



Executive Committee Meeting

April 1, 2024

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Tim McDonald (Needham); Joanne Belanger (Lexington); Melissa Ranieri (Walpole); Nancy Porter (Cambridge); Kelly Pawluczonek (Weston) Kerry Clark, Terri Clover (MRPC/HMCC); Garrett Simonsen, Steven Mauzy (Regional Planners); Liz Foley (MDPH OPEM)

Meeting Minutes

- Tim McDonald (Needham) opened the meeting at 3:06 pm.

I. HMCC Updates

- Kerry updated that there is no substantial update about the budget. Planned spending is on track. Kerry said he spoke with Regina Villa about the Back to Basics training day; details were not discussed but he will have more at the next meeting. Regina Villa is ideal as a vendor, given their contact base and ability to organize speakers. Kerry updated that the region is looking to buy 3-4 PocketTalks per community. Nancy is working to get PocketTalk onboarded with CHA as a vendor. MRC spending is slowing, but there are some remaining funds. Kerry reiterated spending needs to be winding down by May 1st. The new Regional MRC Coordinator is onboarding and will begin soon. Teri updated that the next stakeholder meeting will be April 23rd in Needham. The Burlington MRC is requesting an additional \$686.63 for an emergency shelter and bags. Nancy made a motion to approve the funding request; the motion was seconded by Melissa. Vote was unanimous. Melissa made a motion to allocate no more than \$65,000 to purchase PocketTalk devices; Joanne seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

II. DPH Updates

- Liz updated the Executive Committee on programmatic changes in the upcoming cooperative agreement. These changes include a new public health response readiness framework that emphasizes risk assessments, risk, vulnerabilities of communities in public health emergencies, and response. Some of the priority areas that can be focused on at the coalition level include health equity, workforce risk communications, and data systems. The concurrence vote will happen this week and deliverables were released. Tim updated that 4AB will be level-funded for the next fiscal year.

III. Planner Updates

- Garrett updated that the first workshop for the extreme temperatures project is this week. Roughly 60 people have registered with good representation across the region. The workshop will include a breakout session, and there will be four breakout groups based on the shared service agreement to help people work in groups they are accustomed to



working in. JSI will also provide an update on the project at the next HMCC stakeholder meeting.

IV. New Business

- No new business.

V. Vote/Adjourn

- Joanne made a motion to adjourn; Nancy seconded the motion.