



Northern Bristol County Public Health Alliance

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024

Time: 10:00-11:00 am

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87979991206>

I. Attendees

Allison Brum, Attleboro

Geri Hamel, Rehoboth

Sharon Jamieson, Berkley

Danielle Edmands, Taunton

Nicole Mello, Dighton

Mike Hugo, MAHB

*AnneMarie Fleming, North
Attleboro*

Meghan Russell, BME Strategies

II. Updates

a. Contracting update

1. North Attleboro's union arrangement makes it so that it does not make sense for them to hire grant staff and therefore host the grant. We are looking to transfer the grant hosting responsibility to another municipality. Berkley is currently reviewing internally whether they want to take it on and will let us know Wednesday morning. Dighton is also an option.

b. IMA

1. Rehoboth signed the IMA last week. The Attleboro lawyer is talking to the Mayor about signing.
2. **Becoming a Public Body and Open Meeting Law**
 - a) We will need to take official votes on matters - have one designated representative per municipality and an alternate for vote taking purposes.

c. Training/Conference Requests

1. [MEHA Annual Seminar](#) May 22, 2024
2. [MHOA Green Burials](#) May 16 2024
3. [Training request form](#)

d. Q3 Reporting

1. Vaccine Clinics

- a) Many municipalities plan to do vaccine clinics and are offering them now as well. Not many residents are interested in receiving the vaccines. There is misinformation on whether it is an additional dose or a new vaccine. Many are getting their vaccines at drug stores instead of from the health department.

2. Opioid funds

- a) North Attleboro and Taunton Health Departmentes do not have access to the funds. They are just starting to be involved in the conversation on how to spend the funds
- b) Geri is in the discovery phase in Rehoboth, to come up with plans on how to spend the funds. Could be interested in working together to share funds with some of the communities
- c) Attleboro has spent the funds through the police and schools. They have hired two staff members - Peer Support and a Recovery Resource Navigator
- d) Many people will attend the MAHB training this weekend and learn more about this issue. We will revisit next week.

- 3. Not related to Q3 reporting, but an update to provide to DPH - the TB chest clinic at Sturdy Memorial Hospital needs to be reopened.

III. Inspectional Software Next Steps

- a. Rehoboth to sign the SaaS agreement tonight at the Board of Health Meeting
- b. Received documents back from CDW, sending to be signed within North Attleboro so that we can move forward with procuring the iPads

IV. Next Steps

a. Meghan

- 1. Work with North Attleboro on contract documents and RFPs with vendors
- 2. Facilitate the transition to a new host
- 3. Complete Q3 reporting

b. NBCPHA

1. Complete self-assessments
2. Sign IMA and Relavent agreement