



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018	Location: Olver Transit Center	Facilitator: Kathie Benson, Co-Chair
Time: 5:00- 7:00 PM	Room: First Floor Meeting Room	# to call with problems: 413-834-0420

PRESENT:	STAFF:	REGRETS:
Doug Telling, Charlemont	Glen Ayers, Health Agent	Rob Lingle, Charlemont
Marti Taft-Ferguson, Buckland	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse	Betsy Kovacs, Heath
Dave Nash, Monroe	Randy Crochier, Food Safety Agent	ABSENT:
Kathie Benson, Leyden	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG	Rowe
Deb Coutinho, Shelburne		Conway
Cass Nawrocki, Hawley		Deerfield
		Gill

Agenda Item	Action needed
Minutes	December minutes accepted unanimously with one typo correction.
Adult Use Cannabis	Phoebe gave an update on the implementation of the law, the CCC's process and next steps for Boards of Health. She is participating in a task force working on template local board of health regulations, and the MAHB has planned a workshop for 3/27 (right after the final CCC regulations are issued) that will be streamed online as well, to go over details of what BOHs will be allowed to do and what best practices might be.
Remediation of Failed Septic Systems	Glen gave a presentation on the technologies used in the district to address failed septic systems, and reviewed the ten sites that they are installed in across the region.
Staff Update – Nurse	<p>Lisa gave a summary of the changes to communicable disease activity from last year to this year. Not surprisingly, the number of flu cases is up from 20 official flu diagnoses last year to 48 this year. Similarly, our total number of infectious disease cases across the board doubled from 105 to 220. While the pertussis outbreak accounted for some of that, there was also a major uptick in Anaplasmosis.</p> <p>Lisa also reported that her visits with residents during wellness clinics were up over last year, and invited any town interested in talking about holding a local Healthy Aging Planning Process with her help to contact her. Currently working with Shelburne Falls Senior Center and Deerfield on this work.</p>
Staff Update – Health Agents	Randy reported on his plan to hold a workshop for food service workers on how to cook easy meals for vegans and gluten intolerant people.
FRCOG Update:	Budgets look on track for the year.

Budget Reports Tick Tests Hiring update	<p>Tick Testing Program – Phoebe shared the current status of the tick testing program, including town participation and infection rates by town. Deerfield is interested in joining the program, and Randy reported that Gill is also interested. Phoebe will check back in with Rowe, which was interested but then did not follow up and sign a contract with the LMZ.</p> <p>Hiring update – committee will meet in late March. Lots of advertising and networking going on.</p>
Upcoming Meetings and trainings:	<p>March 8 – Abandoned Property Workshop March 27 – MAHB Marijuana Workshop/WebCast April 7 – MAHB Certification in Northampton</p>