



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting: Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Date: Thursday September 22	Location: BUCKLAND TOWN HALL	Facilitator: Kathie Benson Co-Chair
Time: 5:00- 7:00 PM	Room: Upstairs	# to call with problems: 413-834-0420

Present:	Rob Lingle/Charlemont	Regrets:
John Sears/Hawley	Absent:	Meg Burch/Conway
Kathie Benson/Leyden	Monroe, Rowe	Dick Calisewski/Deerfield
Betsy Kovacs/Heath	Staff:	Glen Ayers/Health Agent
Terry Estes/Buckland	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse	Karen Brooks/Heath
Marti Ferguson/Buckland	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG	
Deb Coufinho/Shelburne		

Agenda Item	Person
Intros & Minutes	The group shared memories of our favorite teacher in school and how did s/he impact us. Minutes of last meeting approved unanimously.
Staff update -- Nurse	Lisa gave a flu clinic update and passed out posters for each clinic as well as for the entire season of them. Phoebe will email them digitally as well. Lisa gave special thanks to new FRCOG staff person Liz Jacobsen-Carroll for the very attractive posters. She reminded the Board that there will be no flu mist this year (nasal spray), so all kids will get an injection. On the upside, the injection will work better at preventing flu. Brief discussion of techniques for vaccinating young kids. Lisa will once again be joined by GCC Service Learning students from the nursing program at the clinics, and reminded board members that she can give home-bound elders shots as well. The clinic schedule is running in the newspaper in the Life Path Good Life section. Board asked Phoebe to send out a press release. Lisa will be in touch with each of the town website managers to get the information online.
Council on Aging Meeting Idea	The Board had a discussion of the proposed joint BOH/COA meeting. Betsy asked that we confirm the data we have been discussing, since there seems to be great disagreement about how accurate the forecasts are. Questions for the event are: : how fast are we aging? What does that mean for our residents? Members envisioned the meeting attendees going away with an aging-friendly community checklist for a town that BOH and COA members could use to gather data on needs/assets in their towns, and then come back a few weeks later to talk about any best practices we could share with each other or common threads. Dates were set for the meetings: April 3 at 3:30 and May 15 at 3:30 for the follow up meeting. Phoebe will notify Life Path and the host, Shelburne Falls Senior Center. To be continued!

<p>FRCOG Budget Report:</p>	<p>Phoebe went over reports on town funds, grants, fees, and flu reimbursement. Fee revenue is slightly higher than projected. There is still a small gap of grant funds not yet identified but hoped for in FY17. Rob moved and Betsy seconded motion to move \$5,000 from the flu administration payment account to the nurse’s salary line. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Phoebe asked what people wanted to do about the Annual Meeting for this year. Decision: aim for December 15, and have FOOD be the theme. Possible subjects could be the MA Food Plan and how it is playing out in our region, recent Food Security research in Franklin County, and possibly food safety. Strong request for fewer speakers than previous years. Staff will work on a location. Betsy offered to help with planning this meeting and the COA one.</p>
<p>Staff Update – Health Agents:</p>	<p>Randy gave an update on ServSafe classes: October 4, a three-day one in Deerfield for school personnel, and one on January 27.</p>
<p>Member updates and training needs for your Board</p>	<p>Buckland BOH members asked if anyone had experience with nuisance complaints about honey bees. . They have a number of homes in one neighborhood that have hives, and a person who is being repeatedly stung in their back yard.</p> <p>Heath (why do I have NADO written here as an update?)</p>
<p>Training Discussion</p>	<p>Group discussed its training needs, in particular for certification. Everyone expressed difficulty in making it to the eastern MA MAHB workshops. Phoebe was asked to request MAHB to bring one of the “tracks” from their November sessions to the west when they come in the early spring – preferably the emergency preparedness one. Phoebe will do this and check with MAPHCO on co-sponsoring the event. Boards were also interested in a BOH legal roundtable with just MAHB Atty Cheryl Sbarra some evening.</p> <p>Upcoming trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 3 & 4 Medical Response to Bombing (WRHSAC) • Nov. 10: Public Records Law Changes • January 12: Municipal Steps to Improve Health • February 16: Climate Change and Franklin County • April sometime: BOH Certification

This meeting is wheelchair accessible. Please call Phoebe with any requests for accessibility.
Light Dinner will be served – call Phoebe with any dietary restrictions!

