# **Full Coalition**Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 12, 2024 9:00PM - 10:00AM Via Zoom Conference Call

#### Call to Order

- Mr. Petty called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

### Welcome & Introductions/Attendance Roll Call

- Mr. Petty welcomed everyone to today's meeting and role call was done.

## **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Presentation**

- Mr. Petty discussed updated from the previous Notice of Funding Opportunity. It was confirmed that each Coalition will still be required to vote on Concurrence with the State's budget and deliverables each Budget Period.
- Mr. Coulon asked if there are any implications on voting non-concurrence.
  - Mr. Petty answered that there are no tangible repercussions on voting non-concurrence. Region 3D would still receive its allocated budget.
- Discussion continued on the merits of voting for non-concurrence. Several members voiced their concerns with the lack of communication with the State. Local Public Health (LPH) does not feel like a partner of the State Department of Public Health and/or the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Response.
  - The structure of the State Incident Command, in reference to the COVID emergency, was not shared with LPH. There was a significant lack of communication downward to LPH. LPH had no representation in the Incident Command and was not given notice on decisions that had large implications on LPH. No after-action remedial actions have addressed this fault.
- Members voice non-alignment with the State's deliverables. There are other priorities for LPH that take greater priority than creating emergency plans that were not used in the case of an emergency.
- The Coalition's concerns include: the lack of recognition of local emergencies from DPH/OPEM, the lack of communication and flow of information from DPH/OPEM to LPH, the lack of transparency incident command structure, the lack of representation for LPH in the Incident Command, the lack of recourse and after action remedies for the failures of Incident Command, and the lack of alignment with new PHEP deliverables.
  - Ms. Balbi encouraged the Coalition to separate some of these substantive objections into a separate letter to DPH/OPEM during the grant period. The concurrence vote is intended to reflect the budget process and the deliverables proposed by DPH/OPEM.
  - In voting non-concurrence, the Coalition will be required to draft a letter that details their objections.
  - Region 3D feels that the conversation between DPH/OPEM and LSAC was one-sided and LPH
    was not consulted with the proposed restructure in DPH between OPEM and OLRH.

#### Motion put forth by Mr. Vaughan.

- To vote non-concurrence based on the process for how the NOFO budget was communicated, and the nature of the deliverables.
- Seconded by Ms. Delle-Chiaie
- The Coalition asked Mr. Petty for his opinion as the LSAC representative for Region 3D, who stated his intention to vote in favor of non-concurrence.



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- o In Favor (of non-concurrence): Beverly; Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Lynn, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Salem, Saugus, Swampscott
- o Opposed: None.
- o Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

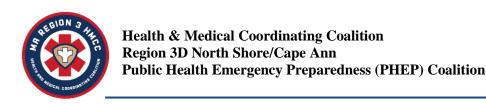
# Adjourn

Motion put forth by Mr. Vaughan.

- To adjourn the meeting.
- Seconded by Ms. Hurley
  - o In Favor: All
  - o Opposed: None.
  - o Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

\*\*Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24th, 2024; 1:30 P.M.\*\*



## **Voting Members in Attendance:**

Andrew Petty, Chair

Laura DelleChiaie

Beverly Health Department
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Danvers Health Department
Erin Kirchner

Essex Health Department
Dominique Hurley

Gloucester Health Department
Erini Kamarinos

Lynn Health Department
Tracy Giarla

Marblehead Health Department

John Coulon Nahant & Rockport Health Department

Sharon Cameron
Suzanne Darmody
Salem Health Department
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Salem Health Department
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**Non-Voting Members in Attendance:** 

Jenifer WallitschMAPCBrian LutherMAPCMichael NelsonDPHJosh TallmanBMEDan WittsMAPCFelicia BalbiDPH

Beth Robert MAPC

## **Voting Members Absent:**

Teresa Kirsch Beverly Health Department

Judith Ryan Danvers and Hamilton Health Departments

Kellie Keenan Essex Health Department

Dennis Palazzo Hamilton & Danvers Health Departments

Cindy Juncker Gloucester Health Department
David Greenbaum Salem Health Department

Chassea Robinson Peabody & Rockport Health Departments

Pamela Crehan Manchester Health Department Antonio Barletta Nahant Health Department Nahant Health Department Anna McNichols Lisa Tobin Lynn Health Department Manchester Health Department Wendy Hansbury Saugus Health Department Teresa Riley-Singh Wenham Health Department Andrew Ting Maribeth Ting Wenham Health Department

## The following documents were used/referenced during the meeting:

- Coalition Meeting Agenda for April 12th, 2024.
- BP1 LPH Priority Areas.pdf
- FY25 PHEP LSAC Combined Budget Data.pdf
- Statewide Meeting\_PHEP NOFO.pdf