



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
Date	April 12 , 2021	Location	CONFERENCE CALL
		Call-In Number	(929) 436-2866
		Meeting ID	862 8753 5742
		Passcode	None
Time	4:30-5:30 PM	Video	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86287535742
		Facilitator:	Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs
		Cancellation Notice	413-465-3167 x155

<p>ATTENDEES: <i>John Hillman, Leverett BOH</i> <i>Michael Nelson, Montague BOH</i> <i>Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH</i> <i>Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH</i></p> <p>ABSENT: <i>Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH</i> <i>Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH</i> <i>Jennifer Hoffman, Greenfield Health Dir.</i> <i>Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH</i> <i>Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Colrain BOH</i> <i>Jody Stetson, Shelburne BOH</i> <i>Ron Kelter, Shelburne BOH</i> <i>Dan Wasiuk, Montague Health Director</i></p>	<p>GUESTS: <i>Gail Bienvenue, MA DPH OPEM</i> <i>Loren Davine, Hampshire County PHEP</i> <i>Michael Kurland, Goshen BOH</i> <i>Carmela Lanza-Weil, Berkshire/Franklin Medical Reserve Corps</i> <i>Merridith O’Leary, Hampshire County PHEP</i> <i>Phil Wonkka, Erving Fire/EMD/ERC</i></p> <p>FRCOG STAFF: <i>Tracy Rogers; Mark Maloni; Liz Jacobson-Carroll</i></p>
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Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/ introductions/agenda	Called to order by Pease at 4:30 PM. The discussion regarding the withdrawal of Goshen from MAPHCO was moved to the top of the agenda.
2. Review/approval of past meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pease moved to accept the March 1, 2021 minutes, Hillman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Old business	a.) Rogers announced that the City of Greenfield will soon be closing its vaccination site at the Zon Center, that FRCOG will soon stop

<p>a) Clinic planning and management updates</p> <p>b) Discuss deliverables choice of whether or not to host After-Action conference regarding COVID-19 and EDS plans or annual SNS drills</p>	<p>operating “spoke” clinics, and that the City will support the COG as it launches a single, central, drive-through site to serve the county. Currently, Franklin County is receiving 2700 doses; administering them from one site will reduce the cost of moving equipment multiple times per week, from site to site, she said. She indicated that a significant increase in the number of doses coming from the state may warrant a future change. Perhaps this may include the involvement of the Emergency Dispensing Sites (EDS), long funded by the state. Members wondered aloud about the state’s decision to by-pass its own EDS system in favor of other distribution models (favoring mass vaccination sites, pharmacies, hospitals and private practices). There was a brief discussion regarding the readiness of EDS groups and which sites might open up first if plans change.</p> <p>b.) Maloni requested feedback regarding whether or not to host an After-Action Conference on the response to COVID-19/EDS plans, or the annual SNS drills; one or the other is required by OPEM. He shared his preference for the former. Rogers indicated that the conference could integrate and re-start Franklin County preparedness planning begun prior to the pandemic. Discussion of the infrastructure and organizations involved – MAPHCO, REPC, EDSs – was identified as an important topic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ness moved to meet the OPEM deliverable requirement with an After-Action Conference; Pease seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call.</i>
<p>4. New business</p> <p>a) Goshen coalition withdrawal</p> <p>b) Current budget period deliverables update</p>	<p>a.) Kurland summarized the Goshen BOH’s reasons for changing its affiliation to the Hampshire PHEP Coalition; primarily, he said, Goshen residents seek medical care in Northampton far more than they do in Greenfield, which has become clear during the pandemic. Davine thanked MAPHCO for its cooperation in this move and its partnership going forward. Maloni explained the need to transfer funding, originally from OPEM, from the MAPHCO account to that of the Hampshire County PHEP Coalition. There was consensus regarding the need to maintain communication between the two coalitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ness moved to release Goshen from the MAPHCO coalition, Pease seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call.</i> • <i>Ness moved to transfer \$4058.31 from MAPHCO to the Hampshire County PHEP Coalition; Pease seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call.</i> <p>There was additional discussion regarding the PHEP coalition boundaries defined by the state from the outset, and about if/when/how to invite Orange and New Salem to leave the Worcester County PHEP Coalition to join MAPHCO. Maloni noted the goal of attempting to align PHEPs, REPCs, and EDSs.</p> <p>b.) Maloni summarized the status of current OPEM deliverables, focusing on just a couple of them. He indicated that Deliverable #2 – participation in state-sponsored drills, including updating WebEOC</p>

	<p>EDS boards – may happen by June 30th, and that Deliverable #5 – updating of two sections of EDS plans – is largely complete. Regarding the latter, he had updated plans to include logistics for drive through flu clinics in the fall, and will soon update them, in conjunction with other FRCOG staff members, to include logistics implemented during COVID clinics. These include: setting up waiting areas for clients to sit prior to and following receipt of their immunizations; using PrepMod to schedule appointments and update records; procurement and set-up of wi-fi and laptops; etc. Ness suggested it be available prior to the next meeting, set for May 17 at 4:30, so that members can vote on it at that time.</p>
<p>5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>Maloni indicated that there will not be an annual meeting this year. Rogers indicated that she might soon have information regarding the return of the staff member, currently on leave, assigned to work with MAPHCO.</p> <p>Pease initiated a discussion about how to make available to members of the general public, should they need it, contact information for the contact tracer assigned to their town. Rogers will give the matter some thought prior to the next meeting.</p>
<p>6. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Pease moved to adjourn the meeting, Hillman seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 17th at 4:30. (This is the 3rd Monday of the month, a change from the usual 2nd Monday of the month.)</p>
<p>Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • DRAFT Minutes of March 1, 2021 Meeting • BP3 Local Public Health Emergency Preparedness Community and Coalition Deliverables, MA Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management (OPEM) • Impact spreadsheet • OPEM Public Health Preparedness Coalition Workplan Template