



MAPHN Northeast Chapter Meeting

February 14, 2025

Millenium School 23 Depot St. Westford-In-Person

Hybrid-Virtual Microsoft Teams

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Called to order at 9:10 am by Gail Johnson, N.E. Chapter President

Attendance: Darcy Beall, Judith Ryan, Gail Johnson, Sandra Brown, Melissa Lowry, Suzanne Darmody, Sandra Troiani, Jeanne Butler, Alyson Roche, Julia Lobel, Kelliann Coleman, Alicia Wakim, Martha Fin, Karen DaCampo, Elaine Silva, Nancy Bissell, and Shanyn Toulouse.

Virtual Attendees: Mary Connelly, Tracey Giarla, Amelia DiDomenico-Houghton, Cherie Monahan, Stacey Ciccolini, Jen Ferrara, Jenna Rich, Ella Fernando, Nicole Chauncey, Cindy Juncker, Julie Genova, Pam Merrill, & Jill Hertig.

Meeting_Minutes from January 10, 2025, motion to accept made by Elaine Silva, and seconded by Shanyn Toulouse, all in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Judith reported a correction from January's report: the ending balance was \$11,181.19 not \$11,168.38 as previously reported. Bank statement and checkbook register verify this.

- Beginning Balance as of January 10th: \$11,181.19
- Expenses: chapter breakfast: \$48.10
- Deposits: 0
- Ending Balance as of Feb 14th: \$11,133.09

Secretary's Report:

- Darcy announced the sale of chocolate covered strawberries for Valentines Day, from the Routes, a Westford vocational transition program that prepares young adults with disabilities ages 18-22, learning essential life skills. Nothing else to report.

Vice President's Report:

- We are working on having a speaker dinner series for the NE Chapter. It would take place on the Weds of 3/12/25, most likely 5-8pm, at the Tuscan Kitchen in Burlington, MA. Our first guest will be a representative from Pfizer. They will be speaking on RSV and the pneumonia and CEUs will be offered. Details to come.

President's Report:

- Conference planning continues. The Conference Planning Committee is finalizing the agendas. The exhibitor and vendor letters will be sent out very soon. There will be one fee this year which includes both Wednesday and Thursday. Individual day fees are not available this year. Most Health Departments and/or PHE grants should be able to assist with the cost of the conference. Please reach out to the Chapter Representatives, if there is an issue with your city/town covering the cost of the conference, as we want to make sure that everyone from the Northeast Chapter can attend both days! This should be a great conference, with lots of great speakers!
- The conference will be held on **Wednesday, May 14, & Thursday, May 15, 2025**, at the **Four Points by Sheraton Wakefield Hotel & Conference Center**, and this will be the last conference that the NE Chapter will be planning until 2032, so mark your calendars! The Western Chapter is up next for conference planning.
- Additionally, please attend the annual meeting at the conference on **Thursday, May 15 from 7:30 am-8:30 am**. Participating in the Annual Meeting is for everyone. It's a great way to learn about what is happening in our organization, and to meet the Executive Board Members.

General Discussion:

- Amelia Houghton shared that the city of Worcester is in the preparation stages for facing some of the challenges related to bird flu. They will be creating an information line for bird flu where people can find out more information, report deceased birds and receive the latest updates.
- Medical Director requirements for health departments seem to vary in each city and town throughout Massachusetts. What are the requirements? Are there standards for Medical Directors in Massachusetts? Judith Ryan has spoken to Scott Troppy to see if he can put together an informational webinar regarding this topic.
- Commissioner Robbie Goldstein has been informed about our questions on standardized consent forms for Medical Directors to sign. As PHN's we require a Medical Director signature for MDPH Vaccine Program MIIS for our standing orders, Medicare enrollment, and Stericycle for needle disposal, and CLIA Certificate of Waiver, to name a few. We were told he is working on it. Stay tuned for further information to come.

We had an insightful presentation by Maureen Buzby, regional Tobacco Control Coordinator, about the Nicotine Free Generation initiative. 1 CEU available.

Breakfast snacks provided at today's chapter meeting from Panera Bread.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by Darcy Beall, Chapter Secretary