



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
<b>Date</b>	May 19, 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>Randy Crochier, Gill BOH</i>  <i>Jennifer Hoffman, Greenfield BOH</i>  <i>Marie Iken, Conway BOH</i>  <i>Beth Kuzdeba, Leyden BOH</i>  <i>Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Colrain BOH</i>  <i>Michael Nelson, MDPH OPEM</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>Tracy Rogers; Mark Maloni; Lisa White; Liz Jacobson-Carroll</i></p>

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Called to order by Pease at 4:33 PM.
2. Review/approval of May 12, 2020 minutes	Pease moved to accept the May 12, 2020 minutes, Gibson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously 4:35 p.m.
3. Old business	White, who anticipates an increase in positive cases as the State begins to ease the lockdown, confirmed that the Contact Tracing Collaborative (CTC) staff are now taking responsibility for all cases, with a few exceptions, not claimed by local public health officials in MAVEN by 9 AM each morning. Exceptions include cases presenting in

	<p>congregate settings, those of healthcare workers, and any other complicated case deemed more appropriately addressed with local expertise. The CTC staff, currently developing operating guidelines, welcomes questions from local representatives at any time, and members will soon join a MAPHCO meeting to introduce themselves. Rogers sent a letter, from Co-Chairs to DPH, requesting free flu vaccine clinic supplies for the upcoming season.</p>
<p>4. New business  a) Situation report from each EDS  b) This week's messaging</p>	<p>Attendees discussed the dates and some specifics of State's three phases for re-opening the economy; Rogers referred them to <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts</a> for further clarification. Several towns' plans for the holding of safe Town Meetings were shared. Nelson mentioned impending legislation to allow towns to hold their meetings virtually. Members gave EMS reports, as follows:</p> <p>a. <b>Mohawk</b> has been planning for a safe election and a possible drive-through flu clinic in the fall. It reported one new case in Ashfield, and the opening of the Ashfield's Farmers' Market with five vendors.  <b>Montague</b> will open its Farmers' Market this Wednesday or next, using social distancing protocols, and its leadership (EMD, Town Admin., Health Director, etc.) are working hard to plan for the safe re-opening of businesses, Town Meeting and the upcoming election.  <b>Hawlemont</b> is focused on ensuring the safety of town employees upon their return to town hall.  <b>Williamsburg</b> reported one confirmed and another presumed new case, and has received a report of a hairdresser opening prematurely.  <b>Shutesbury/Leverett</b> will not hold a flu clinic this fall, but will be purchasing equipment and run a drill to train volunteers. Leverett continues to plan for Town Meeting, is considering the logistics of a drive-through clinic, should a COVID-19 vaccine emerge, and is improving its contact database.  <b>Frontier</b> has been working with churches to help them determine existing occupancy regulations, and then to apply pandemic restrictions, to determine a maximum attendance in advance of re-opening. Shores Ness reported a new case or two in each town, is considering how to support the schools upon re-opening, is planning for smaller-scale vaccination clinics at a location with ample space for 40-50 cars to wait in line safely – and ample snacks and handouts to stall the recently injected (especially drivers) from leaving prior to a potential allergic reaction.</p> <p>b. Messaging to be crafted by Maloni prior to the start of the holiday weekend will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ an explanation that a progression from Phase I to Phase II of re-opening the economy is dependent on the successful adherence to guidelines outlined in the former</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A re-emphasis of the “Safer at Home” advisory, and a re-iterating of important protocols for those who venture out and gather</li> <li>➤ A reminder to parents that they, more so than peers and social media, influence the attitudes of teenagers (potential carriers), whose choices may impact the people around them.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>Rogers reported that she recently reviewed the H1N1 After-Action Report, found relevancies to the current circumstances, and will upload the document to the FRCOG page established for inter-municipal sharing of pandemic-related documents.</p> <p>Further, she announced that FRCOG may soon be coordinating the collective purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for all businesses in the region, and that the Western MA Health and Medical Coordinating Coalition may be tasked with managing the distribution.</p>
<p>6. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.</p>