



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA June 7, 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 May 3, 2023 meeting minutes

OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss tobacco 2023 sales regulation restricting the sale of tobacco and vape products
- Project Locker MetroWest Grant
- Fee for Bodyworks Application Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

- Recap of the Health Fair held on May 24, 2023
- AFC Sushi Discussion
- 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

5/3/2023

In attendance: Bridget Sweet, Chair; Timothy Cochrane Jr., Vice Chair; Jeffrey Harris, Member; Cathleen Liberty, Director; Ginny McNeil, Health Agent; Alicia Sullivan, Public Health Nurse; John Robertson, Shared Service Grant Regional Inspector; Steve Sherlock recording and Maureen Canesi, Administrative Assistant.

Chair, Bridget Sweet called the Meeting to order at 5:00 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Cochrane made a motion to accept the BOH Minutes of 4/5/23. Member Harris seconded the motion. Chair Sweet polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Sales Regulations CHECKLIST FOR POLICY DECISIONS

Health Director Liberty reviewed the 2023 Sales Regulations Checklist items 3, 13, 16 and 17. The Board asked the Director to invite Sarah McColgan - Tobacco Control Program Director, to the June BOH Meeting to ask more specific questions and get advice on the Checklist items in question.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Current Permit Options for Food Operations

There was much discussion regarding Mobile or Temporary or possibly Catering permits. Health Director Liberty stated that she would be looking into the Towns providing Permits for Catering. Regional Inspector Robertson stated that he would not be in favor of a Catering Permit. He will provide the Health Department with his Mobile Food checklist for reference.

Fee for Bodyworks Application Discussion

Health Director Liberty spoke with the Town Clerk who suggested that a fee should be required. Question from Chair Sweet: one time fee per establishment or for each practitioner? One fee per establishment. It was decided to add this discussion to the June BOH meeting agenda for further review. Chair Sweet asked about combining Tobacco and Bodyworks Applications together?

Discussion of Health Fair on May 24, 2023

Public Health Nurse Sullivan read and reviewed the Flyer for the Health Fair.

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Inspector Update

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

Metacomet Public Health Nurse Update

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

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Epidemiologist Update

Cassia Monteiro, Epidemiologist was not present for this meeting. Report is attached.

Franklin Board of Health
Monthly Report

Name: John Robertson

Date submitted: May 31, 2023

Report includes work performed between the dates of May 1, 2023 through May 31, 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)	16
Food establishment re-inspections	9
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.....	25
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5. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS and TRAINING COURSES:

- MEHA Annual Seminar 5/24
- LBOH Webinar 5/23

Submitted by: _____
John Robertson
Regional Health Agent

Public Health Nurse Agenda

❖ **Communicable Diseases:**

-**COVID-19 cases** (data from 6/2/23, data is subject to change):

-Franklin total COVID-19 cases for May, 2023: 41 (versus 32 in April, 2023).

-On May 12th, 2023 the state's COVID-19 public health emergency will ended. Health insurers will continue to pay for COVID tests ordered by clinicians. But testing for COVID at home will become more expensive for most people; people should be checking with their insurance companies. In addition, masks in health care facilities have become optional. For those with most types of private insurance, COVID-19 vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are a preventive health service and will be fully covered without a co-pay when provided by an in-network provider.

-**Grilling Season:** Undercooked beef may contain salmonella and other bacteria. To be sure all bacteria are destroyed, cook hamburgers to 160 °F and poultry to 165°F. Use a food thermometer to check that they have reached a safe internal temperature. Keep food refrigerated until ready to grill and wash your hands before and after handling raw meat.

-Continue to monitor COVID-19 clusters (ALF & Nursing homes) other communicable disease case investigations.

❖ **Central Park Terrace**

-Blood pressure clinic on 5/17/23.

-BINGO on 5/10/23.

-Next mobile food pantry (free produce and shelf-stable foods) will be held on 5/28/23.

❖ **Meetings/Trainings**

-Bi-weekly Local Board of Health Webinars.

-Stop the Bleed training 5/31/23 at the Wrentham Senior Center.

-Hands-Only CPR at the Franklin Senior Center on 5/18/23.

-MAPHN Annual Conference in Marlborough, MA on 5/4/23.

-CPR Instructor Update: course will be hold on 6/20/23 in Dedham, MA.

❖ **Franklin Spring Health Fair**

-668 people visited the health fair!

-20 local vendors (Franklin fire & police, MDMH, Impact Melanoma, Physician One Urgent Care, BIG Y, Night Owl Farm), petting zoo, snacks, face painting and more!

❖ **Weekly home visits**

-Medication management.

-Blood pressure and glucose monitoring.

-Case management for individuals in need.

❖ **Summer Camp Vaccination Record Inspections**

Public Health Agenda 06.07.23

Epidemiologist

Franklin/Norfolk/Wrentham Dashboard

- In the month of May there were 46 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 May. Confirmed cases have increased 43% from April to May.

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 Norfolk Senior Center on 05/31 to teach about applying pressure and packing wounds and applying tourniquets.

Hands-Only CPR Training

- Assisted in Hands-only CPR training on 05/18 at the Franklin Senior Center

Homeless Resources & Services Site

- Created 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 Melanoma, Women's Health, Swimming Safety, and Tobacco Prevention.

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 05/10

Health Fair

- The Health Fair was on Wednesday May 24th. 668 people attended the event. There were 20 vendors, face painting, free samples, a petting zoo, free produce, and more.

Opioid Advisory Group

- Participated in the review process and the application funding for the Opioid Settlement Grant in Wrentham for organizations/departments that applied for the grant.

Meetings/Certifications

- 2 Biweekly MDPH Webinars & Weekly Regional Epidemiology Zoom Meeting
- MRPC Regional Conference 05/02
- GIS + Epidemiology Training 05/09
- Grant Writing + Management Training 05/16
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Workshop 05/17
- Essentials of Data Visualization Certification - Public Health & Local Public Health Institute of MA
- Designing Effective Public Health Graphics Certification - Public Health & Local Public Health Institute of MA