

Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health

MINUTES

April 13, 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; Agnieszka Podstawka – Douglas; Bill Fisher – Hopedale; Dan Markman, Jack Sullivan – BVPPH

1. Approval of Minutes

Erin made a motion, seconded by Jeanne, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023, BVPPH meeting. The motion to include this adjustment and approve the minutes passed unanimously.

2. Inspection Staff Update

Working on town resources guides.

3. Public Health Nurse Update

2 meetings of Uxbridge Taskforce, great participation, reaching out to faith-based community.

4. Epidemiologist Updates

Public Health Emergency ending May 11. Numbers are creeping up in wastewater.

Recommended use of social media and website to keep messaging up.

5. Shared Service Coordinator Update

- a. Connor presented a draft FY24 work plan based on the capacity assessment, focusing on Environmental Health, Disease Control and Prevention, Tobacco Use Prevention, and Workforce Training.
- b. Announced that FY24 funding will be increased by \$178k. Could move Regional PHN salary from contact tracing grant to Public Health Excellence Grant, allowing for Contact Tracing grant to fund contracted community health or social work. Could also consider funding tobacco control services for Hopedale Mendon and Millville.
- c. Brainstorming for year-end purchases: Easel with BVPPH logo, New Housing Code reference books, ServSafe reference books, small bags or pouches for Narcan and fentanyl distribution

6. Unanticipated business

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7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:53pm.