



CPHS Oversight Board Online Meeting Minutes May 26, 2022

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Member Attendance:

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| Ashfield | Evelyn Resh | Gill- | absent |
| Bernardston- | Jean Page | Hawley- | absent |
| Buckland- | Regrets | Heath- | Barbara Gordon |
| Charlemont- | Mae Tanner, Doug Telling | Leyden- | Beth Kuzdeba |
| Colrain- | Nina Martin-Anzuoni | Monroe- | absent |
| Conway- | Kat Llamas | Northfield- | Regrets |
| Deerfield- | absent | Rowe- | Regrets |
| Erving- | Jeff McAndrews | Shelburne- | Fritz Vohr |

Staff Attendance: Randy Crochier, Maureen O'Reilly, Meg Ryan, Phoebe Walker, Lisa White

Introductions & Town Updates

- **Bernardston/Page:** Offered tests and N-95 masks to residents last week, very little response. COVID outbreak at Elementary School, grateful for help of the nurses.
- **Colrain/Martin-Anzuoni:** They have a new BOH member, and have some housing work underway. Also the BOH is working closely with a Campground that has been operating without a permit since the 1960s.
- **Conway/Llamas:** reported that their local BHN clinic went very well – 93 people attended!
- **Leyden/Kuzdeba:** Town Meeting and Election are not until

Approve Meeting Minutes

No quorum at start of meeting, so minutes not approved.

Agenda Item(s)

Summer meeting schedule – Phoebe and Randy described the previous norm (pre-COVID) of Oversight Board meetings alternating between Greenfield at the Transit Center and the Buckland Town Hall. Jeff McAndrews moved that we return to in-person meetings in June. Seconded by Nina Martin-Anzuoni. Motion passed with one abstention. Group will be offered some outdoor locations by Randy in the near future.

Public Health Nurse Outreach Report: Lisa reviewed the times and locations of the walk-in wellness clinics, mentioning in particular the congregate elder housing settings with staff from Life Path, new hours at the Colrain Library, and the Ashfield Food Pantry. Maureen will offer onsite health education at these clinics in the coming months too. *See slides*

Recent West County People Helping People meeting helped educate nurses about what resources are available to residents.

Current Variant: Lisa reported on the current state. All the data points are up. 84% of non-ICU beds are occupied, 62% of ICU are occupied. She shared a CDC forecast model, which suggests at least four more weeks of increased cases due to the two newest variants. She shared these links: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>. There was discussion about treatment options, and Lisa shared <https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/> as well. *See slides*

Testing options: Maureen reviewed the latest increases in access – PCR testing back at GCC and newly in Shelburne Falls, thanks to hard work from Meg Ryan and the generosity of Greenfield Cooperative Bank.

COVID Clinics: Maureen reported on the numbers of vaccinations we ended up giving through the latest round of 12 mobile clinics that were partnerships with BOHs, the Medical Reserve Corps, and the Mobile Vax Vendor, BHN. *See slides*

Ticks/Mosquitos:

1. Arbovirus Coordinator: This year Maureen will fill this role on behalf of the CPHS member towns. She has filled out the paperwork for each of the towns, and will serve as the conduit to the Boards of Health
2. She reminded members that she sent out a newsletter article about ticks for BOHs to use.
3. Maureen also reminded the group of current tick testing subsidy status for each town. Nina asked for materials so that Colrain can join – Phoebe will send. *See slides*

Age and Dementia Survey Results Report, Part 1: Meg Ryan reviewed the first half of the responses of the survey from CPHS towns. Highlights included need for affordable and accessible housing, and access to supportive transportation, as well as strong support for town newsletters, which Phoebe encouraged BOHs to make sure the town is making them available in paper. Mae Tanner is working on analyzing the open-ended questions that were submitted in the survey for her MPH Capstone project. She reviewed the comments from older adults about transportation access and the way it really impacts their ability to participate *See slides*.

Health Agents Report

Randy reported on current work:

- Staff have been working with BOHs and the staff at Mohawk and BSE and Bernardston to get mask mandates in place as cases rise in each of those schools.
- Major pool project in Buckland is almost done being reviewed.
- Bernardston – former Four Leaf Clover is ready to re-open after a major overhaul.
- Huge new septic plan approved for Berkshire East.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Documents Viewed or Referenced:

- CPHSOvBrd Agenda_2022.05.26
- Minutes for 2022.03.24
- Slides about Ticks and Mosquitos
- Slides about Nursing Outreach and COVID
- Slides about Aging Needs Survey