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The Board of Health will be conducting the Board of Health meeting at 355 East Central St, Training room, 3rd floor at 5:00pm. The Public has the option of attending the meeting live at the Town Hall or dial into the meeting using the provided phone number (Cell phone or Landline Required) OR citizens can participate by copying the link (Phone, Computer, or Tablet required).

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April 5, 2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Reading and acceptance of March 1, 2023 meeting minutes

OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss tobacco 2023 sales regulation restricting the sale of tobacco and vape products

NEW BUSINESS

- Review current permit options for food operations
- Public municipal meeting update
- Metacomet shared service grant regional inspector report
- Metacomet shared service grant public health nurse report
- Metacomet shared service grant epidemiologist report
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CITIZENS COMMENTARY

ADJOURNMENT

BOH MEETING MINUTES

3/1/2023

Attending

Bridget Sweet, Chair

Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair

Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member

In attendance: Bridget Sweet, Chair; Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair; Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member; Cathleen Liberty, Director; Ginny McNeil, Health Agent; Alicia Sullivan, Public Health Nurse; Cassia Montiero, Metacomet Shared Service Grant Epidemiologist; John Robertson, Shared Service Grant Regional Inspector; Steve Sherlock recording and Alan Earls, Franklin Observer; Maureen Canesi, Administrative Assistant.

Vice Chair, Tim Cochrane called the Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Vice Chair, Jeff Harris made a motion to accept the BOH Minutes of 2/1/23. Member, Tim Cochrane seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Preliminary discussion with Sarah McColgean, Tobacco Control Program Director, who reviewed the 2023 SALES REGULATION – CHECKLIST FOR POLICY DECISIONS with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Inspector Update

John Robertson, Regional Inspector, updated the board with a regional inspector report for the month of February, 2023.

Metacomet Public Health Nurse Update

Public Health Nurse Alicia Sullivan updated the board with a public health report for the month of February, 2023.

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Epidemiologist Update

Cassia Monteiro, Epidemiologist, updated the board with an epidemiologist report for the month of February, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair, Tim Cochrane made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Member, Jeff Harris. A roll call vote to adjourn by Chair, Bridget Sweet.

Respectively submitted by: Maureen Canesi

2023 Sales Regulation

SAMPLE REGULATION RESTRICTING THE SALE OF TOBACCO AND VAPE PRODUCTS

THIS MODEL REGULATION INCORPORATES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The minimum standards required pursuant to the United States Food and Drug Administration relative to the sale and distribution of cigarettes; and
2. The minimum standards required pursuant to Massachusetts state law and regulation. This includes G.L. c. 270 regarding sales to those under 21, tobacco and vaping product sales including flavored products, required signage, matching definitions and other relevant state statutes and regulations.

CHECKLIST FOR POLICY DECISIONS (circle decisions):

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|---|-------|-----|
| 1. No permit renewal if outstanding fines exist (§E.6) | YES | NO |
| 2. No permit renewal if three sales to persons under 21 (§E.7) | YES | NO |
| 3. Cap and/or reduce number of permits (§E.8) | YES | NO |
| Simple Cap () Reducing Cap () Dual Cap () | | |
| 4. No new permits within 500 feet of a school (§E.11.a) | YES | NO |
| 5. No new permits within (----) feet of an existing permittee (§E.11.b) | YES | NO |
| 500 () 1,000 () 2,000 () | | |
| 6. Ban Smoking Bars (§F) | YES | NO |
| 7. Include minimum cigar package size/price (§G) | YES | NO |
| 8. Ban blunt wraps (§J) | YES | NO |
| 9. Ban free distribution of tobacco products (§K.1) | YES | NO |
| 10. Ban redemption of coupons (§K.2) | YES | NO |
| 11. Ban Self-Service Displays (§M) | YES | NO |
| Exception for Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Stores () | | |
| 12. Ban tobacco product sales in educational institutions (§Q) | YES | NO |
| 13. Fining Structure System (§S) | YES | NO |
| Separate State and Local () Unified Fining Structure () | | |
| 14. Tolling periods for local violations (§S) | YES | NO |
| State level at 36 months () Over 36 months () | | |
| 15. Suspension Periods (§S) | YES | NO |
| 16. Choose Suspension Periods (§S) | | |
| First Violation: 1 to 7 days (mandatory for first underage sale) | () | |
| Second Violation: up to 7 days | () | |
| Third or More Violations: up to 30 days | () | |
| 17. "Shall" vs. "May" language for suspensions (§S) | SHALL | MAY |

YELLOW highlighted sections are language copied from the latest state law and DPH regulations.

GREEN highlighted sections are uniquely local policy decisions (most are on the above checklist) to be made by the Board of Health.

NO COLOR indicates that language has been previously adopted by Boards of Health.

Franklin Board of Health
Monthly Report

Name: John Robertson

Date submitted: March 30, 2023

Report includes work performed between the dates of March 1, 2023 through March 30, 2023.

