

North Shore Public Health Collaborative

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19th, 2026, 2:00-3:00 PM

Attendees

Name	Role	Community
Meg Dlusniewski	Shared Service Coordinator	NSPHC
Hannah Laffer	Regional Health Inspector	NSPHC
Matthew Woolaver	Regional Health Inspector	NSPHC
Steven Kahn	Regional Epidemiologist	NSPHC
Laura Nash	Regional Epidemiologist	NSPHC
Jeanne Butler	Public Health Nurse	NSPHC
Caitlyn Matykiewicz	Community Health Worker	NSPHC
Kendra Harris	Regional Social Worker	NSPHC
Skyler Lesser-Roy	Training Hub Coordinator	Northeast Training Hub
Terry Kennedy	Regional Hub Food Trainer	Northeast Training Hub
David Greenbaum	Health Director	Salem
Kelli Padilla	Public Health Nurse	Salem
Laura Ricci	Health Director	Beverly
Teresa Kirsch	Public Health Nurse	Beverly
Lisa Tobin	Health Director	Lynn
Kitzia Diaz	Public Health Nurse	Lynn
Erini Kamarinos	Epidemiologist	Lynn
Cameron Foley	Energy Advocate	Lynn
Sharon Cameron	Health Director	Peabody
Brenda Wolff	Public Health Nurse	Peabody
Frank Giacalone	Health Director	Danvers
Judith Ryan	Public Health Nurse	Danvers
Breanna Livingstone	Registered Environmental Health Specialist	Danvers

Mass Save Program Presentation

- Cameron Foley, the energy advocate in Lynn, gave a presentation on Mass Save, a statewide program that offers energy assessments to help residents lower their utility costs and improve their energy efficiency. Mass Save is a collaboration between the state, municipalities, utility companies, and community-based organizations

- These no-cost assessments are available for anyone who pays a utility bill, including homeowners, renters, landlords, and small businesses.
- Anyone can sign up through the mass save community first [website!](#)

PHE Updates

- Meaghan Dlusniewski noted that Salem's social work intern, Amanda Dau, is working on an application for a community aging grant. This grant would fund a regional health equity coordinator position, who would work with immigrants and refugees and improve language access.
- NSPHC day is going to be rescheduled to sometime in May, a doodle poll will be sent soon to find another date.
- If anyone needs help completing the performance standards survey, Meg is available to help!

Training Hub Updates

- There were no training hub updates.

Legislative Updates

- Skyler Lesser-Roy updated the group on a new interactive opioid settlement [dashboard](#) which allows anyone to observe where opioid funds are sent and how they are being used. Generally, MA receives the funds and gives 40% to municipalities and 60% to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund (ORRF). The ORRF then funds Mosaic Opioid Recovery Partnership grants which are awarded to nonprofits and municipalities for programs in harm reduction, prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- An analysis of the economic impact of *An Act Modernizing Tobacco Control* found that the state had saved ~\$70 million and reduced smoking prevalence by 1.37 percentage points from 5 years of menthol cigarette restrictions.
- In national health policy news, a federal judge in Boston blocked RFK's changes to childhood vaccine schedules, and the FDA did not approve leucovorin as a treatment for autism.
- Other news includes developments on a new sleep apnea pill, and a Chinese brain computer interface for paralyzed individuals to regain mobility.

Epidemiology Updates

- Laura Nash updated the group on respiratory illness in MA. Both COVID and Flu emergency room visits are generally low. Marblehead continues to have the highest flu vaccination rates, while Lynn has the lowest.

- There have been over 1400 measles cases to date this year, with only 2 cases in MA which showed no indication of widespread exposure to unvaccinated communities.
- 92% of cases are among unvaccinated people. The South Carolina outbreak is seeming to settle, while cases in Utah and a Texan ICE detention center have risen. Worldwide, cases are rising rapidly in Jalisco, Mexico and several countries in Europe.
- There was one travel-associated case of Mpox in New York and one in Toronto; this seems to be a low public risk with no evidence of local transmission. This is a dynamic global threat with evolving transmission patterns and poses medium risk for people who have multiple sexual partners.
- Recommended action for Mpox is to consider early escalation to DPH when 2 cases occur in the same town in a short time, or where there may be an epidemiological link.
- The next world cup working group meeting is going to be rescheduled due to a camp training happening at the same time. In terms of World Cup updates, the Town of Foxborough came to an agreement with Boston Soccer 2026 and Kraft Sports to secure security funding for the event. Tickets have been selling well, and Airbnb is offering incentives to those willing to rent out their homes during the event due to the housing shortage. Additionally, Mexico remains under a travel advisory and Iran may withdraw from the event due to the war.
- OLRH has made alphagal syndrome a reportable disease in MAVEN, and a training will occur 4/4.
- H5N1 detections continue to occur in cattle and poultry, but there have been no human or swine cases in 2026, so there is a low risk to the public.
- There was a meningitis outbreak at the University of Kent in the U.K. with 2 reported deaths and 20 suspected cases.
- Raw cheese brand Raw Farm's cheddar cheese was linked to an E. coli outbreak, but the brand will not comply with a full recall of the product. Terry Kennedy added that companies have to voluntarily recall any product linked to foodborne illnesses, as the FDA doesn't have the authority to mandate a recall.

Community Updates

- Please come join us at the community baby shower 3/21 from 1-2 at Saltonstall School in Salem!
- There will be a virtual camp training on 4/2 from 2-4, with the same material as the in-person training in Devens. Teresa has requested CEUs for nurses!

- Judith Ryan held a monthly meeting for nurses to discuss a diaper drive being held in April across the area.
- The annual CSTE conference is in Boston this year from 5/31-6/3. Steven Kahn and Laura Nash will be presenting on NSMVP at the conference!