

## Northeast Chapter Minutes 2007

08/10/2007 Northeast Chapter Minutes

Meeting called to order by Pat Zingariello, President, 9:35 am. Minutes from July 13 were reviewed and accepted with corrections.

Introductions/Updates, Attendance: 19

Rochelle has cards to sign for Sue Moser, Donna Brooks, Judy Baggs, and Ann Fitzgerald. Jessica Vincent, Swampscott is leaving at the end of this month.

Sue Moser, Lexington is also leaving the end of this month. Ann Fitzgerald, Wilmington has retired and Judy Baggs, late of Burlington is starting at Wilmington – Congratulations!

Donna Brooks had a death in her family.

Pat Zingariello – Beverly informed group about Cindy Rogers from the Injury Prevention Control Program, sends out information on a quarterly basis – if interested, call 617 624-5413.

Jane Sittnick – Immunization Update – flu vaccine re: pediatric doses. If infant to 59 months received only one shot last year, child needs to have 2 shots this year.

Also, “Dorm style” refrigerators are NOT acceptable for use in Providers office. Any Provider using one will be unable to obtain any vaccine from the State and BOH will be notified.

Epidemiologist not present – no update.

Terry Arsenault – Amesbury mentioned Medscape article

Re: sending medical books to Iraq. Copy of article passed out with address, contact person, and mailing instructions.

Speaking of books, the author of The Kite Runner, Khaled Haseeni had a new book “A Thousand Splendid Suns”.

Mary McKenzie – Chelsea spoke of receiving unwanted email from a CHMC nursing student – she obtained Mary’s email address from the Town website. Mary concerned about the easy access.

## PRESENTATION

Sean McGrail from BD re: syringes, equipment, etc.

Sean mentioned BD is also involved with UNICEF as a charitable organization, and has a community partnership with them.

He presented a demonstration of the various safety syringes, such as,

Retractable (Integra) Safety glide (auto) Eclipse (manual) Safety lok – older not as safe

BD produces 80% of syringes – Sean expressed the need to stockpile syringes in the event of pandemic event.

Also showed the “justintime” kit to use in case of a pandemic and nurse (medical person) is sick/unable to administer vaccine – a non-medical person will be able to quickly learn to administer. The kit costs \$39.95 each and does have a shelf life.

Mary McKenzie – Chelsea mentioned Mel’s Bracelet at \$15 each for Breast Cancer Research – they are sold at Hilltop, MGH gift shop, CAP auto world on Rt 1 in Saugus.

Discussion as to have/ask BD to be a vendor at MAPHN Conference next year.

Of Note: Carolyn Harris from TB Control Program is retiring.

TB DOT issues – TB Control Program at State not working.

Next Meeting September 14, 2007

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully Submitted by

Judi Jelloe, RN

Secretary

07/13/2007 Northeast Chapter Minutes

Meeting called to order by Pat Zingariello, President, at 9:40 am.

There were no minutes to review.

Introductions/Updates, Attendance: 23

Ann Fitzgerald, Wilmington – her last day is August 3rd

Sue Moser, Lexington is leaving this month, also the Health Director

Has left. The position is open.

Jessica Vincent, Swampscott is also leaving

Jane Morrissey, Andover spoke about the Shattuck Hospital tour.

10 Attended the tour. She remarked that they have a large mental health unit, a locked ward for prisoners requiring medical treatment, an HIV unit, and a TB unit.

Sue Moser, Lexington mentioned her position is 25 hours/week. The Town also hired Rebecca Williams, PHN for 10 hours/week.

Deb Boufford, Essex donated a large box of syringes (3cc)

American Red Cross is offering a Chokesaver Course at \$20.00 a Person.

Discussion ensued regarding Sharps legislation and how to handle the Sharps. Some towns use Stericycle or Medical Waste. If a syringe is Found in the street, who handles it? Ambulance service or Inspectional Services.

Mary McKenzie, Chelsea presented a Lyme Disease packet from B&W Hospital Arthritis Dept. made by CDC. Call 617 732-5083.

Sandy Collins, Westford spoke about obtaining syringes for Flu Clinics at Vaccineshop.com

Ann Fitzgerald, Wilmington mentioned McKesson Vanishpoint At \$48.61. Her position is not filled as yet 15 hours/week.

Discussion continued about salaries – Peabody has a 28.5 hour Position at \$22/hour.

Jane Sittnick, Immunization spoke about the new Summary of ACIP recommended groups for vaccination.

Joyce Cohen and Ed Corkren, Epidemiology presented  
Pertussis Training – There are new case report forms and  
Contact screening has changed. Also mentioned info on  
Varicella Vaccine to lower elementary grades up to 12 years.

