



CHIP Steering Committee

Minutes – 5/10/22

Steering Committee Members present are bolded:

Kat Allen/Communities That Care FRCOG
Heather Bialecki-Canning & **Amanda Mankowsky**/NQ
Community Coalition
Geoff Naunheim/United Way of F/H
Ron Bryant and Cheryl Pascucci/BFMC
Rebecca Himlin/ Community Action Pioneer Valley
Lynne Feldman/LifePath
Phil Korman & **Zoey Sloate**/CISA
Deb McLaughlin & **Alison Proctor**/Opioid Task Force
Maureen Mullaney/ FRCOG Transportation Planning

Gina Govoni/Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Judy Raper and Kristin Cole/GCC
Dave Sullivan & **Laurie Loisel**/NW District Atty
Allison VanderVelden/ CHCFC
Rachel Stoler/Mass In Motion FRCOG
Phoebe Walker/FRCOG
Sandi Walters/CSO

CHIP Project Coordinator: **Jen Audley**
Guests: Kristen Tillona-Baker Mary Lyon Foundation

Icebreaker and Intros – we shared our best (or worst) road trips, and met new members Lori Loisel, representing Northwestern District Attorney Dave Sullivan, and Zoey Sloate, representing Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture.

State Office of Rural Health Grant Current Plan – Phoebe reviewed the current work under the new Rural Vaccine Equity funding, which FRCOG has for central and western Franklin County and NQCC has for the North Quabbin. There is a new round of mobile vaccine clinics happening across the region, and subcontracting is beginning on the projects discussed at the CHIP steering committee meeting prior to the grant application: \$12,000 to Mary Lyon Foundation for increasing access to human service and healthcare help for residents of West County, \$20,000 for marketing to increase ridership on the FRTA, and funds set aside to address youth learning loss and the needs of Central American immigrants in Franklin County. Staffing funds will both support the vaccine access work and help fill in the gap left by the end of the BFMC funding for the CHIP in September.

West County Needs Assessment Data: Kristen Tillona-Baker, the Mary Lyon Foundation's Executive Director joined us to discuss the work she and Cheryl Pascucci are doing to understand the needs of local residents as part of the grant mentioned above. Data identified about west county residents needs in this discussion included: Census 2020, Teen Health Survey, Baystate CHNA, DPH Rural Cluster data, Covid Community Impact Survey data, CAPV needs assessment data and possibly the Point In Time survey of unhoused folks, HIP Map locations to identify gaps, SNAP usage map from PVPC to identify gaps, and the Age-Friendly Community Needs Survey. We also discussed various efforts to get more health care access to West County residents, due to impending medical and dental practice closures, and identified a need for the Community Health Center and Baystate to sync up and discuss their expansion plans for that region to avoid duplication and confusion, especially as a rural health network grant application is planned for next year.

Upcoming CHIP meetings and website – Jen Audley asked members to review frcog.org/chip and give feedback to her, and shared that the June 8 Full Network meeting will be focused on Peer Support Roles in Franklin County/North Quabbin (peer specialists, recovery coaches, CHWs and other peer supports). She will share a calendar of upcoming meetings with SC members so they can choose what to come to.

Old Business Updates: Allie reported that she had made a connection for planning a future MA *Behavioral Health Road Map Event* – but will wait until the delayed procurement process is done for the vendors before moving ahead with picking a date. Allie also pointed out the *new Steering Committee Members* from the Justice and Food Sectors and asked them to prepare some comments about their work for the next meeting. Group discussed having everyone give updates at the next meeting in July. Finally, Phoebe announced that the *Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds RFR* is open again – and asked who’s applying? Anyone currently not funded can apply, and anyone who is funded can apply in a different stream if applicable (CHIP, Policy System & Environment Change or Healthy Aging). Gina Govoni and Geoff Naunheim expressed interest. Phoebe will reach out to help.

New Business: Judy announced that the *College is opening up again* in June and asked for help in getting young people, in particular, on campus. Due to the combination of the pandemic and declining numbers of young people (1 in 3 FC residents will be over 65 by 2030), enrollment at GCC is down and research shows that the more young people are on college campuses the more likely they are to eventually enroll. Laurie will follow up with Judy with some event ideas, and Judy will connect with some Communities That Care Coalition working groups to make the same offer.

Kat announced that CTC is creating a *database of focus group* and key informant interview results and is interested in offering other organizations to contribute and use the data. Reach out to Kat at kallen@frcog.org if interested!

Next Meeting: July 12, 1 PM at Transit Center