



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA

May 3, 2023

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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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Reading and acceptance of April 5, 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
- Fee for Bodyworks application discussion
- Discussion of Health fair on May 24, 2023
- Metacomet shared service grant regional inspector report
- Metacomet shared service grant public health nurse report
- Metacomet shared service grant epidemiologist report

CITIZENS COMMENTARY

ADJOURNMENT

BOH MEETING MINUTES

4/5/2023

In attendance: Bridget Sweet, 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 Maureen Canesi, Administrative Assistant.

Vice Chair, Tim Cochrane called the Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Bridget Sweet made a motion to accept the BOH Minutes of 3/1/23. Member, Tim Cochrane seconded the motion. Member Tim Cochrane polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Sales Regulations CHECKLIST FOR POLICY DECISIONS

Health Director Cathleen Liberty recommended that this discussion be deferred to the May BOH meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Current Permit Option for Food Operations

Health Director Cathleen Liberty recommended that the Board defer this agenda item to the May BOH meeting.

Public Municipal Meeting Update

Health Director Cathleen Liberty updated the Board about the Open Meeting Law which is now extended to March 31, 2025. This law pertains to public bodies allowing them to hold meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Inspector Update

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

Metacomet Public Health Nurse Update

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

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Epidemiologist Update

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

CITIZENS COMMENTARY

Steve Sherlock asked the Board what the date is for the Health Fair: May 24th, 3-6pm at the Franklin Public Library.

He also asked a question regarding the inspection process of ranking Risk Based inspections: Health Director Cathleen Liberty informed him that it has not been implemented yet.

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)
Simple Cap () Reducing Cap () Dual Cap () | YES | NO |
| 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)
500 () 1,000 () 2,000 () | YES | NO |
| 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)
Exception for Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Stores () | YES | NO |
| 12. Ban tobacco product sales in educational institutions (§Q) | YES | NO |
| 13. Fining Structure System (§S)
Separate State and Local () Unified Fining Structure () | YES | NO |
| 14. Tolling periods for local violations (§S)
State level at 36 months () Over 36 months () | YES | NO |
| 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: May 1, 2023

Report includes work performed between the dates of April 1, 2023 through April 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)	14
Food establishment re-inspections	14
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..... 28	
5. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS and TRAINING COURSES:	
Town Council Meeting 4/12	3
MAHB 4/15	
LBOH Webinar 4/25	

Submitted by: _____
John Robertson
Regional Health Agent

Public Health Nurse Agenda

❖ **Communicable Diseases:**

- **COVID-19 cases** (data from 5/1/23, data is subject to change):
 - Total cases thus far for April, 2023: 32 (versus 60 in March, 2023).
 - Monovalent (original) COVID-19 mRNA COVID-19 vaccines will no longer be used in the United States.
 - CDC recommends that everyone ages 6 years and older be up to date with their vaccines, which includes receiving a bivalent booster dose.
 - For young children (6 months through 5 years), multiple doses continue to be recommended and will vary by age, vaccine, and which vaccines were previously received.
 - CDC's new recommendations allow an additional updated (bivalent) vaccine dose for adults ages 65 years and older and additional doses for people who are immunocompromised.
 - Monitoring of COVID-19 clusters (ALF & Nursing homes) and other communicable disease case investigations.
- **Influenza**
 - Influenza severity for MA is low this week. Seasonal influenza activity remains low nationally.
 - The percent of influenza-like illness (ILI) visits in Massachusetts is 1.54%, which is lower than the regional baseline of 2.0%.
 - The percent of hospitalizations associated with influenza is 0.10%, 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. In recent weeks, there has been more influenza B positive specimens than Influenza A positive specimens.
 - The vaccination rate for all ages is 47%.

❖ **Central Park Terrace**

- Blood pressure clinic on 4/26/23.
- Mobile food pantry continues to occur monthly providing free fresh produce and shelf stable food.
- BINGO on 4/12/23

❖ **Meetings/Trainings**

- Bi-weekly Local Board of Health Webinars.
- Stop the Bleed training 4/20/23 at Franklin Senior Center.
- Narcan training on 4/13/23.
- Adult Immunization Conference 4/4/23.
- Hands-Only CPR classes (2 classes) with Franklin fire on 4/25/23.

❖ **Weekly home visits**

- Medication management.
- Blood pressure and glucose monitoring.
- Case management for low-income individuals.

Public Health Agenda 05.03.23

Epidemiologist

Franklin/Norfolk/Wrentham Dashboard

- In the month of April there were 32 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 April. Confirmed cases have decreased 48% from March to April.

COVID-19 Self-Test Kits

- COVID-19 Test-kits are still available free to the public and the expiration date was extended until August 19th, 2023

Stop the Bleed Training

- Presented Stop the bleed training at the Franklin Senior Center on 04/20 to teach about applying pressure and packing wounds and applying tourniquets.

Hands-Only CPR Training

- Assisted in two sessions of Hand-only CPR training on 04/25 for Town Hall employees

Homeless Resources Grant

- Applied for Homeless Resources Grant on 04/14 to create a centralized online site for homeless individuals to find resources and services. The grant would be going towards creating promotion cards with attached hygiene kit for police, fire, and other departments and organizations to give to homeless individuals to access the site.

Homeless Resources & Services Site

- Creating a site for low-income and homeless individuals to find local services and resources. It also includes a live calendar of mobile food clinics, veterans meetings, AA meetings, etc and resources in spanish and portuguese.

Regroup Text

- Weekly wellness updates went out through regroup texts and emails to raise awareness. This month notifications went out about organ donation, youth sports safety, and stress awareness.

Surveillance & Case Management of Communicable Diseases

- 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 04/12
- Mobile Food Pantry on 04/26

Health Fair

- Wednesday May 24th from 3-6PM at the Franklin Public Library. There are 20 vendors and sign-ups for the petting zoo started on April 30th. Flyers have been sent out.

Meetings/Certifications

- 2 Biweekly MDPH Webinars
- Weekly Regional Epidemiology Zoom Meeting
- Public Health Emergency Coalition Meeting 04/10
- Narcan Training 04/13
- Town Council Meeting 04/12