



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
Date	September 1, 2020	Location	CONFERENCE CALL
		Call-In Number	(425) 436-6370
		Access Code	372022
Time	4:30-6:00 PM	Video	https://www.freeconferencerecall.com/wall/trogers35
		Facilitator:	Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs
		Cancellation Notice	413-465-3167 x155

<p>ATTENDEES: <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>GUESTS: <i>Gail Bienvenue, MA DPH OPEM</i></p>
<p>ABSENT: <i>Valerie Bird, Greenfield Health Director</i> <i>Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH</i> <i>Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH</i> <i>Deb Coutinho, Shelburne</i> <i>Dan Wasiuk, Montague Health Director</i></p>	<p>FRCOG STAFF: <i>Tracy Rogers; Mark Maloni; Lisa White; Laurie Solomon; Liz Jacobson-Carroll</i></p>

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Called to order by Shores Ness at 4:30 PM. Attendees introduced themselves to new staff member Laurie Solomon, who spoke briefly of her background and gradual transition to a full-time position in the coming weeks.
2. Review/approval of August 18, 2020 minutes	Pease moved to accept the August 18, 2020 minutes, Hillman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Old business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) BIDLA funds for flu clinics b) Update on status of WRHSAC PPE purchase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rogers reported that BIDLS funds initially mis-allocated in a way that overlooked numerous MA towns, including those in regional health districts, are being re-distributed. Allocations, which may not be used to purchase the vaccines themselves, will be modest, she added. Rogers will find out if food for volunteers is an acceptable expense.

<p>c) School metrics and W MA Public Health Institute data page</p> <p>d) FRCOG ongoing COVID-19 coordination structure</p>	<p>b. WHRSAC PPE funding will <i>not</i> be available in time to purchase supplies for fall flu clinics, Rogers said, as staff has not yet secured prices or placed the order.</p> <p>c. Maloni indicated that additional refinement is underway on the COVID-19 metrics to be used by towns and regional school systems when making decisions pertaining to schools re-opening and closing. Phoebe Walker is advocating at the state level for improvement; in the meantime, she recommends the new COVID-19 County Data dashboard of Public Health Institute of Western MA, he said.</p> <p>d. Maloni invited members to attend the new COVID-19 Coordination Roundtable meetings, scheduled approximately bi-weekly through the fall. These (about which members received a flyer earlier in the day) will bring together stakeholders throughout the county, and by covering timely pandemic-related topics, will enable standing committees and boards to return their focus to strategic and longer-term planning, he explained. Phoebe Walker and Maloni will coordinate and staff the roundtables.</p>
<p>4. New business: Risk communication messaging needs</p>	<p>Maloni will craft a message urging residents to avoid planning and attending large gatherings over the Labor Day weekend; noting that the August 7 statewide gatherings order applies to private property – indoors and out.</p>
<p>5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>Pease touted the drive-through manual discussed at the previous meeting, indicating that her initial review proved valuable in her planning for Shutesbury’s upcoming drill. Maloni requested that members keep staff informed of upcoming planning meetings (which they will aim to attend) and the dates of the drills/clinics themselves (which they are required to attend.)</p> <p>On-line meeting platforms were discussed; the next MAPHCO meeting, on September 15th, may be via Zoom in order to facilitate connectivity and the use of video.</p>
<p>6. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Pease moved to adjourn the meeting, Gibson seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.</p>
<p>Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • DRAFT Minutes of August 18, 2020 Meeting