



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

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| Date: | Thursday, May 24, 2018 | Location | Buckland Town Hall | Facilitator | Kathie Benson, Co-Chair |
| Time | 5:00- 7:00 PM | Room: | Second Floor Meeting Room | # to call with problems: | 413-834-0420 |

| Present: | Staff: | Regrets: |
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| Marie Iken, Conway | Phoebe Walker | Deb Coutinho, Shelburne |
| Dave Nash, Monroe | Lisa White | Rob Lingle, Charlemont |
| Maggie Rice, Rowe | Randy Crochier | Cass Nawrocki, Hawley |
| Doug Telling, Charlemont | Glen Ayers | |
| Marti Ferguson, Buckland | | Absent: |
| Terry Estes, Buckland | | Deerfield |
| Betsy Kovacs, Heath | | Gill |

| Agenda Item | Activity |
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| Minutes April | Approved unanimously |
| Building Resilient Communities | Kimberly MacPhee, FRCOG’s Natural Resource and Land Use Program Manager gave a progress report on her work to create a regional climate resiliency plan. Kimberly mentioned some of the things that are true for our towns that we know help communities survive extreme weather events: knowing your neighbors/having connections, participating in the community growing food, having wood heat (that does not require power), and having spring-fed wells or other non-power reliant water sources. Next the group worked to identify the specific risks to vulnerable populations in their towns in cases of flooding and increased tickborne illness. This work was a follow up from CPHS Annual Meeting. The scenarios we did not complete work on were high heat and ice storms. The vulnerable populations were: the disabled, those without transportation, elders, and low-income people. |
| CPHS Policy Review and Adoption | Glen and Lisa reviewed the purpose of the three policies -- Food Inspection Policy, Private Well Policy, Communicable Disease Policy (see description in April minutes). All 3 approved unanimously, with Conway voting only on CD, since they do not use the health inspection functions. However, Conway will take the food inspection policy back to their BOH since they passed the original one as well. |
| Health Agents Update | Discussion of request to send letter to the Governor re: Pipeline. Buckland and Conway have sent. Gill not supportive. Staff will forward the request to towns, which can be decided at local BOH meetings. |
| Public Health Nurse Update | Lisa gave a follow up from communicable disease report last month – which was to work with DPH Epidemiologists to get a look at the Anaplasmosis rates in Franklin County versus the rest of the state over the past two years. Our rate of increase is the highest in |

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| | <p>the state, going from 2 cases in a year to 22 (nearly all of which are in the CPHS towns). Discussion of why this might be, including greater awareness among medical professionals and an on-average damper and warmer climate for ticks. It is also possible that co-infections of multiple tickborne diseases are on the increase. Kudos to those towns that shared tickborne disease materials through town newsletters and town meetings!</p> |
| FRCOG Update | <p>Phoebe reviewed the budget reports – staff is a bit overspent except for Randy, all else on track to end well as long as we get the bill we expect from the software company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health Transition Plan for staff |
| Member updates | <p>Hawley’s Board of Health, with its new member, Sarah Rich, met with Glen to discuss the policies adopted above. They were in favor of them all. The town is not considering local marijuana regulations.</p> <p>Marie reported that Conway is facing the very real possibility of having only 2 BOH members. One member has not resigned but has never come, another did not run again and a third is resigning now. Trying to keep the last one on long enough to appoint an interim.</p> <p>There were no other updates due to time constraints.</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!

