



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## 04049 Meeting: Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

<b>Date:</b> Thursday, August 22, 2019	<b>Location:</b> Olver Transit Center	<b>Facilitator:</b> Marti Taft-Ferguson, Co-Chair
<b>Time:</b> 5:00- 7:00 PM	<b>Room:</b> Meeting Room	<b># to call with problems:</b>

<b>Present:</b>		<b>Regrets:</b>
Michele Giarusso/Leyden		Cyd Scott/Erving
Betsy Kovacs/Heath		Terry Narkewicz/Shelburne
Doug Telling/Charlemont		Cass Nawrocki/Hawley
Marie Iken/Conway	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
Maggie Rice/Rowe	Phoebe Walker, FRCOG	Monroe
Marti Taft-Ferguson/Buckland	Lisa White, Regional Public Health Nurse	Deerfield
Mike Friedlander/Colrain	Randy Crochier, Food Safety Agent and Gill Board of Health (Voting only for non food safety issues)	

Agenda Item	Discussion and Action
Minutes	July Minutes were passed unanimously
Public Health Nursing Report	<p>Lisa gave an update on two main issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anaplasmosis. The district has seen a major increase in cases since last year , mirroring a national trend. For the last eight months we had 23 cases, vs. 18 in the same period last year – with the biggest increase being in Conway . In general men and older people are more likely to be infected. This is a serious illness with the potential to do severe liver damage.</li> <li>2. Flu Clinic prep. Members reviewed last year’s outreach plan and made suggested changes for the upcoming season. Of note:</li> </ol> <p>All towns – BOH members will find out how to get access to Code Red if their town has it (everyone except Leyden). All towns with cable (MCTV, FCAT, Falls Cable, GCTV) will ask for a notice to run on those stations. Idea of a Recorder My Turn by Lisa about flu prep with link to <a href="http://frcog.org/flu">frcog.org/flu</a> for details on clinics</p> <p>Conway -- any info to be passed out at Festival of the Hills?</p> <p>Leyden – suggest perhaps doing senior coffee hours instead of the election day, as no election slated to happen.</p> <p>Heath – BOH Clerk Mary Sumner will be contact for everything</p> <p>Rowe – BOH Clerk Joanne will be contact.</p> <p>Colrain – loop in Librarian Chelsey for advertising online and in person. Kevin Fox for website.</p> <p>Buckland – Marti for website, Marti to ask Mohawk if we can send out a robo call or flyer in newsletter.</p> <p>Charlemont – Code Red not available, website not currently maintained.</p> <p>Shelburne – Deb C in her role as Asst EMD is still on for organizing the clinic! Website contact Terry Narcewitz and Reverse 911 goes through Chair of BOS for approval, then Joe Judd does</p>

	the message.
CBD and Cannabis - - update	<p>Phoebe gave an update on legislation and regulations. Marijuana -- She summarized the CCC's draft "social consumption" regulations – only 12 locations will be allowed to open them at first. Staff will be protected from smoking by separately ventilated observation booths. Food can be served, if duly licensed. Alcohol and Tobacco cannot.</p> <p>CBD – she distributed the current fact sheet from DPH about not allowing food with CBD in it. Randy explained that he is treating it like any other illegal additive, and had the first instance of someone selling it at Reggae Fest, and needing to tell them it was not allowed. Phoebe shared a copy of House Bill 4001, which has been filed by a number of reps, including Rep. Blais. This would make CBD a legal food additive in MA.</p>
Food Safety Program Report	Randy gave an updated on recent temporary food inspections – three in the last weekend – it was great to see big improvements at the Heath Fair, and that his suggestion of an ice vendor was adopted.
Member Updates	<p><b>Buckland</b> has been having some title 5 issues, and one of their camps had a surprise inspection by DPH with resulted in a long list of technical steps needed for improvement. There is currently no small animal inspector in Buckland, and there have been some concerning rabies issues. <b>Heath</b> has a difficult housing case, with plumbing, electrical, and bldg. inspectors all concerned that residents need to leave the house. BOH concerned about where they and their dogs can move. In <b>Conway</b> they have moved to Pay Per Throw, and are adding compost collection at the transfer station. <b>Rowe</b> is also moving to Pay Per Throw, much to shock of residents, who have been used to be able to bring unlimited garbage and bulky items to the transfer station. Final inspection at the site of the complaint about multiple machines along a streambank is on 8/31. <b>Leyden</b> has a great amount of interest locally in a proposed inpatient technology addiction facility proposed for a retreat center. There would be septic and public water supply concerns that would come to the BOH if the use is permitted. <b>Colrain's</b> library is hosting a "fix it" day again, and wants to have food trucks at it, so will require temporary food permit. <b>Charlemont</b> has hit a few bumps in the road to getting the receiver for the Charlemont Inn appointed, though the judge did make the decision between our last meeting and this one.</p>
FRCOG Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiring Process: Doug, Mike, and Betsy offered to be involved in interviews</li> <li>• Tick Signs: Phoebe reports new ones will be in to add to the 250 already up. Members can check current locations through the map on the CPHS web page. Erving and Colrain have none posted yet – so please identify parks, schools, trails, and day cares where they could go.</li> <li>• CPHS Budget Reports – all is well. Significantly more fee revenue received in FY19 than anticipated, leaving us in a good place to start budgeting for the next year this fall.</li> <li>• Workshops – Member discussed what they would like to have for training in the upcoming year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Legal matters</li> <li>➤ Community Health Needs Assessment Results</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Ten Essential Services of an Operational Health Department</li> <li>➤ Dilapidated Housing – interest in a regional presentation by the Abandoned Housing Initiative of the AGO for Heath, Charlemont, and Colrain (Shelburne not here to answer). Buckland and Gill are already members. Phoebe will check if they will do shared meeting, if all towns post it and attend.</li> <li>➤ Phoebe will also send out a list of the LPHI modules BOH members can take online.</li> </ul>
<p>Online Permitting Software:</p>	<p>Phoebe explained that consistency of procedures across towns in how the board of health uses the software, and asked for input on what towns most value in advance of FRCOG looking at a rebid. All the comprehensive member towns in attendance gave input.</p> <p>Consensus was: Different towns would like to continue to be able to have different levels of engagement with the permitting activity in their towns, with some wanting just to be able to look if they like, and some wanting to be very involved in checking each new application and willing to do more work to make sure attachments are present, etc.. More training for members on how to use the system for oversight would be great. FRCOG is fine with either level of engagement, but would prefer that there be a uniform sign-off process.</p> <p>Agreed that all would be happy with an optional “reviewed by BOH” button to replace the Sign Off button, as the law does not require any of the sign offs, and having some towns sign off and some not sign off sends mixed messages to contractors, residents, and is confusing for staff (who are not sure which towns we are signing off for and which we are not).</p> <p>Agreed we would like the email that comes to the BOH with the filing of a new permit to be clearer and lead directly to the application it is about, not be general and lead to the home page..</p> <p>Agreed that in a new system having a functioning calendar system would be great, so members could attend inspections that are scheduled by staff, by checking when they are due. Current system with Nicole doing the work does not give towns (other than Rowe, which requires it by bylaw), any info on when we will be in their towns.</p> <p>Agreed that a visual summary for each permit that is more intuitive than these columns currently would be great – so BOH member can easily tell which is hung up and which is not.</p>
<p>Next meetings:</p>	<p>September 26 and October 24 (Annual Meeting)</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!**

