



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
Date	January 19 , 2021	Location	CONFERENCE CALL
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Time	4:00-4:45 PM	Video	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86952948578?pwd=RVo1WkVKOFZvM091TzJueWlpWlc1dz09
		Facilitator:	Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs
		Cancellation Notice	413-465-3167 x155

<p>ATTENDEES: <i>Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH John Hillman, Leverett BOH Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Colrain BOH Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH Dan Wasiuk, Montague Health Director</i></p>	<p>GUESTS: <i>Gail Bienvenue, MA DPH OPEM</i></p>
<p>ABSENT: <i>Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH Jenn Hoffman, Greenfield Health Director Deb Coutinho, Shelburne</i></p>	<p>FRCOG STAFF: <i>Mark Maloni; Lauri Solomon; Liz Jacobson-Carroll</i></p>

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/ introductions/agenda	Called to order by Pease at 4:06 PM
2. Review/approval of past meeting minutes	Hillman moved to accept the November 5, 2020 minutes, as amended; Pease seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with one abstention.
3. Old business	Pease referenced the next meeting of MAPHCO and the REPC, on January 26 th , to discuss the merger of the two groups. In the meantime, she noted, each is getting to know the other by working jointly on the

	<p>COVID-19 vaccine roll-out. A committee of members from both groups is working slowly to review bylaws and propose a governing structure for the new organization, she added, and encourage members to speak with their EMDs prior to 1/26/21. Maloni will forward the mission statements of each group; if a merge is not possible, he said, then conceptualizing a Venn diagram of overlapping responsibilities is needed.</p>
<p>4. New business a) Deliverables update b) Vaccine roll-out update c) MRC volunteer sign-up</p>	<p>a. Maloni reported adequate progress on PHEP grant deliverables to DPH; details will be forthcoming.</p> <p>b. First-responders are being vaccinated at the senior center and community health center in Greenfield, and at the fairgrounds in Agawam.</p> <p>Solomon and EDSs are advocating for more regional support, and planning three regional clinics – hosted by Greenfield, Deerfield and Hawlemont EDSs – in Phase 3, beginning in April, with Tracy Rogers as incident commander. Also in Phase 3, UMass, local pharmacies, and general practitioners will be administering vaccines to the general population, Maloni noted, adding that FRCOG’s CPHS is involved in planning for Phase 2. It was noted that the Williamsburg/Goshen EDS straddles the MAPHCO and Northampton PHEP coalitions; Shores Ness emphasized the need for MAPHCO to service its population whenever possible.</p> <p>Kovaks noted her focus on planning to vaccinate the homebound <i>in situ</i>, and the important role for all to play in urging calm and patience as residents eagerly await news of when they may be vaccinated. Martin-Anzuoni noted that Colrain, using CARES Act funding, will hire public health nurses to vaccinate residents in their homes.</p> <p>Martin-Anzuoni expressed her discontent with the lack of more than one MA “super-site” to vaccinate residents of Western MA, describing it as an equity issue. She then reminded those expressing frustration at the lack of clarity on the vaccine roll-out to remember that professionals throughout the country, states, and regions are developing the infrastructure on-the-go; a public health initiative of this complexity has never before been undertaken.</p> <p>Maloni encouraged all to refer to FRCOG’s COVID-19 vaccination updates, most recently emailed on January 15th. Further, he emphasized the need for targeted funneling of information between each individual regional group addressing the pandemic.</p> <p>c. MRC volunteers are needed in Franklin county, Solomon said, adding that volunteers complete two 15 minute training videos, CORI/SORI checks, and other paperwork. She will send relevant information to be distributed to potential volunteers.</p>

5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting	a. None.
6. Wrap up and adjourn	a. Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting, Martin-Anzuoni seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM. The next MAPHCO Steering Committee meeting will be Monday, February 1 st , 2021 at 4:30.
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