

Inter-Island Public Health Collaborative



Regular Meeting Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative Advisory Board

MINUTES

Wednesday 28 May 2025

14:30

REMOTE

OPEN SESSION:

Present: Drew Belsky, Tisbury (Chair); Marina Lent, Aquinnah; Anna McCaffrey, Chilmark; Brice Boutot, Edgartown; Fernando Lana, Edgartown; Jericho Mele, Nantucket; Alexa Arieta, Oak Bluffs; Patrick Roden-Reynolds, Biologist IIPHEC; Alex Lam, West Tisbury; Betsy VanLandingham, Public Health RN, Lea Hamner, Epidemiologist; Claire Myers, MPH; Stephanie Barth, MPH; Cynthia Baker, BME; Lenore Maniaci, Director of H&HS, Dukes County.

IIPHEC FY25 Spend Down Proposals

The Board discussed and **approved** the following spend-down items:

- TB Project: Claire Myers presented a project aimed at assessing best practices for TB management in smaller, more remote rural communities around the country, based on key informant interviews conducted in the summer of 2024. Deliverables are a policy brief and a collection of tuberculosis case management and contact tracing resources for health departments on the islands.
- Alpha Gal Syndrome (AGS) Project: Stephanie Barth updated the Board on analysis of survey results around alpha gal syndrome, specifically looking into the association between the frequency of tick bites and anaphylactic AGS
- Translation/Interpretation for Tick-Borne Illness Education materials: existing videos will be translated into Brazilian Portuguese to better inform the Brazilian community, whose members make up a significant part of the landscaping and construction industries on MV and face intensive exposure.

Shared Service Coordinator

Drew and Alexa will hold meetings to determine details of a contract for Shared Service Coordination with BME according to a preliminary proposal provided by BME.

The Board unanimously **approved** contracting with BME through the end of FY25, and will entertain a time-limited proposal for the beginning of FY26.

The Board unanimously **approved** the items listed on the spend down list. These will be forwarded to DPH for final approval.

Next Meeting; 11 June 2025, 2pm via zoom

Adjournment 16:32, Unanimous.