

**MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES  
NORTHEAST CHAPTER**

**MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2008**

Meeting called to order by Judy Anderson at 9:30 AM.

Minutes from January 11, 2008 reviewed and accepted.

Introductions: Jean Cunningham and Grayce Ventura from Emmanuel College attended as students completing a Public Health Nursing practicum with local Boards of Health.

Updates: Judy Anderson discussed several E-mail updates provided by Pat Zingariello. All E-mails will be provided at March 14, 2008 meeting.

Epidemiology Update: Neither Joyce Cohen nor Ed Corkren attended.

Immunization Update: Jane Sittnik discussed interim recommendations for Hib vaccine with a hand-out, and Shingles vaccine. She also answered individual questions.

Order of Business: Environmental day will be July 11, 2008. Details to follow.

Networking:

- Grayce Ventura acknowledged Peg Drummey and talked about her “adaptation” of the *Flu Care At Home* program that she presented to seniors.
- Leslie talked a Town of Reading Coalition Substance Abuse Program and initiated a conversation re: home disposal of meds taken by mouth and Deb talked about a sharps disposal program she is proposing with a local CVS.
- Rochelle elaborated on a Hep A case “gone wild” re-inforcing the importance of school staff and public health collaboration and communication.
- Theresa from Home Health VNA announced a *Diabetes: Eliminating Disparities in the Latino Community* program.
- Charlotte discussed the regionalization program on 2/29/08 and urged PHNs to attend to advocate for Public Health Nursing.
- Paula discussed the confusion re: Lyme Disease reporting forms that are electronically generated.
- Terry showed a canvas Public Health “carry bag” that she purchased @ a conference. It can be purchased @ [www.HMPonline.com](http://www.HMPonline.com).

**Meeting Adjourned @ 11:40 AM**

**Respectfully Submitted by            Judith Baggs RN**

