



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
Date	February 10, 2020	Location	FRCOG 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA Library
Time	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Duration	2 Hours 33 minutes
		Facilitator:	Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs

ATTENDEES:	
Dan Wasiuk, Montague Health Director	Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH
Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH	Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH
ABSENT:	
Valerie Bird, Greenfield Health Director	Deb Coutinho, Shelburne BOH,
John Hillman, Leverett BOH	Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH
Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH	Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH
FRCOG STAFF:	GUESTS:
Mark Maloni; Greg Lewis; Xander Sylvain; Lisa White	Michael Nelson, MDPH OPEM; Gina McNeely

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Called to order by Carolyn at 4:30 p.m.
2. Review/approval of December 16, 2019 minutes	Betsy moved to accept the December 16, 2019 minutes; Caroline seconded. Passed unanimously 4:40 p.m.
3. Old business a) Staff report b) MAPHCO One-Year Planning Study Update c) Purchasing d) HMCC Update	a) Greg has been focusing on exercise design for the upcoming ttx. He has also been working with LBH on non-pharmaceutical intervention training and risk communication around non-pharmaceutical interventions to the public. Greg assisted PHEP Region 4B with a TTX. b) Greg has continued to survey LBH and has collected enough data to confidently report on trends in the region. Most LBH are comfortable participating in a PH role during a disaster response. However, overall trend shows the many LBH do not feel entirely prepared to lead a pandemic response without

	<p>assistance in their community. Overall trend for surveyed EMD's show they often responded positively to the idea of a multi-discipline emergency management team, that includes PH, within their community.</p> <p>c) Approx. \$11,000.00 dollars remain in the budget. Carolyn made a motion to purchase an additional 2-3 vaccine refrigerators (Greenfield, Montague, and West County) pending the AAR/IP results from the upcoming TTX. Motion seconded by Donna, all in favor and motion passed at 05:09 p.m.</p> <p>d) Mark provided update on the HMCC; 2/7/20 TTX for long term care, there is an upcoming coalition meeting that will focus on cybersecurity within the health and medical sector, and there is additional HMCC funding available to be used in the region by all HMCC disciplines. All HMCC disciplines have been asked to submit proposals for any regional purchases.</p>
<p>4. New business</p> <p>a) Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) & Related Preparedness for LBOH</p> <p>b) All-MAPHCO EDS Exercise</p> <p>c) WebEOC Interactive Demonstration</p>	<p>a) MAPCHO discussed current state of 2019-nCoV and would like standardized messaging they could use around nCoV. Greg presented a list of recommendations/best practices for what LBH can do to prepare their town for a pandemic outbreak. Steering Committee will convene a special 2019-nCoV workshop to address LBH messaging and create a standardized pamphlet/leaflet for the region. This workshop will be open to MAPHCO members with a tentative date of Feb 20, 2020 at 03:00 p.m.</p> <p>b) 25 participants have registered for the ttx so far, attendance will likely be higher. Greg presented the draft of the ttx and asked if the steering committee had any additional capabilities/areas to test. Steering committee concerned about how they would implement priority prophylactics and perform cold chain management for vaccines.</p> <p>c) Michael provided an interactive demonstration for the steering committee.</p>
<p>5. Roundtable updates</p>	<p>a. As requested by the steering committee last meeting, Michael presented the results of the WebEOC quarterly drill. The last quarterly drill showed approx. 30% of LBH in the Commonwealth successfully logged in and participated. The steering committee is concerned about the low participation and how this is indicative of the overall local and State public health emergency preparedness in the Commonwealth. DPH and OPEM are aware of this trend and have not addressed the issue.</p>
<p>6. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>a. No new business</p>
<p>7. Adjourned</p>	<p>a. Donna moved to adjourn the meeting; Betsy seconded. Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.</p>