

North Shore Public Health Collaborative

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 20th, 2025, 2:00-3:00 PM

Attendees

Name	Role	Community
Meg Dlusniewski	Shared Service Coordinator	NSPHC
Hannah Laffer	Regional Health Inspector	NSPHC
Steven Kahn	Regional Epidemiologist	NSPHC
Matthew Woolaver	Regional Health Inspector	NSPHC
Kelli Padilla	Public Health Nurse	NSPHC
Kendra Harris	Public Health Social Worker	NSPHC
Skyler Lesser-Roy	Training Hub Coordinator	Northeast Training Hub
Terry Kennedy	Hub Trainer: Food	Northeast Training Hub
David Greenbaum	Health Director	Salem
Andrew Petty	Health Director	Marblehead
Tracy Giarla	Public Health Nurse	Marblehead
Lisa Tobin	Health Director	Lynn
Kitzia Diaz	Public Health Nurse	Lynn
Sharon Cameron	Health Director	Peabody
Laura Ricci	Health Director	Beverly
Jeff Vaughan	Health Director	Swampscott
Neia Illingworth	Public Health Nurse	Swampscott
Frank Giacalone	Health Director	Danvers
Judith Ryan	Public Health Nurse	Danvers
Karen Snyder	Partnerships Director	2 nd Act Org, Inc.

PHE Updates

- Meaghan Dlusniewski noted that we will be ordering wipes and diapers to support supply drives that local pantries are having.

Training Hub Updates

- Skyler Lesser-Roy noted that the next hoarding task force meeting will be held virtually on 12/2 at 2 pm. Stephen Casey Jr. will send out invites soon.

Workplan Updates

- Meaghan Dlusniewski updated the group on team achievements, which include PHE day at the statehouse, CPR classes, team members becoming lactation and MassHealth counselors, and more! Recovery coach classes will be available in December.
- There was a review of inspections, MAVEN, and NSMVP coverage since 11/13. Matthew Woolaver has started doing independent inspections and Hannah Laffer has finished the Tier 3 food curriculum.
- The City of Peabody is working on creating a mental health taskforce.
- Tier 2 workplan activities include an NSPHC newsletter, which would include staff milestones, activity reports, upcoming events, public health education and featured resources. Audience would be local staff across NSPHC as well as municipal leaders and community partners. The group suggested this be shared with boards of health.
- Other workplan tasks include assessing level of shared service adoption, considering sharing services beyond existing PHE staff, developing SOPs to ensure consistency in service delivery, and working to adopt uniform local regulations to standardize across all eight municipalities. Group went over a list of local regulations to see what people were interested in standardizing. There was a discussion about asbestos testing for building permits and demolition procedures.
- Future activities include a PHE day in April for staff focused on professional development, an interview project, a community baby shower in March, bimonthly resource emails to staff across the NSPHC, and more!

Opioid Settlement Funds Updates

- Laura Ricci noted that Beverly is moving forward with mental health projects, including the use of the bloom app. They are also finalizing logistics for Narcan distribution.
- In Swampscott, there will be a regional recovery coach academy training part two in December, and their opioid settlement specialist will be holding an understanding addiction series in early 2026. The town has installed four nox boxes and is working to get them into schools. Additionally, Neia Illingsworth noted that while opioid settlement funds can pay for prevention activities, it can only pay for a portion of a health teacher's salary.
- Karen Snyder asked if non-profits were able to submit a proposal to do programming within the collaborative using their opioid settlement funds. Lisa Tobin noted that Lynn has a grant they can apply for to do substance use education work. Andrew

Petty also noted that Marblehead and Swampscott would be interested in hiring 2nd Act Org. for their substance use educational plays.

- Lisa Tobin added that they are using funds to help with SNAP, support an emergency warming shelter, and a scholarship in the spring.

Epidemiology Updates

- Steven Kahn informed the group on topics including respiratory season, avian influenza, measles, and botulism.
- Now that the government shutdown is over, CDC data is back online. Additionally MDPH dashboards are now available for this year on vaccination rates, COVID-19 rates, and more. The season has been slower so far for influenza, RSV, and COVID-19, but may increase later this month. Vaccination rates have significantly decreased in 2025 compared to 2024.
- One additional case of HPAI was confirmed in Washington state on 11/17, which is the first ever human case of H5N5, reinforcing the need for active surveillance. There has been a significant uptake in H5N1 outbreaks in the Midwest and South with ~1.84 million birds and 86 total flocks impacted in the last 30 days. Additionally, there are new vaccines being developed to protect against H5N1.
- This year there have been 1753 measles cases resulting in 3 deaths in the U.S. Across the Americas, there have been 12,318 cases and 28 deaths this year. The MMRV vaccine's approval has been revoked by the ACIP.
- There are currently 23 reported infant cases of botulism linked to ByHeart formula, which is the first time this bacterium has been detected in infant formula.
- As the government shutdown has ended, the SNAP program has now been fully funded through September of 2026.
- Upcoming NSPHC epidemiology projects include an NSPHC year in review, a MAVEN end of year report, and an avian influenza spatial analysis.
- There was a discussion about how to respond to the CDC's false claims tying vaccines to autism. The NSPHC plans to release a statement responding to this disinformation. David Greenbaum also noted he is looking to hold a meeting with local legislators and political leaders to show the importance of local public health work during this challenging time.