

Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition

Meeting Notice and Agenda

Date & Time:

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 | 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM

Location:

Winchester Town Hall

Attendance

Advisory members present: Laura Vlasuk, MaryAnn O'Connor, Anthony Chui, and Jen Murphy

Advisory members absent: N/A

Other attendees: Sophie Greenebaum, Maureen Buzby, Liana Chan, Tai Nguyen, Gruha Patel, Cameron Bishop, and Deanna W

Minutes

- 1) 1:14 PM call to order
- 2) Approval of minutes
 - a) Approval of minutes from 7/23/25 meeting will be tabled until next meeting
- 3) Grant updates
 - a) MA Collaborative for Action, Leadership, and Learning 3 (MassCALL3) Grant
 - i) The MassCALL3 Coordinator provided various programmatic and staffing updates, including a Positive Community Norms campaign launching and an intern from Tufts starting. The grant program will continue to conduct compliance checks. If your community would like to conduct a compliance check, let Sophie know and she will recruit checkers. Collecting info on how communities are spending opioid funds
 - b) Public Health Excellence (PHE) Grant
 - i) The PHE Coordinator provided program updates, including recapping the earlier Public Health Nurses' meeting, and introducing an intern's work on asset mapping of MCH resources for the region. There was a discussion on using PHE funds to support two stipends for job duties that were previously covered by the MassCALL3 grant (Regional Social Services Facilitator & Regional Recovery Services Facilitator). There was a motion to approve the spending of \$7,000 in stipends for the Regional Social Services Facilitator and Regional Recovery Services Facilitator, the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously, 6-0.
 - ii) Epi updates
 - (1) The Regional Epidemiologist shared that she submitted an abstract to the Northeast Epidemiology Conference, and she continues to work on the following projects:
 - (a) Winchester's flu vaccine data analysis
 - (b) YRBS data analysis- She still needs data from other communities and Sophie will talk with JSI to get raw data. The dashboard will not be published publicly until proper approvals have been met.
 - (c) Cancer project- combing through data to identify top 3 cancers in the communities, hoping to eventually find funding to support cancer screenings
 - c) MA Tobacco Cessation & Prevention (MTCP) Grant

- i) The MTCP grant coordinator provided program updates. She shared that starting 9/8/25, she will start compliance checks and will be doing regular underage checks this year, with NFG education to store clerks. NFG compliance checks will start next year.
 - ii) The coordinator summarized her time at the ASH & NCToH conferences, and will also be facilitating an “updates on Nicotine Free Generation” session at the MHOA conference, along with Anthony.
 - iii) The coordinator shared insights about what she’s seeing in stores, including kratom, and mentioned that some communities have adopted kratom regulations. MAHB has model regs and Deanna will send out Canton & Dartmouth regs.
- 4) Other business not reasonably anticipated since the posting of this meeting
 - a) There was discussion around inspection software- Winchester will look into using iCodePro, others are sticking with the programs they currently use.
 - b) There was general discussion around adopting the 2022 food code. Deanna will ask Terry to see if there are red line updates between the 2022 and 2013 food code to identify discrepancies.
 - c) Next meeting established: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 from 1-2:30 in Malden
- 5) Adjourn
 - a) There was a motion to adjourn at 2:15pm, it was seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.