# Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee

## Date
October 15, 2018

## Location
FRCOG
12 Olive St
Greenfield, MA
Library

## Facilitator:
Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs

## Time
4:30-6:30 p.m.

## Duration
2 Hours

### ATTENDEES:
- Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH
- Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH
- Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH
- Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH
- Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH
- John Hillman, Leverett BOH
- Deb Coutinho, Shelburne BOH

### ABSENT:
- Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH
- Gina McNeely, Montague Health Director

### FRCOG STAFF:
- Mark Maloni; Greg Lewis

### GUESTS:
- Michael Nelson, DPH; Nina Keller, Wendell BOH; Barbara Craddock, Wendell BOH

## Agenda Items

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions</td>
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<td>Called to order by Carolyn at 4:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Review/approval of September 17, 2018 minutes.</td>
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<td>Clarification to amend from Carolyn to Greg who reported on the PVMCD. Deb moved to accept the September 17, 2018 minutes, - Carolyn seconded. Passed unanimously.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Old business</td>
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<td>a) Staff report</td>
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<td>b) HMCC update</td>
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<td>c) WAG and LSAC updates</td>
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<td>d) Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD) Update</td>
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<td>a) Greg presented his staff report.</td>
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<td>c) WAG members were unable to nominate an HMCC Public Health Alternate. Norene indicated that she would serve if no one else could be found. At the LSAC meeting, Region 3 planners described response and recovery from gas explosions and power outage. Available health agents were the bottleneck.</td>
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<td>d) Seven towns committed; hiring community liaison for outreach.</td>
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4. New business  
   a) Upcoming Events:  
      Deerfield River TTX (11/3)  
      Tick-borne Disease Symposium (11/19)  
      State of Preparedness (12/6)  
   b) Role of MAPHCO Leaders and Members in PHEP  
   c) State Guidance for SNS Drills and EID Planning  

   a) Carolyn and Greg described the upcoming events to the Steering Committee and encouraged their attendance.  
   b) It was agreed that a meeting dedicated exclusively to this topic is necessary. If no other pressing matters are present, the November agenda will have the topic as the only new business.  
   c) Greg reviewed the new requirements and tools to use for the annual SNS drills, especially the new emphasis on preparing EDS plans for emerging infectious diseases (EID) and pandemic influenza. Greg cautioned the group that he can provide only technical assistance for conducting these drills, not facilitate them as has been done by the PHEP Planner in the past.

5. DPH Update and WebEOC Demo  

   a. No update, though it was agreed that a WebEOC demo will be a standing item on every monthly meeting agenda.

6. Roundtable updates  

   a. Nina Keller and Barbara Craddock asked the Steering Committee to lend support to a Wendell BOH interest: banning the use of glyphosate (aka, RoundUp) herbicide by municipalities in Franklin County. Nina would like to organize an event with an expert she knows to present on the public health impacts from the use of glyphosate. The Steering Committee suggested that Nina try to engage other FC BOHs to build the interest, and that MAPHCO’s focus is on emergency preparedness.

7. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting  

   a. None

8. Adjourned  

   a) Deb moved to adjourn the meeting, John seconded, passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.