

## **General Committee Meeting**

*April 26, 2023*

*10:00 am to 12:00 pm*

*Zoom Meeting*

### **Attendance**

Felix Garcia (*Acton*), Natasha Waden (*Arlington*), Rajit Gupta (*Ashland*), Heidi Porter & Julie Genova (*Bedford*), Sara Schaffer (*Brookline*), Mike Greene (*Burlington*), Linda Fantasia (*Carlisle*), Jessica Tracy (*Dedham*), Sabrina Firicano & Krista Costello (*Everett*), Nancy Funder (*Hanover*), Shaun McAuliffe & Simone Carter (*Hopkinton*), John Garside (*Marlborough*), Tim McDonald (*Needham*), Stacey Lane (*Norwood*), Sopheakso Sandy So (*Quincy*), Adrienne Maguire (*Revere*), Ellen Hartnett (*Sherborn*), Melissa Reniri (*Walpole*), Mike Delfino (*Waltham*), Kelly Pawluczzonek (*Weston*), Jennifer Murphy (*Winchester*), Meghan Doherty (*Woburn*), Matt Tanis (*Wrentham*), Kerry Dunnell, Teri Clover (*MRPC*), Liz Foley (*MDPH OPEM*), Garrett Simonsen, Steven Mauzy (*4AB PHEP*)

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Tim McDonald (*Needham*) opened the meeting at 10:05 am.

#### **I. Approval of February 23 GC Meeting Minutes**

- Shaun made a motion, seconded by Kelly, to accept the February 23rd GC meeting minutes – motion approved.

#### **II. DPH Updates (*Liz Foley, MDPH OPEM*)**

- Liz discussed her experiences at the NACCHO Preparedness Summit conference. She shared her reflection on the framing of BP5, noticing a focus on identifying roles and responsibilities at the federal level, as well as recovery efforts.
- Liz updated that there is a new MDPH Commissioner, Dr. Rob Goldstein, who started after the marathon.
- MDPH OPEM has hired a new epidemiologist.

#### **III. Planner Updates (*Garrett Simonsen & Steven Mauzy, PHEP Planners*)**

- Steven updated that the first step in the Equity contract has been completed, and the Executive Committee seminar was held. The General Coalition workshop will be held Tuesday, June 13th at 9 am, in person in Needham. Details on location to follow.
- Garrett reviewed the BP5 deliverables and highlighted some key differences from past years, as well as ways in which BP4 efforts will be continued. A key difference in the deliverables this year is a shift from Emergency Dispensing Site planning to the public health aspects of Mass Care. The coalition will continue to have deliverables on ICS, MAVEN, and 24/7 Contacts, and will continue BP4's work on health equity. Additionally, UASI communities will not be evaluated through the ORR.

- Looking ahead to BP5, we are being asked to focus on equity at the HMCC level and Mass Care at the community level. Garrett described a process of assessment, planning, and exercise that the coalition will go through for each focus area. In addition to Mass Care, two additional areas for consideration are legal preparedness and water, sanitation, and hygiene emergencies. The planning will present a more focused and refined program for BP5 at the next GC meeting.
- Shaun stated that Hopkinton has started to discuss PFAS, but how to provide consultation to local well owners and the legal ramifications of sampling in your well are areas of discussion. He also noted the significant need to address equity, mass care, and environmental justice in the face of a WASH or HazMat emergency.

#### **IV. HMCC Updates** (*Kerry Dunnell, MRPC*)

- Kerry introduced Terri Clover to the region as the new Planning and Operations Coordinator.
- The MRPC Conference will be held on May 2nd. Given the public health nursing conference later the same week, sessions will be recorded and posted for on-demand viewing.
- The annual HVA will consist of a survey and a focus group to review results, impacts, and probability. The HVA will be distributed to Coalition members in the next few weeks.

#### **V. New Business**

- No new business.

#### **VI. Vote and Adjourn**

- All 22 communities remaining on the call voted unanimously to accept the date minutes and adjourn.
- Natasha made a motion to adjourn at 12:01 pm; Melissa seconded that motion.