

Inter-Island Public Health Collaborative



Special Meeting Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative Advisory Board

MINUTES

Friday, 23 May 2025

14:00 PM

REMOTE

OPEN SESSION:

Present: Marina Lent, Aquinnah; Anna McCaffrey, Chilmark; Jerico Mele, Nantucket; Alexa Arieta, Town of Oak Bluffs; Drew Belsky, Town of Tisbury; Sarah Toste, Town of West Tisbury;

Proposed Shared Service Coordinator, BME Strategies: The Board reviewed a preliminary proposal to provide Public Health Excellence Shared Service Coordination for the remainder of FY25 and in FY26 provided by BME Strategies.

The Board decided to consider FY25 separately from FY26, and noted that further information is required on terms and conditions for shared service coordination in FY26. Drew and Alexa will communicate requests for further information re: FY26 to BME Strategies with a view to taking up the question of FY26 shared service coordination at the outset of FY26 at an upcoming meeting in June 2025.

Motion: to accept proposed shared service coordination proposal for FY25, and to table discussion and decision on FY26 pending clarification with BME Strategies (unanimous)

The Board hopes for a smooth handover of information and responsibilities as quickly as possible to facilitate completion of the grant reporting requirements of FY25 and the development of a workplan and budget for FY26 in a timely and efficient manner.

FY25 Spend Down: The Board took note of a spreadsheet listing proposed items for FY25 spend down. Members highlighted the importance of supporting the Tick Borne Illness prevention program, including with funding to translate existing videos into Portuguese, and possibly ordering more brochures and other public information material.

HarborFest 2025: Alexa Arieta informed the Board that she has arranged for having a presence of the Tick Program at the Oak Bluffs HarborFest which will be held June 21, 2025. Board members expressed support for the Tick program, noting that efforts should continue to

increase the public profile of the program. The group strongly supported Jerico Mele in planning for a more active presence of the program on Nantucket this summer.

Adjournment. Unanimous.