

# North Shore Public Health Collaborative

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19th, 2025, 2:00-3:00 PM

### Attendees

| <b>Name</b>             | <b>Role</b>                 | <b>Community</b>       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Laura Nash              | Regional Epidemiologist     | NSPHC                  |
| Meg Dlusniewski         | Shared Service Coordinator  | NSPHC                  |
| Hannah Laffer           | Regional Health Inspector   | NSPHC                  |
| Steven Kahn             | Regional Epidemiologist     | NSPHC                  |
| Jeanne Butler           | Public Health Nurse         | NSPHC                  |
| Caitlyn Matykiewicz     | Community Health Worker     | NSPHC                  |
| Matthew Woolaver        | Regional Health Inspector   | NSPHC                  |
| Kelli Padilla           | Public Health Nurse         | NSPHC                  |
| Kendra Harris           | Public Health Social Worker | NSPHC                  |
| Amanda Dau              | Social Work Intern          | 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                   |
| Erini (Irene) Kamarinos | Epidemiologist              | Lynn                   |
| Sharon Cameron          | Health Director             | Peabody                |
| Brenda Wolff            | Public Health Nurse         | Peabody                |
| Jeff Vaughan            | Health Director             | Swampscott             |
| Neia Illingworth        | Public Health Nurse         | Swampscott             |
| Frank Giacalone         | Health Director             | Danvers                |
| Judith Ryan             | Public Health Nurse         | Danvers                |

### Shared Services Coordinator Updates

- Meg Dlusniewski noted that the October NSPHC meeting overlaps partially with Beverly's flu clinic, so those with conflicts shouldn't worry about missing this meeting. Directors informed the group on who is eligible for their flu clinics; Lynn and Peabody are offering vaccination for those 6 months and older, Danvers for those 8 and older, Salem for those 12 and older, and Marblehead is adults only.

- Meg also gave an update on METRIK, which lost about half of its funding due to state budget constraints. Due to this, it won't cover all the functions it was originally slated to cover. While there is yet to be a set rollout date, David Greenbaum encouraged the group to ask questions and submit concerns through this [form](#).
- SAPHE 2.0 hearings have begun. Skyler Lesser-Roy is available to help develop written or oral testimony; if interested, fill out this [form](#).
- On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a public health excellence day at the statehouse to advocate for continued funding. More information is found [here](#).

#### Training Hub Updates

- Skyler Lesser-Roy noted that Tier 3 is moving along nicely for both food and housing. Additionally, hub trainer Stephen Casey Jr. is delivering a virtual housing court presentation 9/25, which you can sign up for [here](#).

#### Epidemiology Updates

- Steven Kahn presented information on the new Northeast Public Health Collaborative, comprised of ME, MA, VT, CT, RI, NY, NJ, and PA, created to address the COVID-19 response. The collaborative's governors have each reaffirmed a commitment to science, equity, and public health and have created their own vaccination guidance. Their COVID-19 vaccine recommendations are as follows: all children 6-23 months, optional for those 2-18, recommended for those 19-64, all 65+, safe for those pregnant/lactating or immunocompromised individuals.
- Laura Nash reminded the group that flu season has begun, and it is recommended to be vaccinated by the end of October. While RSV levels remain quiet, there has been a significant spike in common cold cases. Laura and Steven are looking to create a North Shore Influenza Spatial Analysis to identify potential flu hotspots to target resources effectively by aggregating local data.
- Regarding the public health issue of gun violence, there have been 100 school shootings to date in 2025 and firearm injuries are the number one cause of death for U.S. children. Sharon Cameron noted that Peabody created a gun violence press release that she can share, and Lisa Tobin shared that Lynn is working on their own plan to curb local gun violence.
- Measles cases have spiked slightly as school had started, after a lull in the summer months. In 2025, there have been 1491 total measles cases and 12% of those cases were hospitalized.
- Our region continues to be at a moderate/low risk level for west nile virus and arbovirus.

### Workplan Updates

- Year to date, we have spent ~\$200,000 of the total budget of ~\$708,000.
- Data across the collaborative was shared on inspections, MAVEN & NSMVP coverage, and community events. Additionally, an indoor mercury spill protocol was added to Box. Salem's car seat distribution grant was approved, and multiple employees are being trained in car seat checks and lactation consulting. The collaborative has been meeting with multiple local healthcare organizations to increase access to clinical care.
- The NSPHC would like to host a community baby shower in Salem in March of 2026. Some noted safety concerns with the event, especially for those that may be concerned with ICE. Lynn and Salem both have signage in their office limiting the space to authorized personnel only to limit ICE's access. We are unsure if this signage can be brought to community events like flu clinics, but discussed offering know your rights training.
- Meg will send out the annual notice by 10/31 and will be reaching out to confirm information for each municipality.
- At next month's meeting we will review the FPHS results.

### Opioid Settlement Funds

- Neia Illingworth added that the application for the Regional Recovery Academy is due 9/19, and is available for Lynn, Marblehead, and Swampscott. It will be paid by opioid settlement funds and held 10/7, 10/8, 10/14, and 10/15.
- The town of Marblehead has purchased the app Bloom, which will be launched on 10/1. The app has online recovery coaches, guaranteed telehealth mental health services and referrals, elder care, financial services, and more.

### Community Updates

- The city of Lynn is hiring a per diem nurse to help with NSMVP visits.
- Sharon thanked everyone for help with staffing gaps in inspection and epidemiology services. Also, thanks to PHNS for help at the Brooksby Farm flu clinic.