

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Jun 11, 2025 12:57:17.000000000 UTC
Subject: RE: Lack of contoured coordination
To: Jim Wilusz <Jim@tritownhealth.org>

This is nuts!

I would ask for a meeting with Joyce and Doris. A sort of “help me understand how you see your role and I’ll share with you how I see my role as well as my hope that we are working together, rowing in the same direction, etc.”

I’m appalled. I’d have to hold myself back. I’d probably write a dozen snarky emails and then hopefully not hit the “send” button.

Geesh!

From: Jim Wilusz <Jim@tritownhealth.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:22 AM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Fwd: Lack of contoured coordination

Woke up to this I am going to flip out on mtcp
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jim Wilusz <jim@tritownhealth.org>
Date: June 11, 2025 at 6:17:00 AM EDT
To: Mary Brush <mary.brush@mass.gov>, Joyce Brewer <JBrewer@berkshireahec.org>
Cc: Kate Fletcher <kate@tritownhealth.org>
Subject: Lack of contoured coordination

Folks, I am passing this link around as it just came across my desk and I had an inquiry from a couple parents asking if my team is attending this event since we are working on tons of tobacco control policies, especially in central and north county.

A tobacco conference is being held this weekend and we had no information on it other than reading it in the paper.

For the past 30 years to Tri-Town Health Department has been the flagship department working on tobacco control, including being the leadership department passing several dozens of tobacco regulations with not much support from others. Many years ago MTCP required both organizations to work together on work plans and a coordinated approach to get our communities in better shape and now it feels completely fractured .

I find this article very troublesome that I wasn’t even consulted once or given the respect of letting me know. I could have provided input at least, other ideas, and even attending to support the conference. I find it strikingly odd that Berkshire regional planning

commission who has does nothing to do with tobacco control, nor has any expertise on tobacco use was a major parter in this project.

Our current program is focusing on several updated regulations, having trouble recruiting youth, knee deep in violations and enforcement and have reached out to other organizations several times on tobacco control issues.

We are currently working on NFG across the county and many other goings on and to find out that this program is being held without any communication at all on this this project is extremely disappointing and major missed opportunity.

<https://www.iberkshires.com/story/79261/Tobacco-Free-Partnership-Hosting-YOuth-Vaping-Conference-Saturday.html>

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