



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

666 Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018	Location: Olver Transit Center	Facilitator: Rob Lingle, Co-Chair
Time: 5:00- 7:00 PM	Room: First Floor Mtg Rm	# to call with problems:

Present:	Staff:	Regrets:
Cass Nawrocki, Hawley	Glen Ayers, Health Agent	Betsy Kovacs, Heath
Armand Clavette, Heath	Randy Crochier, Food Safety Agent	Deb Coutinho, Shelburne
Rob Lingle, Charlemont	Phoebe Walker, FROCG	Dave Nash, Monroe
Kathie Benson, Leyden	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse	Absent:
Marie Iken, Conway		Rowe
Terry Estes, Buckland		Deerfield
Marti Ferguson, Buckland		Gill

Agenda Item	Person
Minutes March meeting:	Minutes were approved unanimously.
FRCOG Update	<p>Phoebe shared that a new Health Director has been hired – Andrea Crete, current Director in Orange, comes to us with a great deal of experience, including on her Board of Health. She will come in one day a week in June, then be full time as of 7/1/18.</p> <p>Phoebe reviewed the Budget Report – all is well.</p>
Communicable Disease Trends and Nurse Updates	<p>Lisa presented on the trends in communicable diseases in our region (see slide show). We have seen major increases in a few areas – the tickborne disease Anaplasmosis, Pertussis, Influenza, and Lyme. Board members discussed these diseases. Group decided to take Kathie’s recent Leyden newsletter article about ticks and permethrin, and use it in the other towns, especially as handouts at Town Meetings. Phoebe will distribute.</p>
CPHS Policy Review	<p>Glen reviewed the three updated regional policies that were shared in advance of the meeting. These will be voted on at the next Oversight Board meeting, in May. Members are asked to check in with their BOHs about any questions they may have about them between now and then.</p> <p><i>The Food Inspection Policy</i> is a district policy that seeks to assure us that anyone doing food inspections in our towns is doing them in the same fashion, and that those inspections meet national standards for food safety. This one replaces one we adopted a number of years ago, because it has changed to meet changes in the federal food safety standards.</p> <p>The <i>Communicable Disease Policy</i> is one adopted years ago that Lisa has made a few tiny adjustments to. It lays out how we respond to communicable diseases on behalf of our</p>

	<p>member boards of health.</p> <p>The <i>Private Well Policy</i> is also an internal policy explaining how we handle the process of water testing as required by local regulations. The water testing is required for one of three reasons: as part of Title 5 Inspection witnessing, as part of permitting for food establishments, and in cases where a business is approaching the threshold to qualify as a Public Water Supply. Glen explained that the reason we are adopting it is to have a clear uniform procedure for how it is done in the future.</p> <p>No one has yet voted on a Marijuana local regulation.</p>
Staff Update – Health Agents	Randy reported that the Gluten Free and Vegan menu makeover workshop was poorly attended but very useful and left us with helpful slides. Discussed that it takes a while to get people used to a new training source (CPHS has never offered anything about menus before), so there may be better response next time.
Member update	<p>Marie reported that Conway recently passed Tobacco regulations for the first time! They also will hold a hearing on the local marijuana regs on 4/30. Charlemont also has begun conversation on the board of health model marijuana regulations. Gill will be joining the tick testing program ASAP, and is interested in considering local marijuana regulations. Terry reported that he went as Buckland's rep to the meeting in South Hadley of the newly re-formed Tobacco Control Program. Other towns were reminded to send in their support letters if they would like to get compliance checks at vendors in their towns. Buckland is scheduled to have a hearing in June on its local marijuana regulations. Hawley's marijuana moratorium is now in place, and much of the focus in town is on a broadband vote at Special Town Meeting at the end of May. In Heath, a joint meeting was recently held on marijuana between the Planning Board, BOH, and Select Board.</p>
Upcoming Meetings and trainings:	<p>May 24 in Buckland Oversight Board meeting – Kimberly MacPhee, Natural Resource and Land Use Program Manager will provide a progress report and get town input on work to improve resiliency for extreme weather events (a follow up from Annual Meeting)</p> <p>June 28 – Buckland, Glen's goodbye party!</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!

