

Inter-Island Public Health Collaborative



Regular Meeting Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative Advisory Board **MINUTES**

Wednesday, 8 January 2025

14:00 PM

REMOTE

OPEN SESSION:

Present: Mike Hugo, Shared Service Coordinator (SSC); Lenore Maniaci, Health and Human Services Director of Dukes County; Marina Lent, Health Agent, Town of Aquinnah; Anna McCaffrey, Health Agent, Town of Chilmark; Fernando Lana, Assistant Health Agent, Town of Edgartown; Brice Boutot, Health Agent, Town of Edgartown; Erin Shraeder, RN, Public Health Nurse, Town of Nantucket; Alexa Arieta, Health Agent, Town of Oak Bluffs; Drew Belsky, Health Agent, Town of Tisbury; Alex Lam, Health Agent, Town of West Tisbury; Elizabeth “Betsy” VanLandingham, RN, Public Health Nurse Reportable Disease Investigator; Patrick Roden-Reynolds, Biologist.

Call to Order

Announcement: Meeting facilitator and (SSC) Mike Hugo announced that THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD DURING THIS MEETING, ONLY THOSE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR/CONVENOR.

SAPHE 2.0: What it's all about

- Mike went through the significant changes in the works for local public health as a result of the passage of SAPHE 2.0. Federal Standards will be Mandatory, and local public health will be supported in meeting those standards. Local Boards to keep authority over Sanitary Code issues; state has primacy in emergency response to large-scale public health threats. The summary document will be posted as a reference for Agents and their Boards
- **Mike Hugo** to send ppts and reports to Lenore for posting as a reference

All-Island Meeting of Boards of Dukes County

- Dates: mid-late afternoon on Tuesday, 4th or 11th of March. Alexa to look into either Town Hall meeting room or Library meeting room.
- Draft All Island Agenda:
 - Highlight Successes of PHE employees and projects
 - Patrick
 - everything he does/has done
 - Fernando
 - Multilingual Fertilizer Course
 - TB work
 - Portuguese Food Handler & Manager courses
 - Standardization of Services
 - FCP
 - Installers test
 - Opioid IMA
 - Public Health Nursing
 - Direction that IIPHEC would like to take
 - SAPHE
 - New Public Health Infrastructure
 - New requirements and impacts for all involved in Board of Health
- Discuss Board of Health Member training
 - Offer either a multiple training sessions via Zoom for Island Board members or required to attend in-person training in Plymouth (April 5th)
 - Will be hybrid; in-person participation encouraged.

MAHB Certification for Board Members (and others)

- the in-person certification class this year will be in Plymouth (April 5)
- Mike and Cheryl S will make some “zoom-class”, piece-meal options for Board members who can’t take a workday to travel
- **Agents** should remind their Boards that it is a minimum responsibility for being a Board member to understand what your (volunteer) job is and encourage all members to either attend the Plymouth class in-person or remotely or commit to the special option for busy working people.
- **Lenore** called for a strategy meeting prior to the All-Island meeting to get us prepared for clear outcomes (Lenore, Drew, Mike to organize)

Indigenous Awareness and Follow-through

- Lenore reported on a session with Sassafras Earth Education about a course conducted last month that she and Marina attended, and would like to explore a course for the future targeted to the role of local public health as part of our responsibilities under the grant.
- **Marina and Lenore** to follow up with Sassafras and do preliminary exploration of options around this.

Patrick Update:

- Deer cooler almost done for the season, with 17 deer donated under the program
- Website making progress with getting tick content
- **Patrick** will provide link and password so agents can review

Relations with the Cape Agents Group

- Mike reported that Barnstable is very willing to re-engage with local public health from the Islands after a hiatus of the past many years when agents stopped attending the monthly meetings
- Agents discussed the difficulty of making time for regular attendance, and will
 - Identify issues on the agenda of the Coalition of particular value to the islands;
 - Ask Lea to keep us informed when something of direct relevance to the Tick Program is happening;
 - Ensure that at least one agent from MV is able to participate in monthly meetings.
- **Drew** will be on the agenda of the next Coalition meeting and will provide an update on IIPHEC activities

Public Nursing Contract for Dukes County/MV

- Anna provided Proposal for cost of independent contract under County (prohibitive!)
- Discussion of contracting vs. employee
- Anna and Sarah discussion with Amelia: (public nurse doesn't get much support)
- Lila's role
- Needs assessment for public nursing: where do we stand? Funding from the 5 towns is consistently underutilized. What is the demand for the service? What is the role of public nursing for MV?
- **Anna & Sarah to talk to Erin about public nursing on ACK**

IHC Tablet system proposal

- Some of the valuable potential of the system for public health does not appear it will be developed at this time. It is only used by PH RN, and the contract needs a reboot after Amelia leaves, which will happen before the end of this month.
- **We will wait to hear from DPH person responsible for public nursing at our next meeting before making a decision on this IHC proposal.**

MV Health Agents

- Agents are working on creating consistency across MV towns relating to inspections, licensing, and regulations as follows:
 - Tobacco regulations
 - Licensing of Septic Installers
 - I/A system monitoring (Drew to invite Scott Horsely for next steps)
 - Pumpout permits
 - Food Inspections
 - STR involvement of public health?

Adjournment Unanimous.