



General Committee Meeting

January 28, 2026

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Penelope Funaiolo & Susan Sama (Acton), Jessica Kerr (Arlington), Rajit Gupta (Ashland), Jackie Barmashi & Heidi Porter (Bedford), Sara Schaffer (Brookline), Nancy Porter (Cambridge), Linda Fantasia & Jennine Blum (Carlisle), Flor Amaya (Chelsea), Melanie Dineen & Katie Stanislawzyk (Concord), Katie Paciorkowski & Sam Menard (Dedham), Sabrina Firicano & Rana Wehbe (Everett), Bill Murphy (Framingham), Nancy Funder (Hanover), Will Barrett (Hanover), Scott Moles (Holliston), Shaun McAuliffe & Tom McGrail (Hopkinton), Lauren Antonelli & Eddie St. Louis (Hudson), Alicia McCartin (Lexington), Trish McGean (Lincoln), Francis Dagele (Littleton), Paige Ferriter (Marlborough), Casey Mellin (Maynard), John McVeigh (Millis), Emily Conners (Milton), Jessica Cliff (Natick), Tim McDonald, Julie McCarthy, Kristin Scoble & Ginnie Chacon-Lopez (Needham), Lisa Heyer & Shemeka Hill (Newton), Abbie Atkins (Norwood), Jae Cho (Quincy), Lauren Buck (Revere), Linda Callan (Sharon), Sarah Lapin & Gael Varsa (Sherborn), Taylor West (Southborough), Katie Betts (Sudbury), Melissa Reniri (Walpole), Lauren Olsen (Watertown), Moira Carter (Wayland), Jhana Wallace (Wellesley), Kelly Pawluczzonek (Weston), Teryn Hermenau (Weymouth), Karen Dacampo (Winchester), Alyson Roche (Woburn), Felicia Balbi (MDPH OPEM), Eric Olsen, Michaela Bucca, Jackson Lieb, Lois Luniewicz & Paul Martin, (MRC), Kerry Clark & Teri Clover (MRPC), Garrett Simonsen & Steven Mauzy (4AB PHEP)

Meeting Minutes

- Shaun McAuliffe (Hopkinton) opened the meeting at 10:03 am.

I. Approval of December 17th GC Meeting Minutes

- Kelly (Weston) made a motion, seconded by Ginnie (Needham), to accept the meeting minutes – motion approved.

II. HMCC Updates

- Kerry (MRPC) provided an update on the PHEP budget, noting that updated numbers were not available, but that overall spending remained on track. Teri (MRPC) discussed upcoming stakeholder meetings, including a virtual 2026 FIFA World Cup and marathon planning meeting, and potential collaboration with MRCs on a shelter operations plan.

III. MDPH Updates

- Felicia (MDPH) shared updates on Budget Period 3 funding, which is expected to be level-funded and released mid-February. She said less is known about the status of the hospital preparedness program, which remains separate from the local public health grant.

- Felicia mentioned the quarterly reporting deadline has been extended to February 17th due to a new system transition, and she provided links to new online systems for reporting foodborne illnesses, healthcare capacity monitoring, and respiratory virus data.
- Additionally, she highlighted a survey for expired PPE available for training or non-clinical purposes, which can be picked up in Franklin.
- Felicia also shared the FIFA schedule for 2026, noting that only one team, France, has selected a base camp and overnight accommodation so far.

IV. Planner Updates

- Garrett (PHEP) presented updates on the coalition's progress with the All Hazards Public Health Emergency Response Framework and tabletop exercise. He highlighted that 70% of communities have submitted the customized framework, and 73% participated in the exercise. Next steps include distributing community-specific after-action reports by March 9th and finalizing improvement plans by March 27th.
- Steven (PHEP) shared updates on the Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) project. Staff have been in conversation with the CERC training team at the CDC and hope to bring training to the region in March. Eliza Coll of Coll Consulting will also be joining us this spring to workshop a coalition-level CERC guide.
- Steven also mentioned upcoming travel to the NACCHO conference in April. Arrangements have been made, and a pre-trip call will be scheduled.

V. MRC Updates

- Eric (MRC) is continuing to talk to communities about improving their shelter plans and to reach out to their MRC coordinators for support, especially given the challenging temperatures ahead. Jackson (MetroEast and NC-8) provided updates on recent deployments for sheltering in Somerville, taking part in an annual count of individuals experiencing homelessness in Newton, and a sheltering exercise in Walpole. Lois (Central Middlesex) discussed her successful community outreach events and plans for future recruitment and training initiatives. Paul (MetroWest) shared updates on volunteer deployments at vision/hearing screenings in Framingham and an upcoming radio training. Michaela (Middlefolk) shared updates on volunteer onboarding and a bi-weekly Zoom for volunteers to ask questions and get to know their MRC better.

VI. New Business

- Garrett opened a discussion about filling a vacancy on the Executive Committee. Alicia (Lexington) was nominated, seconded by Nancy (Cambridge).

VII. Vote and Adjourn



- Kelly (Weston) motioned to adjourn; Rajit (Ashland) seconded that motion. Motions to approve the minutes, vote Alicia onto the Executive Committee, and to adjourn passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.