

Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health

MINUTES

November 27, 2023 – 1:30pm

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED ON JANUARY 8, 2024

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, Mishel Caisapanta – CMRPC; Jack McLellan – Mendon; Jeanne Gniadek – Northbridge; Diane Tiernan – Upton; Erin Hightower – Uxbridge; Deb Vescera, Dan Markman, Jack Sullivan – BVPPH

NO QUORUM

1. Approval of Minutes

N/A, no quorum

2. Inspection Staff Update

More inspections are underway for Dan, especially given Danielle's departure. Northbridge is nearly caught up, as are other towns. No issues are expected through the end of the year.

3. Public Health Nurse Update

18500 people responded to statewide CHES. There is an upcoming funding round for Community health and healthy aging. The falls presentation is complete and is going out to towns for approval. Working on Depression and Anxiety presentation. COVID cases seem to be increasing. Blackstone Jan 30 presentation for Hoarding. Narcan Training next week in Upton library.

4. Epidemiologist Updates

Hoping to expand oversight for all infectious diseases, including COVID. Wastewater in Uxbridge is 1M+ copies per liter, which is high. Jack will send the updated report this week. He also drafted a letter to send to schools outlining suggested and required mitigation measures and guidance for isolation. All but Millville issue water quality reports under DCR regulations. Looking into whether each BOH has separate regulations.

5. Shared Service Coordinator Update

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We have job ads out for Regional Health Inspector, Community Health Worker, and Community Outreach Worker. Those are being promoted and we hope to hire soon.

6. Unanticipated business

Covid test kits are available from the state. We hope to hold the next BVPPH meeting in person in early January.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:58pm