



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, October 25, 2018	<b>Location</b>	Buckland Town Hall	<b>Facilitator</b>	Kathie Benson, Co-Chair
<b>Time</b>	5:00- 7:00 PM	<b>Room:</b>	Second Floor Meeting Room	<b># to call with problems:</b>	413-834-0420

<b>PRESENT</b>			
Marie Iken/Conway			
Betsy Kovacs/Heath		<b>STAFF:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>
Deb Coutinho/Shelburne		Phoebe Walker/FRCOG	Deerfield
Marti Taft-Ferguson/Buckland		Randy Crochier/Food Safety Agent	Gill
Kathie Benson/Leyden		Andrea Crete/Health Director	Monroe
Doug Telling/Charlemont		Lisa White/Public Health Nurse	
Cass Nawrocki/Hawley			

Agenda Item	Person
Introductions & Minutes	August and September Minutes approved with one amendment. Icebreaker: What was the weirdest food you've ever eaten? Many very weird food stories were shared.
Health Director Report	<p>Andrea shared our current Temporary Food Event List, and a few more were added.</p> <p>Andrea shared some information about Local BOH member trainings and involvement in the district's work. She welcomes anyone to shadow her during her work, and recommends a number of the online LPHI trainings.</p> <p>As of now we have no sample Marijuana permit to use with our permitting software – please let us know how many of your BOHs passed regs that require BOH licensure.</p>
Revised CPHS Private Well Regulations;	<p>Members continued our discussion from last month about options for moving forward on private well water testing. We considered the pros and cons of four options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update our local regs to require the well tests at a certified lab, but the district staff would not be involved in getting the tests done.</li> <li>2. Same as above, but the lab would not need to be certified by DEP, allowing folks to use the Greenfield lab.</li> <li>3. No change to regs, we ask staff to continue to provide the testing courier service, but we charge for it.</li> <li>4. Amend current local BOH regs to omit the requirement of water test for property sales, but undertake some regional private well owner education as a district.</li> </ol> <p>Betsy moved we adopt Scenario 4, Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6 yes, 1 abstention from Conway since they do not participate in this program.</p>

Potential District Expansion discussion	Phoebe and Andrea reported that Shelburne is all set to come online for inspectional work as of 11/1, and all permits will be online for 2019. They thanked Deb for her years of hard work and her help with the transition. Colrain has called and asked for a meeting, so staff are working on setting that up. Greenfield is asking to join our food inspection program, though the funding process between city hall and city council is complicated and acrimonious. Members discussed what should our priorities be, our concerns, and our vision for the future. There was a lengthy discussion of the state of politics and government in Greenfield, and under what circumstances we would be willing to hitch our wagons. Final vote was to authorize the staff in moving forward to offer Greenfield to join the food safety and title 5 programs (the latter only if Nicole Z is still willing to subcontract with us), if they commit to a three year contract. Motion made by Betsy, seconded by Cass. Five yes votes, one abstention.
Public Health Nursing Report	Lisa reported that flu season is in full swing. There are four more clinics to go, and the ones so far have all been successful, with the one wrinkle being a late shipment for our first clinic, which resulted in having to use Walgreens as a backup (yikes!).
Food Safety Program Report	Randy reported that the Red Gate Farm ServSafe Class had 16 people, nearly all from district towns and businesses (15 passed the test). He thanked Deb for her commitment to teaching chokesaver even with a fractured vertebrae!
FRCOG Update	11/29 at Eagles -- District Annual Meeting Planning – discussed inviting school nurses, librarians, select board members, vaccination clinic volunteers. Marti will arrange a cake (but no frosting ticks this time!)  Budget Reports were reviewed.
Member Updates	Hawley is celebrating the demolition of a house that has been in distress for 15 years. Heath: no news to report. Charlemont is deep into some failed septic system issues, and has a November 3 deadline with the owner of the Charlemont Inn. Conway is working on licensing Bed and Breakfasts under the changes to the Food Code. Gill has an upcoming meeting with the Mass Attorney Generals Office Abandoned Housing Initiative.

This meeting is wheelchair accessible. Please call Phoebe with any requests for accessibility.

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

