

Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative Meeting Minutes



Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Time: 2-4PM

Location: Virtual

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82562814239?jst=2>

Meeting ID: 825 6281 4239

Voting members present:

- Alexa Arieta, Health Agent (Oak Bluffs) - Y
- Marina Lent, Health Agent (Aquinnah) - Y
- Jerico Mele, Human Services Director (Nantucket) - Y
- Anna McCaffrey, Health Agent (Chilmark) - Y
- Sarah Toste, Assistant Health Agent (West Tisbury) - Y
- Brice Boutot, Health Agent (Edgartown) - Y
- Drew Belsky, Health Agent (Tisbury) - Y
- Stewart Young, Finance Committee Chairman (Gosnold) - N

Non-voting members present:

- Caitlyn Winders, Shared Services Coordinator, BME Strategies
- Stephanie Barth, Epidemiologist, Visiting Nurses Association of Cape Cod
- Patrick Roden-Reynolds, Shared Tick Biologist, IIPHEC
- Betsy Vanlandingham, Public Health Nurse, Dukes County
- Lucy Hackney, Chief Operating Officer, Island Health Care
- Sam Mitchell, Director of Strategic Development & Communications, Island Health Care
- Amy Houghton Barry, Martha's Vineyard Hospital
- Haley Dolan, Director of Public Health, Island Health Care
- Kala Thapa, Intern, Martha's Vineyard Opioid Abatement Collaborative

Marina Lent called the meeting to order. Brice Boutot seconded.

7/8 voting communities present, quorum met.

Attendance Roll Call

Aquinnah: Y

Chilmark: Y
Edgartown: Y
Gosnold: Y
Oak Bluffs: Y
Nantucket: N
Tisbury: Y
West Tisbury: Y

The meeting was called to order at 2:04PM.

Administrative

2/25/26 Minutes Approval

Alexa motioned to approve the minutes. Marina seconded.

Aquinnah: Y
Chilmark: Y
Edgartown: Y
Gosnold: Abstention
Oak Bluffs: Y
Nantucket: Y
Tisbury: Y
West Tisbury: Y

Announcements

The SSC reminded the Advisory Board to complete the application form in the RFR posting on COMMBUYS to ensure that all municipalities will be on the list to receive notifications about future funding opportunities. The SSC will share the RFR posting and instructions with the Advisory Board representatives following the meetings.

The SSC shared with the Advisory Board that the 2026 MAHB Certificate Program is ongoing, with the next iterations scheduled for Saturday, 3/21 in Plymouth. Nantucket confirmed that one individual from their Board of Health will be attending, along with two Board of Health members from Edgartown, and one Board of Health member from Oak Bluffs. The SSC will connect with those interested individuals to facilitate PHE reimbursement for the registration and travel fees.

Communications Round-Up

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Patrick Roden-Reynolds shared that the Martha's Vineyard Hospital Health fair is upcoming and that the deadline to register is Friday, March 13. It is scheduled for April 11, from 8-11AM. Patrick attended last year and had a table with tick bite prevention and outreach materials. He has requested additional space for more tables at the fair this year. Amy Houghton indicated that the hospital plans to have the IIPHEC tables in the main room of the hospital because the hospital will be placing a strong emphasis on ticks.

The board approved the proposal for basic website training for three shared staff members, including the SSC, Patrick, and Lea Hamner. The website training will be hosted by Jason Edmonds of InTouch Website Design.

Sarah Toste introduced Kala Thapa, who is one of two Boston University School of Public Health students who will be completing the community needs assessment led by the Martha's Vineyard Opioid Abatement Collaborative.

Community Health Needs Assessment Presentation from Martha's Vineyard Hospital

A combined team of representatives from the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Island Health Care shared a presentation on the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment that they conducted. The report will be shared on IIPHEC's website.

The IIPHEC board asked if the hospital can share the data gathered about substance use with the Martha's Vineyard OAC to assist in their community health assessment.

2025 Annual Report from Patrick Roden-Reynolds

Patrick successfully conducted approximately 150 yard surveys, exceeding the minimum target of 100 and extending through August due to high public demand. The possibility of continuing surveys later into the year, such as September, will be evaluated, particularly in light of the lone star tick's proliferation. He shared that both presentations and yard surveys have proven effective in increasing public awareness and tick literacy. While Patrick feels the current volume of general tick prevention presentations is sustainable, thanks to a readily available standardized 30–60-minute format, developing new, customized presentations requires more preparation time. To prevent falling behind on other project work, he is considering a cap of 125–150 is being considered for yard surveys due to the time commitment, noting that the upcoming season's schedule is already close to 50% capacity. Finally, Patrick is actively partnering with Biodiversity Works to focus on non-target insects and is seeking additional funding to sustain this work through the summer season.

SAPHE 2.0 Reporting

The SSC shared the timeline and requirements for completing both the 2026 Workforce Standards and Performance Standards surveys. They will share the Q&A document with the Advisory Board along with the minutes.

Adjournment

Sarah motioned to adjourn the meeting. Anna seconded.

Aquinnah: Y

Chilmark: Y

Edgartown: Not present

Gosnold: Y

Oak Bluffs: Not present

Nantucket: Y

Tisbury: Y

West Tisbury: Y

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09PM.

Documents Referenced:

- 3.11.26 IIPHEC Advisory Board Meeting Deck
- 3.11.26 IIPHEC Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
- 2.25.26 IIPHEC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital & Island Health Care 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment
- Patrick Roden-Reynolds 2025 Annual Report
- 2025 Performance Standards Questions & Answers Document