



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
<b>Date</b>	February 23, 2015	<b>Location</b>	John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA Room 104
<b>Time</b>	4:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Duration</b>	2 Hours
		<b>Facilitators</b>	Nicole Zabko and Carolyn Shores Ness, Co-Chairs

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	
Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH	Carolyn Ness, Deerfield BOH
Deb Coutinho, Shelburne BOH	Nicole Zabko, Greenfield Health Director
Doug Telling, Charlemont BOH	John Hillman, Leverett BOH
Nina Keller, Wendell BOH	Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH
Betsey Kovacks, Heath BOH	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	
Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH	Jim Bauerlein, Buckland BOH
Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH	Flora Sadri, Northfield BOH
Gina McNeely, Montague Health Director	
<b>FRCOG STAFF:</b>	<b>GUESTS:</b>
Mark Maloni, Patricia Smith, Tracy Rogers, Glen Ayers	Michael Nelson, DPH

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/ agenda/introductions	Called to order at 4:45 p.m.
2. Review/approval of December, 2014 meeting minutes	Moved by Doug, second by Deb – approved unanimously.
3. WRHSAC (Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council) Outreach	Mark and Patricia presented on the WRHSAC structure, intent, and resources. Brief videos are available online outlining the various services, good, and initiatives put forth by WRHSAC. Three videos were screened, and members were encouraged to have other LHD/BOH member take a look at the two WRHSAC websites – <a href="http://www.wrhasac.org">www.wrhasac.org</a> , and <a href="http://www.westernmassready.org">www.westernmassready.org</a>
4. Kinder Morgan pipeline concerns	<p>a. Nina Keller presented her health concerns regarding the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline and their safety record. Also acknowledged the ethical concerns of using fracked gas. Questioned if MAPHCO as a body could issue a statement or take some kind of public stance on the issue. Members questioned their ability to speak for their boards in full.</p> <p>b. Given the pipeline as a topic for Annual Meeting, the thinking was to get more information out to LHD's via</p>

	that venue, and to include legislators in the invites.
5. Roundtable updates	<p>a. Doug Telling (on behalf of Rob Lingle) brought up the vaccine concern. Though the state has responded to MAPHCO's as well as the FRCOG's letters of concern with a letter that essentially stated "too bad", some Steering Committee members felt the state response was a form letter that merited further pushback. Conversation held regarding the role of flu clinics and vaccine as tools for exercising EDS plans. Point was raised that full scale simulation in the form of a flu clinic is not the only way to exercise EDS plans/modalities. Any planning group could identify areas of concern or challenge and work with Mark to build exercise that test and inform those areas. EDS planning groups are welcome to contact Mark to flesh out possible exercises that would be meaningful. Meanwhile, there is still a concern on the public health implications of losing the free vaccine. The leadership would like to draft pushback letters to the state.</p>
6. DPH Updates	<p>Mike Nelson reported:</p> <p>a. DPH BP4 funds – look to be approximately level funded.</p> <p>b. HMCC RFP could be out later this week.</p> <p>c. HHAN contact list updates are complete, and region 1 should be fully up to date.</p> <p>d. WebEOC is going to have a software upgrade that will impact user names and might require new cheat sheets. Mike will do a login review at next meeting, and Mark will plan to take new cheat sheets and WebEOC documents out when he visits LHD's through the spring and summer.</p>
7. Old business a. Staff reports b. Health and medical coordinating coalitions c. Annual meeting	<p>a. Staff reports – Mark indicated that he would continue visits to LHD's this year. Less focus on presenting EDS plans, and more focus on youth health efforts via Partnership for Youth as well as HMCC updates and BP4 check-ins. Also, any feedback Steering Committee has on e-newsletter would be appreciated. Currently around 40% open rates. Notes that an analysis of web capacity might factor into numbers. Can we work to ensure town clerks of Board Clerks are able to print and distribute?</p> <p>b. HMCC – see above. RFP might be out this week.</p> <p>c. Annual meeting. Pipeline. Cheryl Sbarra (J.D. with MA Association of Health Boards will talk some about BOH regulatory authority. Meg Burch, Conway BOH, will talk about the multi-board review the town of Conway conducted and</p>

	<p>what the Board learned around ad hoc taskforce work. Peg Sloan, Planning Director of the COG, will speak to host community agreements, and where to put LHD energy. Carolyn will update the group around Deerfield's efforts. Steve Kulik will be invited to speak to royalties bill, other district legislators will be invited and would likely want to say a few words as well. Annual Meeting is Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Terrazza Ristorante at the Greenfield Country Club.</p>
<p>8. New business a. Appoint new members</p>	<p>a. Moved by Nicole, seconded by Deb, to vote Dough Telling and Nina Keller in as voting Steering Committee members. Agreed to let Betsy attend a couple more meetings so she can decide what level of involvement works for her.</p>
<p>9. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting a. Budget amendment</p>	<p>a. Minor budget amendment made to reflect less salary and more food. Moved by Carolyn, seconded by Deb, approved unanimously.</p>
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>Moved by Deb, seconded by Doug, unanimous. Adjourned at 6:24.</p>