

Celebrating Fifty-one Years of Service - 1963-2014

Approved by a vote of the Committee – March 18, 2015

**CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2014**

Present: Adam Gaudette, Tom Gregory, Jim Bates, Sherry Patch, and Robin Craver (Quorum - yes)
Staff: Trish Settles
Absent: Leon Gaumond, and Tim McInerney
Guest: None

1. Call to order – 2:15pm

2. Review of the October 1, 2014 Minutes – Tom made a motion, seconded by Robin, to accept the minutes of October 1, 2014. All present voted in favor.

3. Legislative Updates. Since the legislature is not in formal session, there was not much in the way of updates. Trish shared the September 24th MAPC Committee notes which summarized the development at the end of the session.

There was some discussion about the election results.

Adam shared information about the Foundation Budget Review Commission and a forum for discussion of the foundation budget and the minimum local contribution (Chapter 70) coming up on November 20 in Holden. He expects that a set of recommendation will be put forth and a request for action by municipalities. There may also be a future request for action to the CMRPC LAC on this matter.

4. Review process. Trish shared the letter meant to introduce out process to community leaders. Trish also indicated that Leon had suggested that the letter be focused on community leaders and that a separate letter be sent to the legislators introduce CMRPC's LAC and our purpose. Leon is expected to send Trish some suggested language.

5. Fall Event

Trish, Tom, Leon had a phone call with Derek Brindisi and Karyn Clark from Worcester DPH to discuss the agenda. The agenda is now

8:00 Registration, Networking, Light Healthy Breakfast

8:30 Welcome, Meeting Overview, Legislative Affairs Committee Progress Report (Adam)

8:40 Review of Public Health in Central Massachusetts (Trish will discuss with Derek)

8:50 Presentations on Substance Abuse, Addiction, Tobacco, and Regionalizing Public Health Services
Edward Schreiber - Director of Addiction Treatment Services - Carson Center at Valley Human Services

Kate Christiansen - Clinician Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program for Addictions

Karyn E. Clark - Chief of Community Health, City of Worcester

Derek S. Brindisi - Director of Public Health, City of Worcester
9:35 Legislator Response, Questions, and Comment
9:50 Audience Response, Questions, and Comment
10:00 Closing remarks

The panelists should be reminded that they should have a couple of slides and should provide a very brief overview so we have ample time for discussion.

The Committee encouraged Trish to reach out to member of the legislative committee on Public Health and the chair, regardless of his or her district location, and also to the Worcester City Manager.

6. New Business – Trish shared the agenda of the November 13th CMRPC Quarterly meeting which will be focused on CMRPC's agricultural efforts.

7. Next meeting date: Not set. Trish will send out a doodle poll to set a date after the December event.

8. Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.

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