



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Date: Thursday, May 23 2019	Location: Buckland Town Hall	Facilitator: Marti Taft-Ferguson, Co-Chair
Time: 5:00- 7:00 PM	Room: Back Door – 2 nd Floor	# to call with problems: 413-834-0420

Present:	Staff:	Absent:
Maggie Rice/Rowe	Lisa White, Public Health Nurse	Deerfield
Cass Nawrocki/Hawley	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG	Conway
Deb Coutinho/Shelburne	Andrea Crete, Health Director	Monroe
Mike Friedlander/Colrain	Randy Crochier, Gill & Food Inspector	Regrets:
Marti Taft-Ferguson/Buckland		Betsy Kovacs/Heath
		Kathie Benson/Leyden

Agenda Item	Action
Minutes	Previous minutes adopted unanimously.
Tickborne Disease Check in	The group discussed the current state of tickborne disease in our district – everyone is seeing a huge increase over last year in the number of ticks. Buckland and Shelburne BOHs co-hosted a tick information table at the Bridge of Flowers plant sale that was very well attended, and the Buckland BOH had a permethrin spray information session and demonstration at the library later that same day. One fun product: a tick tattoo that kids can put on their bodies to test adults tick check skills! Marti shared her own recent experience with an Anaplasmosis diagnosis. Board members wondered how quickly non-spirochete tickborne diseases are transmitted – staff will check. A new product on the market is a permethrin detergent that lasts much longer than the spray.
Public Health Nurse Report	<p>Lisa reminded all that she serves as the official DPH Arbovirus Coordinator for member towns, and has responded to the official email as usual. Andrea is her backup in all towns except Deerfield, where Dick is the backup.</p> <p>Lisa reported on her very exciting meeting with Erving’s Board of Health and Select Board – she began her municipal career as Erving’s Town Coordinator years ago! Erving’s Town Meeting has voted to join the district for nursing, and she will begin work there with regular “first Tuesday” office hours at the Senior Center open to anyone.</p> <p>The Age-Friendly Deerfield planning process is well underway, with the designation received by the town from AARP, and the Select Board voting to create a Council on Aging to move the process forward on all 8 factors. This pilot will result in a workbook and training for other towns interested in doing this work.</p>
Short Term Rental	Andrea presented slides on what the areas of responsibility and concern are for local public

Permitting	health with short term rentals. She also shared that the state is not mandating LBOH license these rentals, but has clarified that we may. The group then discussed where we go from here. There was concern that we not spend a lot of time regulating something that is rarely an actual threat to public health. But some recent cases of unsafe pools and unpermitted construction work at Airbnb locations gave the group some concerns. We will come back to this after it is clearer what the state data will give us.
FRCOG Report	Phoebe reported that final draft of the report of the Special Commission on Local and Regional Health is available, and her two years of work on the Commission is coming to an end. SAPHE Bill -- this piece of legislation is to begin enactment of some of the Special Commission's findings, including budget CPHS Budget Reports were passed out. On track to end the year very positively.
Health Director Report	Andrea reported on a few additional items: Soft Serve Testing: Paul Willis' farm has a visit from Agri Mark, who does the testing, every few days. There could be a way for the seven health district soft serve vendors to bring their samples there for pickup for the state-mandated tests, as long as they can be kept cold. Andrea working on this further.
Food Safety Program Report	Randy shared the list of who had attended the recent Food Safety Training – included residents or businesses from Shelburne, Gill, Leyden, Charlemont, Erving, Greenfield (Glen Ayers!), Montague, Colrain, Rowe and Williamsburg. Great turnout! He can provide proctored opportunities to re-take tests for those who fail, as well. Next training likely in the late autumn.
Member Updates	Buckland: Town Meeting passed a very robust single use plastic item ban, which charged the BOH with enforcement. Gill passed Body Art regulations – will share them with others. Charlemont is having an issue with a trailer housing whitewater rafting staff that does not meet the temporary occupancy regulations or the housing code. Also, there is a new Mexican restaurant opening Thurs-Sunday! Rowe's BOH, which manages the transfer station, has instituted trash stickers, and is feeling some resistance from residents.
Next Meeting	Need to Re-organize. Kathie will be stepping down as she sells her house so need a co-chair.

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

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

