



**Town of Southborough  
Board of Health  
9 Cordaville Road, Lower Level  
Southborough, MA 01772-1662**

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## Minutes of the Southborough Board of Health

### Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022 – Board of Health – Virtual – 11:30 AM

#### **Present:**

Board Members Chelsea Malinowski, Nancy Sacco, Dr. Safdar Medina; Public Health Director, Dr. Heather Alker; Public Health Nurse, Taylor West; Business Administrator, Barbara Spiri

#### **Opening:**

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 11:30 am by Ms. Malinowski.

#### **Topic: Discussion of the Community Compact Best Practice Grant Application**

**Discussion:** Data from the DPH survey should be available by January/February 2023. Ms. Malinowski and Dr. Alker are looking to use the results to leverage applying for a grant which would help the department expand Public Health Services and explore potential regionalization.

#### **\*Efficiency & Regionalization Grant**

Larger grant but it has not been for Public Health. This grant is geared towards implementation rather than exploration.

#### **\*Community Compact Best Practice Grant Application**

Smaller grant and is more for exploring regionalization. It's also a "rolling application" which means the funds can be used until they are exhausted. Northborough is willing to be part of this grant. Southborough would take the lead on the grant.

Dr. Medina asked about what would happen after the grant? Would services continue to be covered? Would shared services be a better idea? DPH is looking at the four towns in the Greater Boroughs. The PHE grant is a 3-year grant and we could apply two more times within a 9-year period. It will also help to cover service areas where needed. So utilizing the data from the survey and success from the PHE would allow Southborough to explore more collaboration with other towns.

Ms. West spoke to the positive aspects of the PHE grant program. It provides supplemental Covid nursing hours, visits to homebound residents (for wellness checks, boosters, a Narcan training for residents, the opportunity to do more clinics).



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Someone will be reaching out to Boylston to see if they are interested in being part of the grant.

**Action:** Ms. Malinowski made a motion to move forward with applying for the Community Compact Best Practice Grant. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Vote – Ms. Sacco – aye, Dr. Medina – aye, and Ms. Malinowski – aye. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am – Hybrid – in the McAuliffe Hearing Room and the Southborough Town House.

**Ms. Malinowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 am. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Ms. Malinowski – yes, Ms. Sacco – yes, and Dr. Medina – yes. All in favor.**

Respectively submitted by Barbara Spiri, Business Administrator and edited by Chelsea Malinowski.