



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018	Location: Buckland Town Hall	Facilitator: Marti Taft-Ferguson, Co-Chair
Time: 5:00- 7:00 PM	Room: Second Floor Meeting Room	# to call with problems: 413-834-0420

Present:	Absent:	
Marti Taft-Ferguson, Buckland	Monroe	
Cass Nawrocki, Hawley	Deerfield	Regrets:
Betsy Kovacs, Heath		Rob Lingle, Charlemont
Marie Iken, Conway		Randy Crochier, Food Safety Agent
Maggie Rice, Rowe	Staff	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse
	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG	Kathie Benson, Leyden
	Andrea Crete, Health Director	Doug Telling, Charlemont

Agenda Item	Person
Introductions & Minutes	No quorum, so minutes were not voted on. We shared our childhood after school activities as an icebreaker.
Health Director Report	<p>Andrea went over the revised CPHS Private Well Regulations. Marie mentioned that she had heard a conditional pass waiting for well test was not legal under DE – Andrea will check with them. She distributed clean copies of the revised Well and Septic Regulations. There was extensive discussion of the CPHS Private Well Policy and water testing requirements. People have concerns about the chain of custody in non-DEP certified wells.</p> <p>Andrea gave an overview of the Attorney Generals’ Vacant, Abandoned, Housing Initiative (AHI) Discussion; and CPHS’s Vacant, Abandoned, Housing Tool Kit. She is working with Buckland to use the Toolkit to identify priority buildings to take to the AHI. Hawley, Heath and likely Charlemont are interested in a shared meeting to learn about it (perhaps to be posted as a joint meeting of all three BOHs, since the AGO requires an official BOH meeting to present. Board members asked for information on homelessness prevention resources.</p> <p>Andrea passed around a Temporary Food Event list for input on the annual calendar of fairs and festivals. She also has a checklist for vendors that she will share with BOH members.</p> <p>Andrea asked the BOHs to all send copies of their tobacco regulations to her.</p> <p>We discussed inviting the housing court to a future meeting to educate the BOHs about how they work – perhaps opening it up to other towns?</p>
Food Safety Program Report	Randy was absent giving a presentation on Community Kitchens, but sent along a reminder about the upcoming ServeSafe/Allergan/Choke Saver training in Buckland on 10/16. There is still room for more participants.

	<p>Andrea shared that the new Food Code has a few changes, which will come into effect on 10/5, including the fact that B and Bs with fewer than 6 guest rooms that only serve breakfast will not need a food license. There are a number of other small changes. Andrea will bring a summary to a future meeting.</p> <p>In addition, Andrea reported that the staff are considering a new food inspection software (making no change to the permitting) which will be much easier to use in the field, and much easier to get useful data out of than the one from Full Circle. It is called MoJin, and would cost \$2800/year -- a bit more than the FC software, but much more useful. FDA grant would pay for the first two years.</p>
Public Health Nursing Report	<p>Lisa was home sick, but sent in a report about the successes of the flu season so far and thanked people for sharing information on the clinics with the public. The new clinic at the Hawlemont Open House was a great success. All clinics are on the frcog website!</p>
FRCOG Update	<p>Phoebe led a discussion about what members would like to see for the District Annual Meeting on 11/29. Members expressed an interest in hearing about youth substance use rates in their region, what they can do to prevent it, and in particular, marijuana and vaping. Is there a doctor willing to attend?</p> <p>Budget Reports were reviewed.</p> <p>Public Records discussion: The CPHS online permitting program is now ready to provide public records access so towns do not have to answer these requests. Members agreed on what they wanted people to be able to find on the online permitting program; NO email addresses. Yes, Permits, Inspection Reports, and Plans. Not Applications.</p>
Member Updates	<p>Rowe is working on enforcement with a junkyard, and are scheduled to meet with the owner on 10/17. Buckland has seen the beginning of the nuisance burning season in the village, which has a serious inversion problem as the weather gets colder and people start burning. They are also using the Abandoned Property Toolkit to create an inventory, going out with Andrea to do inspections. Heath reported that Andrea has cut their work in half by helping them stop enforcing zoning bylaws on the number of trailers on a lot. The town currently is involved in four separate housing cases, three of which are seasonal trailers. The group discussed the painful challenge of losing people as residents of a community when it means keeping them in safe housing. The west county region badly needs more good, low income housing. Conway is working on AirBnB/Short Term Rental licensure. The town recently accepted a state a 6% excise tax on short term rentals, and their zoning bylaws for marijuana.</p> <p>Entire group realized we should consider a regionally uniform fee and permit for the marijuana establishments that we all established in our regulations.</p>

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Light Dinner will be served – call Phoebe with any dietary restrictions!

