



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
<b>Date</b>	April 21, 2020	<b>Location</b>	CONFERENCE CALL ONLY!
		<b>Call-In Number</b>	(425) 436-6370
		<b>Access Code</b>	372022
<b>Time</b>	4:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Facilitator:</b>	Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs

<p><b>ATTENDEES:</b>            Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH            John Hillman, Leverett BOH            Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH            Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH            Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH</p>	<p><b>GUESTS:</b>            Veronique Blanchard, Conway BOH            Marie Iken, Conway BOH            Carmela Lanza-Weil,            Trevor McDaniel, Deerfield BOH            Carl Nelke, Conway BOH            Michael Nelson, MDPH OPEM</p>
<p><b>ABSENT:</b>            Valerie Bird, Greenfield Health Director            Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH            Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH            Doug Telling, Charlemont BOH            Deb Coutinho, Shelburne BOH            Dan Wasiuk, Montague Health Director</p>	<p><b>FRCOG STAFF:</b>            Mark Maloni            Lisa White            Liz Jacobson-Carroll</p>

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Called to order by Pease at 4:35 p.m.
2. Review/approval of April 7, 2020 and April 14, 2020 minutes	Shores Ness moved to accept the April 7, 2020 minutes, McDaniel seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously 4:36 p.m.  Shores Ness moved to accept the April 14, 2020 minutes, Hillman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously 4:37 p.m.
3. Old business	None

<p>4. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior</p>	<p>Shores Ness, Pease, and White provided an update on the Partners In Health Contact Tracing Collaborative (CTC) designated by the State to take over the work of local groups (and the academic project) throughout Massachusetts beginning April 30th. CTC is a large, well-organized operation coordinated by knowledgeable regional supervisors with well-trained staff members familiar with their assigned area. There is no cost to municipalities. Local volunteers, such as Medical Reserve Corps members, are encouraged to apply for paid positions.</p> <p>CTC supervisors assigned to the area will be contacting local boards of health (BOH) in the coming week to explain and coordinate their efforts. FRCOG's Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS) nurses will continue to monitor cases through the MA Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN), and provide information to BOHs. A BOH may advocate to maintain responsibility for tracing the contacts of any given COVID-19 case, should circumstances warrant.</p> <p>Maloni will extend an invitation to CTC to join a MAPHCO Steering Committee meeting in the near future.</p>
<p>5. New business</p> <p>a) Situation report from each EDS</p> <p>b) This week's messaging</p> <p>c) Non-traditional methods for getting messaging out</p>	<p>a) The <b>Hawlemont EDS</b> did not meet this week, but mailed a letter to all taxpayers emphasizing that out-of-state returnees should self-quarantine for 14 days. The <b>Shutesbury/Leverett EDS</b> did not meet this week, but reported that both towns have received supplies from MEMA. The <b>Frontier EDS</b> may develop and distribute a flyer containing a list of resources for families of school-aged children, now home through the spring semester, and migrant farm workers, among others. It will likely include resources pertaining to non-medical concerns such as unemployment, childcare, food access and health insurance. Shores Ness welcomes ideas for non-traditional message content and delivery.</p> <p>b) MAPHCO messaging, which will continue to promote evidence-based information, this week will include the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of common symptoms of COVID-19, and a link to <a href="http://www.buoy.com/mass">www.buoy.com/mass</a></li> <li>• Baystate Franklin Medical Center remains safe for non-COVID patients needing care for chronic or acute conditions; patients should seek care in a timely manner. (FRCOG staff will consult with BFMC regarding specific language.)</li> <li>• While we may be nearing the "peak" of the pandemic, the disease will continue to spread, and residents should continue to stay home as much as possible.</li> <li>• Residents leaving home should begin keeping track of their own contacts – people with whom they have been in close proximity for more than 15 minutes – and plan to continue doing so for months to come.</li> </ul> <p>It was determined that messaging need not encourage individual acquisition of oximeters, as CPHS nurses have some on-hand and will continue to promote their use among those</p>

	<p>with asthma, COPD, and other respiratory conditions. Kovaks requested further information on the subject at a subsequent meeting.</p> <p>Maloni will research the availability of recordings of the calls with DPH currently taking place at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays. Also, he will point BOH members to the FRCOG website page serving as a library of their messages (education and enforcement-related) to residents.</p> <p>c) The Committee briefly discussed ways other than traditional newspaper advertising to get their messaging out.</p>
6. Wrap up and adjourn	Kovacs moved to adjourn the meeting, Pease seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.