



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
<b>Date</b>	Nov 15, 2021	<b>Location</b>	VIDEO/CONFERENCE CALL
		<b>Call-In #</b>	(929) 205-6099
		<b>Video</b>	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84014985873?pwd=N08za3pmamVsTHVOUINCRWl0U0ZDZz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84014985873?pwd=N08za3pmamVsTHVOUINCRWl0U0ZDZz09</a>
<b>Time</b>	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Meeting ID:</b>	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84014985873?pwd=N08za3pmamVsTHVOUINCRWl0U0ZDZz09">U0ZDZz09</a>
		<b>Passcode:</b>	840 1498 5873 746250
		<b>Cancellation Notice</b>	413-465-3167 x155

<p><b>ATTENDEES:</b>            Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH            John Hillman, Leverett BOH            Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH            Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH            Chief Phillip Wonkka, EMD and Fire, Irving</p>	<p><b>GUESTS:</b>            Gail Bienvenue, MA DPH OPEM            Michael Nelson, MA DPH OPEM</p>
<p><b>FRCOG STAFF:</b>            Tracy Rogers; Lauri Solomon</p>	

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/ introductions/agenda	Called to order by Pease at 4:35 PM
2. Review/approval of past meeting minutes	Shores made a motion to accept the 9/20/21 minutes Wonkka seconded the motion The motion passed unanimously
3. Old business	<p>a. <b>COVID Update:</b>            Solomon: PowerPoint presentation slides below</p> <p>b. <b>COVID AAR/IP process Update</b>            Solomon: Data analysis is in process. Beginning to write up the DPH and individual EDS AAR/IPs simultaneously.</p> <p>c. <b>EDS Check-in RE COVID</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gibson said the Williamsburg EDS is done with its COVID work. They have “broadcast” a vaccination message including signs at the dump. She also remarked she has to wait two weeks for her booster shot, which feels like it makes telling other people to schedule theirs is problematic.</li> <li>Ness reported that the Frontier EDS is loosely involved in the DPH vaccine bus efforts 11/17 by providing volunteers for the parking lot and other non-medical roles. 420 people registered initially but, as of the meeting, they were down to 359. The bus will also be coming to Sunderland. Ness expressed frustration with the vaccine bus events being handled</li> </ul>

	<p>exclusively through school nurses and the FRCOG. “Boards of Health are supposed to be involved in it and we weren’t.” She also feels EDSs are still “not utilizing the EDS the way we had been drilling for and we need to change.” “We need to address the question of communication.”</p> <p>Regarding school nurses managing the vaccine busses, “We’re just left out of the local boards of health and EDSs are just left out of everything all the time.” “We need to somehow change to figure it out.” Ness also expressed concern that Greenfield and Montague are not really part of the group because neither town is involved with the Collaborative Public Health Services (CPHS) and they are the biggest population centers for the county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pease noted that their EDS should have been more involved in advertising the availability of adult vaccines at the vax bus events in the county.</li> <li>• Wonka also expressed discouragement that he wasn’t alerted about a vax bus until the FD was asked to provide services. He feels that after nearly two years of the pandemic, the same mistakes continue to be made, specifically the poor communication and coordination. He feels all four vax bus events in the county should have been clearly communicated to EMDs and LBOH.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. New business</b></p> <p>a. EDS risk messaging updates</p> <p>b. Budget modification update</p>	<p><b>a. EDS risk messaging</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frontier EDS: Doing holiday COVID precautions messaging. Ness stressed that vaccines are not a force field and that people need to consider them one part of a layering of protection that includes masking and distancing from people who are outside of one’s pod.</li> <li>• Shutesbury EDS: Ramping up for holiday messaging. She highlighted that “there’s some complacency” about COVID precautions now that so many people are vaccinated. “I think our message has to remind people that there has been an uptick, there have been additional cases of people who are vaccinated and basically what they need to do is remain safe.”</li> <li>• Leverett EDS: “We’re not really doing much but the BOH is, which is a little different.” They are doing periodic messaging and he expects that the board will decide to put out some more messaging aimed at promoting staying safe among vaccinated people before Thanksgiving.</li> <li>• Williamsburg EDS: They are not doing much messaging right now and are “on hold” right now. EDS members still talk but are not having formal meetings.</li> <li>• Montague EDS: Michael Nelson reported that he has had to be less involved in local (Montague) EDS but is stepping back into a more active role.</li> <li>• Hawlemont EDS: The town of Heath sent a letter to town residents providing an update on vaccination status at the county and state level as well as where they can get vaccinated or boosters. The EDS is planning for the vax bus coming to the school in Charlemont. No information from other EDS towns.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rogers reported that there is an upcoming opportunity to amend the MAPHCO budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$4,000 salary savings</li> <li>○ Increase contractual line by \$200 because Constant Contact fee went up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Greenfield storage unit went up by \$10/month, \$120/year</li> <li>○ Project management software cost went up but is spread across multiple grants so will increase by \$104/year</li> <li>○ IT/Communications costs are tied to salaries and will decrease by \$389.43</li> <li>○ Lease costs, also tied to staff, will decrease by \$928.42</li> <li>○ PPE purchased with Homeland Security money will move from the storage unit on Woodard Rd to the Conex box at GCC eventually. GCC is allowing MAPHCO to store the boxes for free. Homeland Security will be paying for HVAC units and gravel under the boxes to reduce moisture.</li> <li>○ Increase of \$154.24 for electrical costs for the Conex boxes at GCC. This will cover April-June</li> <li>○ The COG was required by a federal grant to adopt a new indirect rate. This caused an increase in the rate for taxes and fringe benefits but a decrease in the administrative portion of the indirect rate.</li> <li>○ With all those changes, \$3,400 are available to be reallocated either this quarter or next.</li> <li>○ The money could be used to purchase iPads as a regional resource to be available for vaccination clinics, which was a suggestion from Shores Ness.</li> <li>○ Wonkka agreed that iPads are a good idea</li> <li>○ Shores-Ness motioned to reallocate funding as described by Rogers</li> <li>○ Pease seconded the motion.</li> <li>○ The motion passed unanimously</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Solomon introduced new data available from the COVID Community Impact Survey. It includes reports about the impact of the pandemic on a variety of different groups e.g. people with substance use disorders and the LGBTQ community. The report was forwarded to the steering committee. Solomon asked if there were specific groups or organizations she should mail it to or if committee members could forward it to others they think may benefit. Gibson will forward it and Wonkka will send it to Chief Paciorek in Deerfield with instructions to forward it to other police chiefs if he thinks its helpful.</li> </ul>
<p>6. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Shores-Ness made a motion to adjourn at 5:45. Seconded by Chief Wonkka. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p><b>Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:</b></p>	<p>COVID Update PowerPoint After Action Review process update PowerPoint</p>