



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board			
Date:	Thursday, March 28, 2019	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:		REGRETS:	
Cass Nawrocki, Hawley	Mike Friedlander, Colrain	Doug Telling, Charlemont	
Marti Ferguson, Buckland		Betsy Kovacs, Heath	
Terry Estes, Buckland	STAFF:		
Rich Warner, Buckland	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG	ABSENT:	
Deb Coutinho, Shelburne	Andrea Crete, Health Director	Monroe, Deerfield, Conway, Rowe	
Rob Lingle, Charlemont	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse		
Kathie Benson, Leyden	Randy Crochier, Food Safety Agent and Gill BOH		

Agenda Item	Person
Introductions	<p>Mike Friedlander of Colrain’s BOH was warmly welcomed to the Oversight Board. He has a long history in regional public health, and was involved in the very early days of the first regional health inspection program hosted by the Council of Governments in the 1990s.</p> <p>Introductions & Icebreaker were hijacked by a surprise 25th COG work anniversary party for Phoebe Walker. Thanks, guys, that was amazingly sweet of you!</p>
Minutes	Minutes January meeting approved unanimously
Public Health Nursing Report	<p>Lisa presented the Communicable Disease Roundup for 2018. She reviewed the BOH responsibility and the MAVEN process, and then shared data on the diseases identified in each town and for the district this year and over the past three years. The highest diseases in the district in 2018 were Flu, Lyme, and HGA (Anaplasmosis). The group discussed the national measles outbreak as well as the regular pertussis outbreaks that we see in the district.</p> <p>Lisa also reported that she had met with the Erving BOH and BOS, and that the town is interested in joining the nursing program! She will attend their May 1 Town Meeting to answer any questions, and is working with Senior Center Director to understand town needs.</p>
FRCOG Report	<p>Phoebe went over the Budget Reports. She also asked those present if they would like a presentation from Glen Ayers on the latest lead testing results in school water and the bill under study in the Legislature. Affirmative.</p> <p>The group discussed Meeting Format – invite other BOHs to trainings? – all agreed this would be nice to do, and that for those meetings we should stay in Greenfield. This will begin</p>

	next month with our Tobacco meeting.
Health Director Report	<p>Andrea gave an update on our new Hire for Title 5 Witness work : Nicole Zabko! We are lucky to have her! She has begun working witnessing title 5 inspections.</p> <p>Frozen Dessert Manufacturing Permit and Application Fee: Andrea reported that the district needs to adopt a fee for the state mandated soft serve permits. She also explained that testing is required to ensure that harmful coliform bacteria are not building up in the machines, and to limit the burden on the permitted places, that she would be working on identifying a shared testing service for district towns. Group discussed maybe having her also reach out to Greenfield and see if they would want in on a shared testing route. Greenfield, Berkshire County, and Athol all charge \$50 for the permit, \$30 in Belchertown. Board agreed on \$10 for our permit. There are so few that Andrea will create a PDF form and we will track it offline for now.</p>
Short Term Rental Law	<p>Andrea reviewed what obligations and options the Board of Health has under the new law and existing sanitary codes, and reported that much is still unclear about whether BOHs may/may not/or must permit Short Term Rentals. The new law does not mandate BOH permitting, though it makes it clear that Airbnbs are a lodging business in Massachusetts. She and Phoebe have been in touch with MAHB, DPH, and our own Lawyer, and expect a clarification soon. In the mean time, the Board decided that we will not seek out new STRs to permit, nor cancel the applications we have for at least one month.</p>
Food Safety Program Report	<p>Randy reported that the new three-in-one food safety training is on 4-26 – 19 in Shelburne. 16 people have registered so far.</p>
Member Updates	<p>Randy reported that he had spoken with the Ethics Commission about the possibility of him representing Gill officially on the Board, and since his position is only very part time with the district, and he has filed all the appropriate forms, they gave their permission. Cass reported that Hawley has been very engaged in a demolition project across the street from Town Hall, and shared the sad news of BOH/BOS member Sally Rich's passing. Members signed a card. Buckland and Shelburne BOHs are planning a joint tick information table at the Bridge of Flowers Plant Sale on 5/18. Deb reported that the Shelburne BOH Budget had been significantly cut in the proposed FY20 budget, which was dispiriting. She is regularly checking on the town's many beaver dams as spring thaw warms up. Mike reported that Colrain had joined the district, and passed along a few cases to the staff to get to work on. Kathie shared that Leyden has two BOH members who will not be able to attend night meetings, and that her house is on the market as she plans to move to Texas. Charlemont passed the changes to the private well regs at their last meeting. Terry expressed an interest in considering a RoundUp ban to protect pollinators.</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!