<u>Inspection category / work performed</u>	<u>Inspections performed</u>
1. HOUSING	
Housing code inspections	0
Housing re-inspections	0
Lead paint inspections	0
Housing Code court cases	0
2. NUISANCE INSPECTIONS	
Nuisance complaint inspections	0
Nuisance re-inspections	0
Nuisance court cases	0
3. FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION	
Bi-annual inspections (2/year)	17
Food establishment re-inspections	23
Food complaint inspections	0
Food complaint re-inspections	0
Food borne illness inspections	0
Food pre-opening inspections	0
Temporary Events.....	0
4. SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
Rooming houses, hotels, motels	0
Public and semi-public pools and spas	0
Camps	0
Miscellaneous inspections, meetings, etc. ...(Voucher, task Force).....	0

TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTONS.....	40
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5. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS and TRAINING COURSES:

- Work with APHC
- Update operator profiles in FCP
- CPO Training March 9 and 10
- Virtual DEP Training March 7 and 21

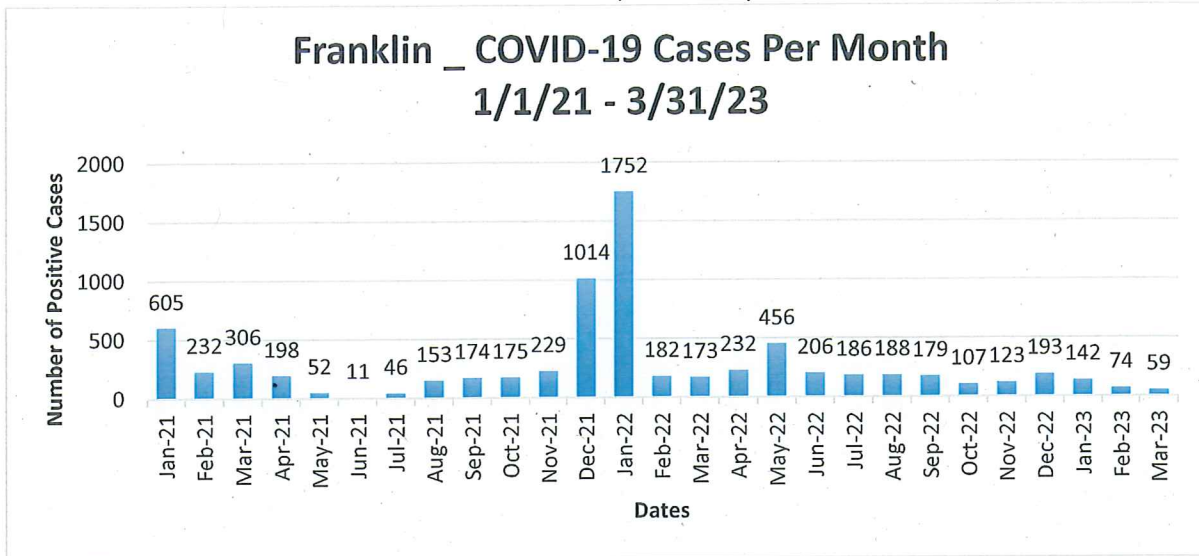
Submitted by: _____
John Robertson
Regional Health Agent

Public Health Nurse Agenda

❖ **Communicable Diseases:**

▪ **COVID-19 cases** (data from 4/3/23, data is subject to change):

-Total cases thus far for March, 2023: 59 (versus 74 in February, 2023).



- On 3/14/2023, the FDA amended the EUA of the Pfizer Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine to allow for a single booster dose in children 6 months through 4 years of age at least 2 months after completion of primary vaccination with three doses of the monovalent Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine.

-COVID-19 clusters (ALF) and other communicable disease case investigations.

-COVID-19 iHealth rapid test kits available for Franklin residents, expiration date 8/19/23.

▪ **Influenza**

-Influenza severity for Massachusetts is low this week.

-The percent of influenza-like illness (ILI) visits in Massachusetts is 1.49%, which is lower than the regional baseline of 2.0%.

-The percent of hospitalizations associated with influenza is 0.11%, which is lower than two of the previous three seasons in the same week.

-More influenza A than influenza B positive specimens have been reported by hospitals and outpatient facilities in Massachusetts.

-The vaccination rate for all ages is 46%.

-Seasonal influenza activity remains low nationally.

❖ **Central Park Terrace**

-Blood pressure clinic on 3/22/23.

-Mobile food pantry continues to occur monthly providing free fresh produce and shelf stable food.

-BINGO on 3/11/23

❖ **Meetings/Trainings:**

-Bi-weekly Local Board of Health Webinars.

-SWAC (student health & wellness advisory council) meeting at FHS on 3/7/23.

-First Aid: Medical Emergency training for Tri-County students in the medical assisting program on 3/8/23.

-Suicide Crisis Training (QPR training - Question, Persuade, and Refer — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide).

-Racial Equity training on 3/29/23.

❖ **Weekly home visits**

-Medication management.

-Blood pressure and glucose monitoring.

Public Health Agenda 04.05.23

Epidemiologist

Franklin/Norfolk/Wrentham Dashboard

- In the month of March there were 59 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases. 82% of Franklin residents are fully vaccinated, 56% have their first booster, and 28% have had their second booster shot. There were 0 COVID-19 related deaths in the month of March. Confirmed cases have decreased 26% from February to March.

COVID-19 Self-Test Kits

- The Health Department received more test kits from the state. Residents can call my number and schedule for car side pick up at the Franklin Senior Center during town hall hours.

Homeless Resources

- Creating a list of resources and services in the area for low income / homeless individuals

First Aid Training

- Presented training at Tri-County to the medical students on how to handle medical emergencies such as anaphylaxis, asthma attacks, stroke, heart attack, and choking.

Regroup Text

- Weekly wellness updates went out through regroup texts and emails to raise awareness. This month notifications went out about MS, Drug & Alcohol Facts, Brain Injuries, Sleep Awareness, and Nutrition.

Surveillance & Case Management

- Calling and investigating communicable disease cases, answering questions, giving guidance, doing case investigations, and reporting data into MAVEN.

Central Park Terrace

- Bingo at Central Park Terrace on 03/08.
- Mobile Food Pantry on 03/29

Health Fair

- I have been in the process of setting it up and getting vendors - so far we have 18 vendors, a face painting station, and a petting zoo.

Meetings/Certifications

- Biweekly MDPH Webinars Weekly & Regional Epidemiology Zoom Meeting
- Guide to infectious disease training on 03/22
- Racial Equity Training on 03/29