**Region 4AB Public Health Emergency Preparedness**

*Acton*

*Arlington*

*Ashland*

*Bedford*

*Belmont*

*Boxborough*

*Braintree*

*Brookline*

*Burlington*

*Cambridge*

*Canton*

*Carlisle*

*Chelsea*

*Cohasset*

*Concord*

*Dedham*

*Dover*

*Everett*

*Framingham*

*Hanover*

*Hingham*

*Holliston*

*Hopkinton*

*Hudson*

*Hull*

*Lexington*

*Lincoln*

*Littleton*

*Marlborough*

*Maynard*

*Medfield*

*Millis*

*Milton*

*Natick*

*Needham*

*Newton*

*Norfolk*

*Norwell*

*Norwood*

*Quincy*

*Revere*

*Scituate*

*Sharon*

*Sherborn*

*Somerville*

*Southborough*

*Stow*

*Sudbury*

*Walpole*

*Waltham*

*Watertown*

*Wayland*

*Wellesley*

*Weston*

*Westwood*

*Weymouth*

*Winchester*

*Winthrop*

*Woburn*

*Wrentham*

**General Coalition Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2022**

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**ZOOM Video Conference**

**Attendees:**  Welsey Chin (Belmont), Diana Ekman (Belmont), Lindsey Sharp (Belmont), Susan Lumenello (Burlington), Mike Greene (Burlington), Nancy Rihan-Porter (Cambridge), Barbara Reardon (Canton), Flor Amaya (Chelsea), Jessica Tracy (Dedham), Kitty Mahoney (Framingham), Nancy Funder (Hanover), Simone Carter (Hopkinton), Eduardo St. Louis (Hopkinton), Joanne Belanger (Lexington), Alicia McCartin (Lexington), Nick Corcoran (Marlborough), Caroline Kinsella (Milton), Laura Dellechiaie (Milton), Caeli Tegan (Natick), Timothy McDonald (Needham), Tiffany Zike (Needham), Shin Yi Lao (Newton), Matt Tanis (Norfolk and Wrentham), Stacey Lane (Norwood), Katelyn Picot (Quincy), Lauren Buck (Revere), Ellen Hartnett (Sherborn), Liz Kelman (Somerville), Taylor West (Southborough), Emily Amico (Sudbury), Mike Defino (Waltham), Larry Ramdin (Watertown), Shuang Shen (Watertown), Lenny Izzo (Wellesley), Ruth Mori (Wayland), Ivan Kwagla (Westwood), Jen Murphy (Winchester), Lizzy Ferrara (NC-8), Garrett Simonsen (Regional Planner), Steven Mauzy (Regional Planner), Kerry Dunnell (MRPC), Mia Nardini (MRPC), Liz Foley (DPH), and Katie Capobianco, PHEP Assistant

Tim opened the meeting at 10:04 am.

**Approval of February 16, 2022 GC Meeting Minutes**

Larry made a motion, seconded by Caeli, to approve the February 16, 2022 GC meeting minutes as amended – motion approved.

**Budget Modification**

Liz advised that there were no major changes and the budget modification was submitted to DPH a week ago for approval. Kerry went over the budget modification and there is $97,848 left over for the regional purchase of COVID-19 test kits.

**Finance Committee**

Tim advised that Canton requested partial funding for a vaccine refrigerator in the amount of $1113.11. Canton followed the CLR process they just submitted it outside the deadline. The request was approved at the February 16, 2022 GC meeting. There have been no recent meetings of the FC.

**Concurrence Vote**

Tim advised that there has been a slight increase of $300K and funding for regions will change slightly based on the 2020 census. Tim said there has been a positive change in Region 4AB in PHEP money reversions.

Tim is the LSAC representative and he said as a result of applying the 2020 census, the base plus population funding formula would have resulted in a large reduction to Region 1 in Western, MA. The group voted to take less in funding ($6K for Region 4AB) so Region 1 did not take a large financial hit.

Tim recommended concurrence for the FY2023 PHEP budget. Liz commented that the deliverables have not changed dramatically and there will be an emphasis on health equity with the chance to apply for an additional $15K for a project that involves equity in health.

Nancy made a motion, seconded by Mike, for Region 4AB to concur with the PHEP Budget application – motion approved.

**HMCC Updates**

Kerry said that the March 3, 2022 Stakeholders Meeting was successful and they anticipate holding another meeting in June. Kerry said she is working on the NACCHO registration and working with Mia on the MRPC plans and HMCC deliverables.

Kerry met with the SN vendor and they are working on fixing the login problems. She will be issuing contracts for CLRs soon and the Region 4AB coordinator position has been posted on the PHEP website.

**DPH**

Liz advised that they are currently working with MEMA to dispense available PPE. Marathon planning is going on for April. COVID numbers are going down. OPEM will be submitting the PHEP application by this week; they are waiting on the notice of funding.

**Planner Updates**

Garrett advised that the COVID-19AAR is in its second draft and is in the process of being finalized. The EC will receive it for review and it will then go out to the GC.

Garrett said that Coll Associates is working on Risk Assessment with the UASI communities as part of the CDC evaluation requirement. They are working hard to build in the equity component and anticipate a lot of funding opportunities around this. The Risk Assessment will be available to all communities once completed.

Regarding EDS plan updates, Garrett and Steven want to work with communities for vaccine management plans to have on file and integrate into EDS plans and update staffing changes. They will be reaching out to communities this quarter.

Garrett is working on identifying where to have two pallets of COVID-19 test kits delivered from the Regional Purchase. Each community should receive at least three cases.

**Environmental Health Preparedness Workgroup**

Garrett advised that four communities are interested in participating in the workgroup: Caeli (Natick), Lauren (Revere), Larry (Watertown), and Somerville. Garrett will send out a Doodle Poll for the first meeting.

**MRC Updates**

Region 4A – Lizzy advised that there is strategic planning going on with Kitty and Regina Villa. There have been community meetings and 31 communities have been surveyed to see what areas of improvement they would like to see and what makes sense for the MRC overall.

NC8 – There is no coordinator yet. They are currently working on applying for the Rise Grant. Needham held Situational Awareness training.

BVRC – Katie advised that the BVRC held trainings on Stress and Anxiety, Food Safety, and MRC 101. There was an election held for a new BVRC EC. Members will be introduced at the Annual Meeting in March and Chris Paulik, PHN, will give a presentation on Community Preparedness. Letters were sent out to 1200 medical personnel in the community providing information on how to volunteer with the BVRC. Volunteers have been holding blood pressure clinics and a Stop the Bleed training is scheduled for April. They are currently working on a training plan for FY2023.

**New Business**

Larry introduced Shuang Shun, the new Public Health Nurse for Watertown.

Tim commented that the next GC meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022 and the meeting should be held in-person.

**Mike made a motion, seconded by Emily, to adjourn at 11:05 am – meeting adjourned,**