

# North Shore Public Health Collaborative

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

2:00-3:00pm

### Attendees

Name	Role	Community
Teresa Kirsch	Public Health Nurse	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
Sharon Cameron	Director	Peabody
John Coulon	Director	Nahant
Kendra Harris	Public Health Social Worker	NSPHC
Meg Dlusniewski	Coordinator	NSPHC
Caitlyn Matykiewicz	Community Health Worker	NSPHC
Skyler Lesser-Roy	Coordinator	Northeast Training Hub
Stephen Casey Jr.	Regional Trainer – Food	Northeast Training Hub

### PHE and Training Hub Updates

- The training hub introduced Skyler Lesser-Roy, the new Training Hub Coordinator, and reviewed upcoming training opportunities. The shared services staff will work together to respond to any social services referrals or resource needs that arise during Kendra's maternity leave. Kendra created a list of local resources in Box that anyone can reference. An offer was extended for the second Regional Sanitarian position.

### Epidemiology Updates

- Laura and Steven were unavailable to attend the meeting but recorded a video presenting on infectious disease trends, including measles, avian flu, and arbovirus.

### Workplan and Budget Updates

- Kendra reviewed the employee satisfaction survey results. Caitlyn led a discussion about CLAS standards. One activity the group can work on is increasing public awareness that interpreter services are available through signage. These could be available at health departments and vaccine clinics and include a list of common languages for individuals to indicate as needed. Additionally, the group can work to increase staff members' comfort and confidence with using interpreter services over the phone. Another idea is to take an inventory of the language needs in each community and identify any existing capacity among staff.

### Opioid Settlement Funds

- Judith held key informant interviews at Recovery Centers of America in Danvers. Participants brought up the issue around the lack of halfway homes and sober homes in Danvers. They also noted that there are veterans who are having trouble accessing veterans' services, and not all caseworkers were aware that this is an available resource. Judith connected the Danvers Veterans' Services Director with RCA. Judith also talked to an organization called Sober Sistahs that highlighted the lack of community events for people in recovery. They said they would like to connect with others going through similar lived experiences, particularly with in-person events that don't include alcohol.