



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee		
Date: 6/3/2024 Time: 5:00 PM	Location: Zoom & 244 Country Club Rd. Greenfield, MA	Facilitators: "Co-Chairs" Michael Archbald Garrett Simonsen

Attendees	
<p>Steering Committee Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garrett Simonsen, Shutesbury EDS Ryan Paxton, Montague EDS Mike Archbald, Frontier EDS Megan Tudryn, Greenfield EDS (Remote) Carmela Lanza-Weil, Mohawk EDS (Absent) John Hillman, Leverett EDS Donna Gibson (Absent) <p>Coalition Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tim Hilchey Trevor McDaniel Noreen Pease Arleen Read Catherine Hilton Barbara Killeen Lynn Dole Barbara Griffin Jennifer Tran Elizabeth Alwan 	<p>R-S-I Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Randy Cardonell Steve Rivera Jennifer Tran <p>FRCOG Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexander Sylvain <p>HMCC Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick Licata <p>OPEM-MDPH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gail Bienvenue <p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benjamin Rance (FEMA) Matthew Bryan MRC-Berkshire

Agenda Items	
1) Welcome / Introductions	Randy C. lead the introductions of participants and a review of the agenda.
2) Review / Approve Draft Minutes	Motion Noreen P. Second Catherine H. Discussion None Vote: Unanimous Acceptance
3) MAPHCO – 101	Mike A. began discussion of purpose and role of MAPHCO. Emphasis on pre-event relationships and training between all response agencies. Responsibilities are being transitioned to LBoH by increased utilization of WebEOC.
4) Planner/Coordinator Role: RSI	Randy C described RSI's ability and history. Identified health care background and experience in healthcare, disaster preparedness and

	response. Staff and I are available for assistance. I, myself, am available 24/7. Identified some new PHEP requirements of LBoH.
5) FRCOG and HMCC Roles	Alexander S HMCC MA solution to meeting the requirements of the Feds in managing preparedness and response for Healthcare. Identified area of disciplines, CHA, Hospitals LTC, Community Healthcare centers, EMS, and EM. Helps be the coordinating agency for these disciplines. Financial coordinator for coalitions. Also, ability to stand up EOC for the county. 4 PHEP coalitions, MRCs, EMS, and Community Health Centers. FRCOG is an organization identified as the HMCC for Western Mass. Region. Financial and grant management for the coalitions. FRCOG and HMCC guide the alignment of these organizations in the area of emergency planning and response.
6) OPEM Role Changing PHEP Cooperative Agreement.	Gail B. historically, OPEM has filled a technical support role for coalitions and other health organizations. Regional representatives filled the liaison role between the State, HMCCs and these more local coalitions and organizations. Recently DPH is in the process of changing its organization structure and there will now be more coordination and collaboration with the Office of Local and Regional Health and Bureau of Health Equity as well as some others. Garrett S. Reviewed changes in PHEP cooperative agreement. 5-year agreement which we will be starting on July 1 st and is called BP-1 (Budget Period year one). The new CDC guidance in PHEP is deemphasizing Emergency Dispensing sites and increasing an emphasis on more PH preparedness and response. Planning around the HMCC HVAs and the PH impacts around those priorities. The program maintains an emphasis on health equity relative to these HVAs. The new Response Framework for MA PH will also need to incorporate the new Service Arrangements/Agreements that are developing throughout the State. A training Needs Assessment will be developed and distributed as part of this grant cycle. Part of the deliverables for MA will be PH being more involved in the planning with other municipal planning and response organizations to address the PH component involved with the HVAs. General list of HMCCs HVAs Climate Change, Cyber Crime, Chemical Release, Severe Weather, Emerging Diseases, Water Supply. MAPHCO can take one of these HVAs and identify the PH impacts and if and who may be disproportionately impacted and what mitigation steps can be taken to minimize the impact. Emphasis is to make the PH Planning more Risk assessment driven.
7) MAPHCO Website	Randy C website will become active in June and will hold many documents like the EDS template.
8) BP-1 MAPHCO Budget	Garrett S PHEP funding Statewide has remained neutral, but there has been some shifting of funds from larger coalitions to the smaller ones to allow smaller coalitions to do more. MAPHCO is expecting to receive \$127,000.00 for planning and conducting workshops and trainings.
9) FEMA-RAPT	Benjamin R gave an outline/description of the Resilience Assessment Planning Tool (RAPT) that FEMA has developed and is free for any organization to use.
10) Other Business	Mike A normally the SC members are voted on at the annual meeting, but we were not prepared to do this at this meeting. A follow up

	<p>electronic nomination and voting will be conducted to vote on SC members. Co-Chairs need to be nominated and voted on. Motion made to keep Mike Archbald and Garrett Simonsen as Co-chairs. Motion by Noreen P & Megan T Seconded by John H. Approved Unanimously</p>
11) Meeting Adjourned	<p>Motion: John H. Second: Elizabeth A. Vote: Unanimous</p>