Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition JIS Subcommittee

Date: 3.17.20
Location: N/A – Conference call
Duration: 1.5 hours
Facilitators: Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs

Attendees:
John Hillman, Leverett BOH
Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH
Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH
Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH

FRCOG Staff:
Mark Maloni; Lisa White

Agenda Items

1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions
   Called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Norene.

2. Approval of minutes from March 12th JIS Sub-Committee meeting
   Carolyn moved to accept. Seconded by Norene. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

3. Updates and Recent Information
   2. New travel notices – not just level 3 but level 2 –any global travel. Today during MAVEN training, epi stated that more to come to clarify, but their understanding is that this applies even to interstate travel – enhanced precautions, social distancing, not enforced iso/quarantine at national level.
   5. Mass 211 as a resource; accessed by dialing 211 from phone, or online via [https://mass211.org/](https://mass211.org/)
   6. Offer most up to date info on access to testing.
4. **Messaging.**

1. **Further discussion of intended audience for JIS messaging.** The agreements on this seem to still be evolving
   a. The FRCOG itself via EPP, the CPHS, as well as economic development planning, procurement, etc., will have a great deal of information to share with municipal governments over the coming weeks. This group should consider its strategic objectives, and how to best align them with the larger COG objectives around situational awareness. If the COG is communicating regularly with many sectors of our local governments, to what extent does an independent MAPHCO JIS generate more noise as opposed to adding value?
      i. If the goal if this group is to provide information to our municipal partners in government, both responders and administrators, we should look to integrate into that work and automate it a little more.
      ii. If the goal of this group is to develop and share messaging that speak to the direct concerns of residents and citizens, we should refine our distribution list and content accordingly.

2. **Mark will draft messaging for review ideally by later afternoon Wednesday 3/18 for group review.**

3. **Need to further explore the development of a messaging repository that can be accessed/contributed to by towns/boards to share best practices, messaging that’s been developed, etc.**
   a. Mark presented HMCC website forums as place to develop repositories as needed.

5. **Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting.**

1. **none**

6. **Wrap up and adjourn.**

   **Adjourned at 5:35.**

   **Next Meeting Tuesday, March 24th, 4:30 – 6 p.m., via conference call.**