



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
Date	September 15, 2020	Location	CONFERENCE CALL
		Call-In Number	(425) 436-6370
		Access Code	372022
Time	4:30-6:00 PM	Video	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89662015483
		Facilitator:	Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs
		Cancellation Notice	413-465-3167 x155

<p>ATTENDEES: Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH Valerie Bird, Greenfield Health Director Dan Wasiuk, Montague Health Director John Hillman, Leverett BOH</p>	<p>GUESTS: Gail Bienvenue, MA DPH OPEM</p>
<p>ABSENT: Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH Deb Coutinho, Shelburne Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH</p>	<p>FRCOG STAFF: Mark Maloni; Laurie Solomon; Xander Sylvain</p>

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Called to order by Shores Ness at 4:34 PM.
2. Review/approval of September 1, 2020 minutes	Norene moved to accept the September 1, 2020 minutes with an amendment to correct the misspelling of BIDLS, Valerie seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Old business a) BIDLS funds for flu clinics (MA DPH Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Science)	a) Discussion of the new allocations for BIDLS funding - all communities receiving funds have been notified. Communities belonging to health districts will have their allocation sent to their district, which will use them on the community's behalf.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) FRCOG ongoing COVID-19 coordination structure c) Drill or Tabletop 	<p>b) Mark provided an update from 9/14 COVID19 Board of Health Roundtable around school reopening. There is not a high level of, nor need for, coordination and alignment between school districts around reopening. Community level COVID19 metrics have been made available to school districts. Districts that require additional information around reopening can view Frontier Regional School District's presentation and other helpful tools, which exist in the Board of Health Roundtable event details on the FRCOG website:</p> <p>https://frcog.org/event/covid-coordination-roundtable/2020-09-14/</p> <p>c) Several EDS teams had yet to decide whether to conduct drills or tabletop exercises in order to meet their DPH deliverables for the year. Greenfield, Leverett, and Montague announced they will run drills and Williamsburg/Goshen will be running a tabletop exercise. FRCOG staff need to be present to evaluate these events and will send out a calendar of the drills/exercises that have already been planned to avoid conflicts.</p>
<p>4. New business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Risk communication messaging needs b) Gap in testing c) WRHSAC sign distribution 	<p>a) Current MA DPH data show that younger people (20-30 year-olds) are now increasingly becoming the vectors for COVID. Most COVID19 hospitalizations and deaths continue to be among individuals who are 60+. Committee discussed how to effectively message this information to a younger audience. Committee agreed to focus messaging on social distancing and mask usage aimed at a younger audience without using blame or fear tactics.</p> <p>Moving forward into the fall, winter, and upcoming holiday season, there will be a strong need for risk messaging as people are forced to spend more time indoors. Committee discussed streamlining messaging with the BOH Roundtable meetings and potentially building a bank of messaging options to use during colder weather and holidays.</p> <p>b) Gaps have been identified between reporting of COVID19 cases from schools and public health/board of health. There were no easy solutions identified and these gaps will continue to be addressed in the upcoming weeks.</p> <p>c) WRHSAC is providing two sandwich board messaging signs around social distancing and mask usage for each MAPHCO community. Steering Committee was presented with the best way to allocate signs. Should they be regional MAPCHO items stored in a central location, divided out by EDS teams, or be allocated at two per municipality? Advice from the Steering Committee is to divvy them up by municipality.</p>
<p>5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>a) WRHSAC PPE bids were due 9/15 and order will be placed soon.</p>

<p>a) WRHSAC PPE b) Mini Grant Updates</p>	<p>b) Mini grants have been approved and FRCOG staff are currently working to make purchases.</p> <p>c) Next meeting will be on 9/29 at 4:30 – 5:15 PM. Committee agreed to shorten the meeting time to 45 minutes.</p>
<p>6. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Noreen moved to adjourn the meeting, John seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.</p>
<p>Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Draft minutes of September 1, 2020 meeting • WRHSAC signs