# Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee

**Date:** September 29, 2020  
**Location:** CONFERENCE CALL  
**Call-In #:** (929) 436-2866  
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## Facilitator:
Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs

## Time
4:30-5:15 p.m.

## ATTENDEES:
Valerie Bird, Greenfield Health Director  
Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Colrain BOH  
Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH  
Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH  
Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH  
Michael Nelson, Montague BOH

## GUESTS:

## ABSENT:
John Hillman, Leverett BOH  
Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH

## FRCOG STAFF:
Tracy Rogers; Lauri Solomon

## Agenda Items

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| 1. | Welcoming remarks/agenda introductions  
|   | Called to order by Pease at 4:35 p.m. |
| 2. | Review/approval of September 15, 2020 minutes  
|   | Norene moved to accept the minutes, Michael seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. |
| 3. | Old business  
|   | Tracy updated the group on BIDLS funding. The county has been allocated $12,000, ranging from $800 in some towns to $1200 in others. |
### Addendum

Addendum: Funding will go to the entity that is organizing flu clinic(s) in each town. If the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS) is organizing a town’s clinic, the BIDLS funding for that town has been allocated to CPHS. CPHS is planning to purchase PPE, syringes, advertising, etc. for those clinics, but there is still has some funding that is unallocated. If a town or EDS has other expenses they’re trying to pay for, please be in touch with Phoebe Walker.

### 4. New business
- a. WRHSAC sign distribution.
- b. Meeting frequency
- c. Future risk messaging needs

| a. Two signs per town are coming to Tracy’s house and will have to be distributed from there. They all come with pre-printed signs that say to keep your distance, wash your hands, and wear a masks. The signs can be removed and replaced with custom signs. |
| b. Committee agreed to skip the next meeting scheduled for 10/13, meet on 10/27, and discuss meeting frequency again then. |
| c. Committee agreed to discuss Halloween messaging needs during the next COVID roundtable meeting on 10/5. Tracy will ask Phoebe to add it to the agenda. |

### 5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting
- a. Carolyn, Norene, Tracy, and Lauri met earlier in the day to discuss the idea of merging MAPHCO and the Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC). Tracy proposed that neither group take the other under their wing, but instead we create a whole new entity where MAPHCO and the REPC are equal partners. Chairs of both groups will meet to work out a path forward. MAPHCO members are encouraged to attend the next REPC meeting on 10/6. |
| b. The Committee thanked Valerie Bird for her service. Val is retiring effective 10/14. Jen Hoffman will fill in for her as interim Health Director until the city hires a permanent replacement. |

### 6. Wrap up and adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.