



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting: Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Date: Thursday March 24	Location: Buckland Town Hall, Second Floor	Facilitator: Rob Lingle, Co-Chair
Time: 5:00- 7:00 PM	Room: Library Upstairs	Mins. taken by: Phoebe Walker

ATTENDEES:	Regrets:	Staff:
Jim Bauerlein, Buckland	Doug Telling, Charlemont	Phoebe Walker
Rob Lingle, Charlemont	Kathie Benson, Leyden	Glen Ayers
Deb Coutinho, Shelburne		Lisa White
Dave Nash, Monroe	ABSENT:	Randy Crochier
Cass Nawrocki, Hawley	Deerfield	
Virginia Gabert, Hawley	Conway	
Gloria Fisher, Heath	Gill	

Agenda Item	Action
Intros and minutes	For our icebreaker each member named one person who has had a major impact on their town, and explained how. We are fortunate to live with so many inspiring volunteers! Jim Bauerlein announced that this would be his last CPHS meeting, as he is leaving the Board of Health in May. Members thanked him for his service. Virginia Gabert brought her replacement, Cass Nawrocki, who will be the alternate for John Sears of the Board of Health/Selectboard. Virginia too was thanked for her years of service on the Board. Minutes for February accepted.
Community Resources for Residents	Rob and Phoebe described important resources that the BOH can refer people to from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Community Action. These include a weatherization program, an energy savings assessment that can go so far as to pay for a new refrigerator, housing rehab programs, and the phone number that serves as a central referral source for all kinds of support programs (413-475-1570 or find it on the web here: http://www.communityaction.us/resources-for-basic-needs.html) .
Staff update: Nurse	Lisa passed out a detailed overview of the Zika virus and reviewed for members what the current state of knowledge is about who can be infected, how they can get infected, and what we know about the mosquito involved.
Idea of joint COA/BOH meeting	The group discussed the plan to invite Council on Aging and Senior Center staff in for a group meeting to discuss the Tufts Healthy Aging Data (and perhaps the findings of the elder focus groups the hospital is holding), and what resources the district and the COAs can share. There was discussion that a daytime meeting might be best. Phoebe was asked to send out a doodle poll to pick a day time. Gloria offered to check in with Cathy Buntin on holding the event at the Shelburne Senior Center.

FRCOG Update:	Phoebe went over the Budget Reports – all is well with the grants. She suggested adding some hours of Paul Lemelin’s time to the FDA grant, to help people with applying for food permits, and with running reports on the data gathered in inspections on the tablets. Board endorsed this move with a unanimous vote.
Staff Update – Food Safety Agent	Randy reported that he had a full house for tomorrow’s ServeSafe training, and passed out a list of who had registered. He also shared some information with Board members about food safety equipment that he has purchased through the grant for use in the trainings.
Staff Update – Health Agent	Glen talked about the two court cases happening the next day (see below).
Member updates	Rob reported that Charlemont is in the processing of changing to a 3 member board. The next big court date with the Charlemont Inn is tomorrow, with all hoping there will be continued progress on bringing the property back into compliance and open for business. He also shared that no volunteers had been found to organize Yankee Doodle Days, unfortunately. Dave reported that Glen is also in court for Monroe tomorrow, seeking access to the Ramage Mill building as part of a coordinated effort by many agencies to address the crisis before it falls into the river. In other challenges in the town, one member of the BOH/SB has resigned, the bartender passed away, and five fire fighters quit. Gloria Fisher reported that Heath ’s major challenge at the moment is internet, with houses unable to sell since even DSL is taken out when a house changes hands now. In Buckland the conflict with the School District over the proposed switch to wood pellet fuel from propane is continuing. Jim shared his sense that the Board needs to be more proactive. Hawley is changing faces on the Board, with Virginia moving into a more strictly financial role in the town. Virginia gave an update on the rabies/lyme testing clinic happening Saturday.
New Business	Phoebe relayed a request from the MAPHCO steering committee, which is planning to hold its annual meeting on 4/28 at 6, our usual meeting time. Board agreed to meet for one hour (possibly on the links!) before the MAPHCO meeting and attend it as a group.

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

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

