

Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition

Meeting Notice and Agenda

Date & Time:

Monday, February 9, 2026 | 1:00PM - 2:30PM

Location:

Melrose City Hall Basement Level Conference Room

Advisory board members in attendance: Jen, Laura, Anthony, MaryAnn

Others in attendance: Maureen, Tai, Liana, Gruha, Deanna

Agenda

1. Call to order at 1:09
2. Approval of January 7, 2026 minutes, Laura motioned to approved, approved 3-0-1
3. Grant updates
 - a. MTCP
 - i. Continuation of concept flavor discussion
The MTCP Coordinator continued explaining concept flavors and explained some considerations around enforcement, including:
 - 1) Don't worry about the concept flavors not on the FDA list
 - 2) Consider if you want to enforce on vapes and oral pouches together or separately
 - 3) Enforcing on Zyn Chill will be a hit to retailers
 - 4) Consider an effective date and how far out you'll send out notice about effective date
 - b. PHE
 - i. Staff updates
The Regional Public Health Nurse shared that he will be on vacation from 2/11/26-2/22/26, and then again 3/2/26-3/8/36. The Regional Epi shared that she will be presenting on pivot tables during a MAVEN webinar on 2/10/26. The PHE Coordinator shared that the job postings for the Regional Inspector and Regional Health Communications Specialist are moving along in Melrose's internal process.
 - ii. Dana Farber's mammography van update
We are waiting to hear back from the van's coordinator about the van's availability for the end of FY26 and beginning of FY27.
 - iii. Maternal/child health (MCH) project updates
The PHE Coordinator provided updates on the MCH resources project and ideas for feedback. There was a discussion around shaping expectations if residents called needing more resources, making sure the website could be translated, and a suggestion of using the postcard to link to a survey to ask for resources that families would like that they haven't yet found.
 - iv. Use of Regional PHN request
There was a request to use the Regional PHN Vote in favor of using Regional PHN as a substitute school health nurse if other coverage could not be

allocated. Advisory board members voted on this request motion made by Laura, seconded by Jen, passed 3-0-1.

c. MC3B

MaryAnn shared that there was strong interest in the Regional Prevention Strategist position, which received over 30 applicants. The hiring committee will move into interviews next week with regional partner participation.

4. Follow-up discussion items from past meetings

a. 2022 food code training update

There was a brief discussion around this training for health directors and inspectors taking place on March 25, from 1-4pm and for the consultant to provide a one-pager for BOH members to read through. The PHE Coordinator will follow up with the consultant.

5. Other business not reasonably anticipated since the posting of this meeting

a. Regional vaccine clinic

There was brief discussion around a regional homebound vaccine clinic and a suggestion for the Regional Epi to use existing data to identify the need for regional vaccine clinics in the Mystic Valley Coalition.

b. Maureen mentioned vape disposal boxes being implemented in Arlington.

6. Establish next meeting date and time

Our next meeting will be 3/9/26 @ 1pm in Stoneham. The PHE Coordinator will email the Stoneham admins to book a meeting room.

7. Adjourn, meeting adjourned at 2:33