

# North Shore Public Health Collaborative

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 2:00-4:00 pm

### Attendees

Name	Role	Community
Teresa Kirsch	Public Health Nurse	Beverly
Laura Dellechiaie	Director	Beverly
Frank Giacalone	Director	Danvers
Judith Ryan	Public Health Nurse	Danvers
Lisa Tobin	Director	Lynn
Kitzia Diaz	Public Health Nurse	Lynn
Andrew Petty	Director	Marblehead
Tracy Giarla	Public Health Nurse	Marblehead
John Coulon	Director	Nahant
David Greenbaum	Director	Salem
Jeff Vaughn	Director	Swampscott
Neia Illingworth	Public Health Nurse	Swampscott
Caitlyn Matykiewicz	Community Health Worker	NSPHC
Laura Nash	Epidemiologist	NSPHC
Kendra Harris	Public Health Social Worker	NSPHC
Meg Dlusniewski	Coordinator	NSPHC
Jeanne Butler	Public Health Nurse	NSPHC
Steven Kahn	Epidemiologist	NSPHC
Hannah Laffer	Sanitarian	NSPHC
Terry Kennedy	Regional Trainer – Food	Northeast Training Hub
Stephen Casey Jr.	Regional Trainer – Housing	Northeast Training Hub
Janice Chen	Consultant	BME

### PHE and Training Hub Updates

- Janice introduced the Foundation Public Health Services (FPHS) framework, which defines a minimum set of public health services that must be available in every municipality. She explained that the FPFS Shared Services Review is a structured data collection and planning process to document existing Massachusetts local public health resources and services. The review includes three tools: the Cost Tool, the Service Delivery Tool, and the ISD Tool (if applicable). Janice then walked through the Cost Tool and the Service Delivery Tool, explaining their structure and the data they collect.
- For training hub updates, Terry announced a training workshop on food inspection report writing, aiming for quarterly events. The workshop will offer a mix of topics, with content drawn from FDA and OLRH trainings. The goal is to have a group size of under 15 for more interaction. The group suggested that the workshop should start with the intake of a complaint, not just the post-inspection report. Terry and Stephen provided updates on upcoming training courses for Tier 2. The group discussed prioritizing inspectors, especially new ones, for training over directors.

### Epidemiology Updates

- Steven and Laura provided updates on three infectious disease situations: measles, avian influenza, and tuberculosis. The measles outbreak in Texas has grown to 58 confirmed cases, mostly among unvaccinated individuals, with 13 hospitalizations. Highly pathogenic avian influenza continues to spread, with 69 confirmed human cases and over 14,000 people being monitored after exposure. A tuberculosis outbreak in Kansas has

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resulted in 67 confirmed cases and 2 deaths. Influenza rates are currently very high, with almost 10% of emergency room visits related to respiratory illnesses. There was also a recent clinical advisory regarding increased neurologic complications in pediatric influenza patients.

- Steven and Laura also provided updates on recent executive orders and policy changes affecting public health. They discussed the US withdrawal from the World Health Organization, a pause in federal funding for foreign assistance, and the retraction of numerous CDC datasets. There are also significant layoffs at federal health agencies, including the CDC, affecting disease modeling and tracking efforts.

### Opioid Settlement Funds

- Swampscott has released additional podcast episodes.