



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting: Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Date: Thursday October 22	Location: FRCOG Library, Olver Transit Ctr.	Facilitator: Randy Crochier, Co-Chair
Time: 5:00- 7:00 PM	Room: NOTE: Upstairs	Mins. taken by: Phoebe Walker

ATTENDEES:	STAFF:	ABSENT:
Virginia Gabert, Hawley	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG Director of Community Services	Deerfield
Randy Crochier, Gill	Glen Ayers, Regional Health Agent	
Deb Coutinho, Shelburne	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse	Regrets:
Kathie Benson, Leyden		Meg Burch, Conway
Dave Nash, Monroe		Rob Lingle, Charlemont
Karen Brooks, Heath		Doug Telling, Charlemont
Betsy Kovacs, Heath		

Agenda Item	Person
Introductions and icebreaker:	Randy asked members-- if you HAD to come to this meeting in a costume, what would it be? Minutes approved with one change.
Staff update Nurse	Lisa White gave a brief orientation to the different kinds of Hepatitis that the state tracks. She also reported on the very smooth functioning of the flu clinics to date, with over 300 vaccinations given, including 40 the night before the meeting, in Leyden. She credited the successes to a core group of volunteers from the community and GCC's nursing program. There was a brief discussion of how CPHS might better use the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) in our clinics – tabled for after the season is over!
FRCOG Report	<p>(1) FDA Grant: Phoebe reported that the new position had been advertised on line and in the paper and at the Franklin Hampshire Career Center. Thus far one applicant had emerged and been interviewed by Glen, Phoebe, and Karen. An offer will be made shortly.</p> <p>The group discussed future food service trainings to be offered through the grant. We brainstormed new locations: Community Hall in Heath, Federated Church in Charlemont, Fellowship Hall in Shelburne. All options would need the ability to serve a lunch or have restaurants nearby so people can eat at mid-day break. Suggestion to focus more on glove use, pass out gloves that we have stockpiled at the FRCOG.</p> <p>(2) Next Steps on Ticks – Lisa will email out the currently appropriate language for the towns that are offering subsidies for testing this year. Other towns (Deerfield, Buckland, Gill, Monroe) should make sure there is no language on their websites anymore offering free testing. There is no update from the Tick Encounter program, but they may join us for a future meeting.</p>
Staff Update	Glen gave a report on the conversations with AirBnB, and the group reviewed a list of the

Health Agent	<p>currently licensed establishments – only two of the approximately 30 sites have pulled a permit. Brief discussion of recent issue in Leverett with meth lab in AirBnB. We will ask AirBnB to send the notice a second time.</p> <p>Charlemont Inn’s next court date is on November 6.</p>
Annual Meeting	<p>The group reviewed the schedule of speakers, food, and overall plan for the event. Members encouraged to invite their school nurses, police chiefs, select board members.</p>
Member updates	<p>Hawley reported that their Cider licensing issue was resolved in time for Cider Days. Virginia also reported on the great progress in organizing a DART team rabies clinic on the same day as the Hawlemont EDS flu clinic – 10/31. This is an exciting innovative partnership with DART and Homeland Security (whose mobile animal trailer will be in attendance) that began right here in the CPHS Board meeting last month! Heath described a problem they are facing with trailers turning incrementally into things that appear to be houses, and then being sold as such. They are trying to work with the building inspectors to address this. Also having a difficult time negotiating a controlled burn permit for the Fire Department, due to the potential health issues of burning appliances, asphalt shingles, etc. DEP requires a permit for the Fire Dept, and state law also requires a demo permit from the owner. Leyden had a major issue with their school well going dry and then refilling with coliform-tainted water. School is eating off paper plates, drinking bottled water. New policy on water use by outside groups is being developed. Gill also is having persistent well problems with their school, and are hoping to get a USDA grant for a new sand filter and UV system. Shelburne reported completing their second round of restaurant inspections. The huge Cider Days event has relocated to Charlemont, at Berkshire East. Deb attended the Buckland BOH Tobacco 21 hearing, and reported that it will go into effect on the 15th of November, the same as Shelburne. Charlemont’s just went into effect. Monroe’s issues with the condemnation of the Mill and their temporary Building Commissioner continue to be challenging.</p>