

# Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition

## Meeting Notice and Agenda

### Date & Time:

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 | 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM

### Location:

Stoneham Town Hall, Banquet Room

**Advisory members in attendance:** Anthony C, Jen M, MaryAnn O., Laura V.

**Advisory members absent:** N/A

**Others in attendance:** Maureen B., Gruha P., Sophie G., Liana C., Deanna W., Tai N.

### Agenda

1. Call to order  
Meeting called to order at 1:45 pm
2. Approval of October minutes  
Laura made a motion to approve, Maryann seconded, 10/1/25 minutes approved 4-0-0.
3. Grant updates
  - a. MC3B  
The Coordinator provided updates on the environmental scan project, saying that it's almost complete and that findings will be put together in a report and slideshow that will be shared with each community. The Coordinator continues to work on a report of how opioid abatement funds are being used across the grant region and is seeking PDFs of final FY25 reports from Malden, Stoneham, & Melrose. The Coordinator shared funding updates, including a subcontract award of \$7,750.00 will be going to each MC3B community for workplan activities along with a list of activities that could be implemented. Additionally, the PFS grant will be funding a 0.50 FTE Prevention & Wellness Coordinator for Malden. There was a brief discussion on coordinated messaging around the social host law.
  - b. MTCP  
The MTCP Coordinator provided an update on the Nicotine Free Generation policy. She stated that 19 communities have passed the policy and many more are interested and looking to pass it soon. She continues to provide education in the stores and continues to check for awareness around the new protocol. She will start enforcing NFG in her inspections in 2026. The Coordinator is waiting to hear about an FDA decision about banning and removing certain flavors from stores and will follow up with health directors before implementing. The Coordinator is sorting through information on cannabis social consumption sites and smoke-free places and considering what she can enforce based on her level of appointment. She mentioned that municipalities can opt out of cannabis social consumption sites.
  - c. PHE  
The Regional Epi provided a summary of her presentation at the MHOA conference and an update that she's still working through the YRBS data. The Coordinator provided a budget update that 20% of the budget has been spent as of 10/31/25. She also shared updates on staff time and availability. The Inspector Trainee is

available to help with risk 1 and risk 2 inspections in other communities, but she needs to be appointed by BOHs before starting the inspections. The Regional PHN has started to help with blood pressure clinics at Stoneham's senior center and will be there once a month on the last Mondays. The advisory members voted to approve temporary nursing coverage in Malden while Malden works to fill their full-time nurse vacancy. This includes dividing communicable disease case investigation between the Regional Epi and Regional PHN. For TB cases, the Regional Epi will follow-up with B-arrivals and the Regional PHN will follow-up with new active TB cases and one ongoing case. Malden's part-time PHN will oversee the childhood vaccine needs (logging vaccine fridge temps, managing inventory, and administering vaccines) and TB skin tests. Additionally, the Regional PHN is Malden's vaccine site support staff and he will check their vaccine fridge if Malden's part-time PHN notices an issue and can't get onsite to address it. This temporary coverage plan was voted on and passed (4-0-0) and will be in place until 12/31/2025, and we will review during our January MVPHC meeting.

4. Follow-up discussion items from past meetings

a. Inspection software

The Shared Services Coordinator will reach out to Relavent Systems to schedule a follow-up meeting w/ Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester to discuss and learn more about iCodePro.

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

a. 2022 Food Code

The group briefly discussed having an in-house training on the 2022 Food Code led by Pamela Ross-Kung. We are aiming to have a training in February 2026.

6. Establish next meeting date and time

Our next coalition meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 1:30-3pm, at Medford City Hall in Rm 207.

7. Adjourn

Laura motioned to adjourn at 2:56, seconded by Jen, passed 3-0-1