



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
<b>Date</b>	May 12, 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>  <i>Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH</i>  <i>Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH</i>  <i>John Hillman, Leverett BOH</i>  <i>Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH</i>  <i>Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH</i>  <i>Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH</i></p>	<p><b>GUESTS:</b>  <i>Veronique Blanchard, Conway BOH</i>  <i>Marie Iken, Conway BOH</i>  <i>Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Colrain BOH</i>  <i>Carl Nelke, Conway BOH</i></p>
<p><b>ABSENT:</b>  <i>Valerie Bird, Greenfield Health Director</i>  <i>Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH</i>  <i>Doug Telling, Charlemont BOH</i>  <i>Deb Coutinho, Shelburne</i>  <i>Dan Wasiuk, Montague Health Director</i></p>	<p><b>FRCOG STAFF:</b>  <i>Mark Maloni; Randy Crochier; Liz Jacobson-Carroll</i></p>

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	The meeting was called to order by Pease at 4:32 p.m. Efforts to resolve a pervasive echo on the conference call were unsuccessful; subsequent conversation was impeded, and comments succinct.
2. Review/approval of May 5, 2020 minutes	Shores Ness moved to accept the May 5, 2020 minutes, Hillman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Old business a) CTC update	Crochier reported for Lisa White that collaboration with the Contact Tracing Collaborative has been cumbersome in its early stages. She has arranged for a member of the CTC staff to join a MAPHCO meeting soon.

<p>4. New business</p> <p>a) Situation report from each EDS</p> <p>b) This week's messaging</p>	<p>a. Williamsburg/Goshen: Gibson reported that the Foothills Health District will continue contracting with the Northampton public nurse through June 30, 2020, as they have been impressed by her contact tracing efforts.</p> <p>Hawlemont: Kovacs initiated a discussion about town elections and meetings – topics included the mailing of ballots, the renting of tents, and awaiting guidance from the Governor. Maloni will send to all the recently released town meeting guidelines from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHAB). Crochier will send to all a document/form, also from MAHAB, enabling a BOH to appoint its town police officers as enforcement agents.</p> <p>Frontier: Shores Ness encouraged members to consider ordering vaccine needles well in advance of flu clinic season, as these may be in short supply. She confirmed that Rogers has sent a letter, on behalf of MAPHCO, to the DPH to request free seasonal flu vaccines. Pease noted that potential COVID-19 vaccines may not involve injection.</p> <p>Shutesbury/Leverett: Hillman noted that the Leverett EMD is awaiting a shipment of PPE from MEMA to replenish dwindling supplies.</p> <p>b. Maloni will craft short messages on two topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staying home is the best way to stay safe, and the order from the Governor remains in effect. Those who choose to go out, perhaps socializing during the upcoming nice weather, should practice harm reduction techniques (specifics included.)</li> <li>2. We now know that children are suffering from COVID-19 to a degree not previously identified. Significant unknowns remain, yet we must act to protect them. Young adults, too, are at risk, and we must find creative ways to encourage more physical distancing among them.</li> </ol>
<p>5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>a. Next week's agenda will include discussion on how best to clarify/simplify/promote the Governor's impending instructions regarding the gradual lifting of the stay-at-home order.</p>
<p>6. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>a. Shores Ness moved to adjourn the meeting, Pease seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.</p>