p>Flu Clinic planning for the fall for district towns! Lisa announced that the budget for vaccines was healthy enough to allow for the boosted doses for those over 65 if their doctors have recommended it. She passed out a draft list of the proposed 13 flu clinics. Some ideas raised by Board members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a clip and save part of town newsletters • Putting the dates not just in a Recorder, Montague Reporter, and West County Independent article, but in the Recorder calendar section and the Good Life from Life Path. • Church Newsletters as well. • Heath and Charlemont thought they might be able to go out with tax bills – Betsy and Rob will get back to Lisa on deadline for this. • Phoebe was asked to make a digital calendar function for each clinic –this is possible on the FRCOG website. <p>We then broke into groups by town and identified next steps for increasing turnout at the clinics and framing the message to residents about the need for community immunity and the convenience of the clinics. Each group generated a list of steps, which Lisa collected. She will be back in touch with Board members on how they can help.</p> <p>Lisa also reported that she is now able to distribute Files of Life, medication safes, and opioid information, thanks to a late June mini-grant from the Opioid Task Force. Board members suggested reaching out the building inspection program to put out information on built-in locking medicine cabinets, ditto the Aging in Place contractors.</p> <p>Finally, Lisa reported on the finding of the first West Nile Virus positive mosquito in Greenfield, and asked Board members to share information with residents about the need to (1) wear bug spray, (2) repair torn screens, (3) prevent ALL standing water around houses.</p>
<p>County Health Rankings and CHIP</p>	<p>Phoebe presented a slide show on the national County Health Rankings and what they say about our region, and the resulting Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) that was created and has identified priorities for the next three years.</p>
<p>FRCOG Update and budget report:</p>	<p>Phoebe reviewed the closeout of the fiscal year, which ended healthy, with greater than anticipated permit revenue, and greater than anticipated grant funding, resulting in only \$3500 of the planned \$11,000 use of reserves for the year. The unspent funds remain in this rainy day account to be used as the Board decides in the future. Phoebe also reported that she attended her first meeting as a gubernatorially-appointed Commissioner to the</p>

	Special Commission on Local and Regional Health.
Member updates	<p>Rowe: Maggie reported that the Board’s efforts to bring Airbnb hosts into compliance is going well, with inspections underway. In addition, the BOH is sending out a bulk mailing to residents to increase recycling rates the the Transfer Station (which the BOH oversees). IN related news, Kathie reported that Leyden’s thired Airbnb is opening, and all have been cooperative with the requirement to get a BnB permit and be inspected. Deb reported that in Shelburne they have had a productive summer of filing and upgrading computer systems. In Hawley, Cass described a challenging condemned property across from town hall, in which taxes are paid, and demo permit applied for, but not paid. Marti and Terry reported on Buckland’s recent progress in holding Pan Am railroad accountable for the 4-5,000 creosote soaked ties abandoned in piles down town and every few yards along the length of the railroad (and river). After a month of talking to DEP, the huge fire of 3500 ties in Northfield galvanized them to send a fine to the railroad, which immediately moved the big piles of ties from the village area. Randy mentioned that Gill was one of the towns that responded to the huge fire, and they have sent a bill to Pan Am for that response. In other Gill news, Lisa just began a new wellness clinic in the supportive housing complex in town, Stoughton Place. It is open to any town resident. Meg reported that Conway has a new elected member but she cannot start attending until some time in the fall. No progress on the tobacco regulations, and questions have arisen about whether they are necessary or if state regs will soon change. Betsy reported that Heath has been interested in the issue Glen raised of tracking old failed septics, due to the presence right near town hall of a faile septic from the early 2000s that had slipped through the cracks.</p>
Upcoming Meetings and trainings:	<p>August – no meeting</p> <p>Sept. 7: Marijuana Regulation Workshop 6-8 Transit Center</p> <p>Sept 26: Oversight Board Meeting 5-7 Buckland</p> <p>Oct. 5: Short Term Rental (AirBnB VRBO, etc) Workshop 6-8 Transit Center</p> <p>Oct. 26: Annual Meeting 6-8:30 Shelburne Falls Eagles</p> <p>Nov. 30: Oversight Board Meeting Transit Center</p>