

Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health

MINUTES

February 16, 2023 – 12pm

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; Agnieszka Podstawka – Douglas, Diane Tiernan – Upton, Dan Markman, Jack Sullivan, and Deb Vescera – BVPPH

1. Approval of Minutes

Jeanne made a motion, seconded by Erin, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023, BVPPH meetings. The motion to include this adjustment and approve the minutes passed unanimously.

2. Inspection Staff Update

Danielle studying for CPFS. Dan focused on animal regulations for Mendon, putting together a guide on the end to the public health emergency. Hopedale is in the process of filling their a part time position.

3. Public Health Nurse Update

Deb discussed implications to the end of the Public Health Emergency on May 11. Narcan Training April 25th so she will be able to offer trainings to the public.

4. Epidemiologist Updates

Northbridge Wastewater Sampling and Surveillance Program looks to be moving forward. The state can fund this through FY24 and even provide staff to take samples if needed. A rural vaxx clinic will take place on March 4 from 10-2 for Upton and Mendon.

Jack did a presentation for Uxbridge BOS summarizing the data from the last 3 years of COVID.

5. Shared Service Coordinator Update

Connor provided updates on the Capacity Assessments, Health and Racial Equity Trainings, Tobacco Control, the CMRPC Training Hub, and a successful Rural Vaccine Equity Grant

6. Unanticipated business

The next meeting will be March 22 at 2pm.

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7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:49pm.