

Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health

MINUTES

March 22, 2023 – 2pm

This meeting was held remotely under the provisions allowed by Acts (2021) Chapter 20, An Act relative to extending specific COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency (<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2021/Chapter20>) approved on June 16, 2021

Attendees: Connor Robichaud– CMRPC; Jack McLellan – Mendon; Jeanne Gniadek – Northbridge; Erin Hightower– Uxbridge; Kristin Harris and Agnieszka Podstawka – Douglas, Diane Tiernan – Upton, Sherry Grant – Millville, Dan Markman, Danielle Edmands, Jack Sullivan, and Deb Vescera – BVPPH

1. Capacity Assessment - ORLH and BME

BME Presented the Capacity Assessment findings and BVPPH will further analyze the results and develop a work plan to align with the Blueprint for Public Health Excellence

2. Approval of Minutes

Erin made a motion, seconded by Jeanne, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023, BVPPH meeting. The motion to include this adjustment and approve the minutes passed unanimously.

3. Inspection Staff Update

Danielle studying for CPFS. Dan has a system inspector training and test coming up. The inspectors are planning to host another ServSafe training. Dan is also working on a Community Resource guide.

4. Public Health Nurse Update

Deb is graduating with her MSN this semester. She is presenting with the Uxbridge Hoarding Task Force (subsequently Northbridge if possible) and at Hoarding at the MAPHN conference. She will then move on to the maternal health topic and food insecurity.

5. Epidemiologist Updates

Northbridge Wastewater Sampling and Surveillance Program have been put on hold as the program has paused new enrollments.

6. Shared Service Coordinator Update

- a) MAPHN Conference – Erin made a motion to approve funding the registration fees for Douglas; Diane seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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- b) Inspector Salary Increases – remaining 2% increase available for FY23. Diane motioned to increase Dan and Danielle's salary by the remaining 2% available merit increase effective March 12. Jeanne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- c) Priorities for grant funding are food insecurity, maternal health, substance use, and accessibility.

7. Unanticipated business

The next BVPPH meeting will be on April 13th at 2 pm. Shared staff will meet to discuss the work plan on March 29th at 2 pm.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.