



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

<b>Date:</b> Thursday, April 25 2019	<b>Location:</b> FRCOG	<b>Facilitator:</b> Kathie Benson, Co-Chair
<b>Time:</b> 5:00- 7:00 PM	<b>Room:</b> First Floor Meeting Room	<b># to call with problems:</b> 413-834-0420

<b>PRESENT</b>		<b>Regrets:</b>
Cass Nawrocki/Hawley	<b>STAFF</b>	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse
Deb Coutinho/Shelburne	Randy Crochier, Food Safety Agent and Gill representative	Betsy Kovacs, Heath
Marie Iken/Conway	Andrea Crete, Health Director	Rob Lingle, Charlemont
Marti Taft-Ferguson/Buckland	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG	Mike Friedlander, Colrain
Kathie Benson/Leyden		
Maggie Rice/Rowe	<b>GUESTS:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b> Monroe, Deerfield
Doug Telling/Charlemont	Melinda Calianos, Hampshire Franklin Tobacco Community Partnership	

Agenda Item	Person
Minutes & Schedule	<p>Minutes for the March meeting were approved with abstention from a member who was not at the March meeting.</p> <p>Agreed to not meet in June so that folks could attend the MAPHCO Annual Meeting on 6/25 and not have two night meetings in a week.</p>
FRCOG Report	<p>Phoebe went over the Budget Reports. She shared that she and Lisa would be hosting a medical student for an internship at CPHS in July. The student, Bronwyn Wada-Gill, is in a program that is focused on exposing medical students to Western MA, in hopes that they will practice here later.</p>
Health Director Report	<p>Andrea updated members that there has been some clarification from DPH lawyers about local ability (but not mandate) to permit <u>Short Term Rentals</u>. After brief discussion of the pros and cons, group agreed we needed a longer meeting to discuss all of our options – planned for May meeting.</p> <p>Andrea identified Agri-Mark in West Springfield as the nearest vendor for <u>Soft Serve Testing</u>, and will be working with those who are affected to see if a group arrangement can be made for the summer months to take turns bringing the samples to the lab in Hampden County (they do not come pick it up anymore). Board members shared that they believe Agri-Mark does come to both the Willis and Williams Farms regularly, and perhaps the soft serve vendors could drop off the samples there?</p> <p>Andrea reported that a number of farmers selling value-added products at <u>Farmers Markets</u> end up paying CPHS twice, once for a food permit at home and once at the market, in addition to the charge from the farmers market organizers. <b>Cass moved, Doug seconded a</b></p>

	<p><b>motion to waive the farmers market fee for vendors already licensed by CPHS in our district.</b> Passed unanimously. Andrea noted for the group that eggs, honey, and maple syrup are all exempt from the fee already.</p> <p>Andrea reported that we need to be able to offer a <u>Pasteurization Permit</u> for dairies. Rather than pay Full Circle to do these online, given how few there are, we will be treating them like Frozen Dessert permits and doing them with a PDF that we track separately.</p>
<p>Food Safety Program Report</p>	<p>Randy and Andrea shared a summary of the Food Safety Hazards seen in our towns, based on the data we track in our inspection software. For the last two years, inadequate cleaning and sanitization (Chapter 4 in the Food Code) has been the number one hazard noted during inspections. Staff explained how restaurants can misunderstand what is required for sanitizing. Staff will be sharing educational materials with the food establishments to see if we can turn that around this year.</p> <p>Randy reported that 24 people were signed up for the food safety training happening the next day at the Fellowship Hall in Shelburne.</p>
<p>Updating Local Tobacco Regulations and Policy Initiatives</p>	<p>Melinda Calianos Director, Hampshire Franklin Tobacco Free Community Partnership, joined us to give an overview of the work she does and the options for engagement in that work by Boards of Health. Her primary areas of work are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Promote local BOH tobacco policy (she shared a menu of items to update local tobacco regulations with)</li> <li>(2) Vaping educational presentations in towns, at schools. She is happy to come to events sponsored by the BOH. In terms of our schools, she has been to all except Mohawk, Four Rivers, and Turners Falls High School.</li> <li>(3) Increasing smoke-free housing policies. All local housing authorities have gone smoke-free. Can work with private landlords.</li> <li>(4) Connecting residents to cessation resources, including free patches and new youth quit-vaping resources available to anyone over 12.</li> </ol> <p>Our towns fall into two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have 1 or more retailers, and have local tobacco regulations that have been updated recently (to ban flavored juul pods, for example) – Buckland, Shelburne, Charlemont, Gill, Conway, Deerfield</li> <li>• Have no retailers but do have tobacco regulations (possibly not totally up to date): Heath and Rowe</li> <li>• No regulations and no vendors: Leyden, Monroe, Hawley,</li> <li>• Have retailer(s) and regs that need updating: Colrain(? Not sure – Mike was not able to attend)</li> </ul>