



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Meeting: Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday October 27	<b>Location</b>	BUCKLAND TOWN HALL	<b>Facilitator</b>	Rob Lingle, Co-Chair
<b>Time</b>	5:00- 7:00 PM	<b>Room:</b>	Upstairs	<b># to call with problems:</b>	413-834-0420

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>REGRETS:</b>	<b>STAFF:</b>
Doug Telling, Charlemont	Rob Lingle, Charlemont	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG
Marti Ferguson, Buckland	Betsy Kovacs, Heath	Glen Ayers, Health Agent
	Karen Brooks, Heath	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse
	Deb Coutinho, Shelburne	

Agenda Item	Person
Intros & Minutes	A few hardy souls gathered to eat pizza and discuss district business while the snow fell heavily outside. Minutes were not adopted due to lack of a quorum.
Staff update Nurse	<p>Lisa gave a brief flu update – over 500 vaccinations given thus far! – and we discussed improving turnout for the upcoming clinins. Lisa reported that the lack of flu mist has been fine, and that it will be back next year with a new formulation. Doug asked about payment for those without insurance this year – 2 people have refused to give their cards or money, 2 have had the fee waived, and 1 has paid the \$20 fee.</p> <p>Lisa has gotten some Local Tehcnical Assistanct funds from the FRCOG to conduct research into the introduction of the following new services to the health district. Each service will be analyzed for its capacity to provide benefits to our rural residents and for its fiscal sustainability.</p> <p><i>Expand Vaccination Program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) Childhood Vaccinations. Assess need for school age vaccine services in region. Investigate process with MADPH and Medical Supervisor for working within Immunization Program Guidelines to access and manage childhood vaccination program.</li> <li>(B) Adult Vaccine Program: Investigate process to expand services to offer adult vaccines such as Pneumonia (polysaccharide), Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Td/Tdap), Human papillomavirus (HPV).</li> </ul> <p><i>Expand clinical diagnostic services.</i> CLIA exempt status (this allows the nursing program to serve as a lab for only tests like the glucose meter test which the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have determined to be so simple that there is little risk of error. There are 100 tests currently available to those with the CLIA waiver). Explore potential to bill services through medicare and other insurances. Explore potential to have UMASS medical manage billing as they do</p>

	<p>for flu vaccine. Tests that could be added in such program: Blood Glucose, INR (blood clotting medicine testing), Urinalysis, Cholesterol Screening.</p> <p><i>Diabetes Prevention Program.</i> Investigate training opportunities and cost/benefit of getting trained and getting online with the E-Referral program. Explore potential to have UMASS medical manage billing as they do for flu vaccine.</p>
FRCOG update	<p>Phoebe gave a budget report – all is well with the FY17 budget, as the LTA funds for Lisa have filled the final amount of grant funding hoped for. We will discuss the FY18 budget at the November meeting. Phoebe held off on giving her slide show given the bad weather and small turnout.</p>
Staff Update: Health Agents	<p>Randy was not in attendance, but Phoebe reported that the next Food Safety workshop starts next week in Deerfield over the course of three evenings. Randy has also begun conducting some food inspections, as we focus on getting them all done in time for relicensing.</p> <p>Glen gave Marti and Doug a tour of how he tracks Title 5 inspections, perc tests, and their fees. He raised the issue of unpaid Title 5 fees – at least \$1600 was unpaid last year, and he suggested a new policy that the people scheduling a Title 5 Inspection or a Perc Test be held responsible for payment of the fee on the day of the inspection. If the installer or designer has to pay on behalf of the client, they will be provided with a receipt that they can use to get reimbursed. Board members agreed that this would be a useful policy, especially as most of the unpaid fees are associated with the same few engineers.</p>
Annual Meeting	<p>We discussed location and agenda. Agreed to have speakers on the Massachusetts Food Plan and what it means in our region, including information about preserving farms, options for local food processing, and farm to institution efforts. Marti suggested adding information for district members on the emergency food network – who is served from our towns, and what resources they can access. <b>Save 12/15 from 5-8 at the Shelburne Falls Eagles!</b> And please invite your full board, select board, council on aging, librarians, etc.. A save the date email will be coming soon!</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!**