Coming Soon....

August – BD Sean McGrill

September – Jenny O'Brien, Professional Coach

October – Julia Fox Garrison

November – Scope/Standard of Practice

December – Merck possible holiday luncheon

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Judi Jelloe, RN

Secretary

04/13/2007 Northeast Chapter Minutes

Meeting called to order by Pat Zingariello, President, at 9:36 am. Minutes of this meeting recorded by Judy Anderson, Chapter Vice President at request of vacationing Judi Jelloe, Secretary.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted with the following corrections:

1st – Jane Morrissey stated that for MAPHN positions, the membership secretary position is not open, the recording secretary is open

2nd – Woburn's water tank had a bird, not an animal in it

Introductions/Discussions, Attendance: 13.

Paula Mombourquette – Woburn discussed that the outcome of the bird in the water tank was the implementation of a citywide call service similar to a reverse 911 now operational. The service is called "City Connect" and cost the city approximately \$50,000 to install. Each time the service is used, the city must pay a usage fee.

Charlotte Stepanian – Merrimac her powers of persuasion were successful in having the new DPH Commissioner, John Auerbach attend this year's MAPHN Conference. He had initially declined, but has since accepted and will do a presentation as well. Judy Bigby may also attend the meeting. Charlotte also spoke about the state immunization budget, which may be cut by 21 million in the state legislature. That will put it below level funding from last year.

Sue Rosa – Chelmsford talked about frustrations that Sandy Collins (Westford) recently encountered with Medicare electronic billing. Group discussion about problems/ongoing frustrations with Flu billings took place. It was noted that by 05/02/07, everyone submitting will need an NPI# (National Provider Identifier) that will replace their Medicare provider #.

Mary McKenzie – Chelsea passed around written clarification of the C-125 blood test. Group members pointed out that the test was not site specific and was generally used for those who already had been diagnosed with cancer. Mary shared a good read for women: "Take it to Heart" by Pamela Serue.

Joyce Cohen – State Epidemiologist stated there is a lot of Varicella vaccine available from the State in the event of an outbreak. She will work to get proper wording from the higher-ups re: recommendations so that PHN'S aren't overwhelmed/caught in the middle.

Pat Zingariello, President addressed the group with the following: She read a letter that states MA Biologic Laboratories will no longer be providing Serum Globulin to MA residents. Judy Anderson will look into further details.

Environmental Day: the group majority voted to tour Shattuck Hospital on June 8, 2007. Jane Morrissey will give details to Pat who will obtain an attendance count for the meeting. Many members voiced an interest visiting the State Lab, it was decided that the group would revisit that activity in the future

A card was passed around for Michelle Lawler, PHN from Peabody who is moving on to a new position at Beverly Hospital.

Merck would like to provide our group with a breakfast or lunch presentation like last year.

An ICS/NIMS training will be offered in Beverly on May 17th.

Members are encouraged to take samples of the Vanish Point syringes. They can be purchased for approx. \$37.00/100 from Retractable Technologies, ATTN: Steve Kwait, Territory Mgr. 888 703-1010 x605.

Pat Zingariello and Judy Anderson have agreed to continue on as President and Vice President, as there were no volunteers. Much KUDOS to Pat for all that she does!! Pat and Judy are hoping and counting on group members to take on tasks and to assist in a transition team for the next term.

Stephanie Burns, RN from Lahey Clinic – Guest Speaker gave a very interesting and informative talk on Hansen’s disease. Lahey receives federal funding as Northeast Hansen’s Disease clinic. She welcomes PHN’s to attend the Hansen’s disease clinic and she can be reached at 781 744-5670, email Stephanie\_a\_burns@lahey.org. She also suggested a good read re: Hansen’s disease “The Pearl Diver” by Jeff Talarigo.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Anderson, RN NE Chapter Vice President for Judi Jelloe, RN, Secretary

NOTE: There is no meeting in May due to MAPHN Conference on May 10, 2007. See you there!

Meeting called to order by Pat Zingariello, President at 9:37 am.

Minutes from February 9, 2007 were reviewed and accepted.

Announcements: In April, Stephanie Burns will present Hansen's Disease. There will be NO meeting in May, instead, the MAPHN Conference On May 10, 2007.

Nominations: there was not enough present at the Quarterly meeting, no one was nominated. The available positions are: President – Charlotte is running again.

Vice President Second Vice President

Secretary Membership Secretary

Treasurer Chapter Representative

Member-at-large (Director)

John Auerbach has been appointed as the New Public Health Commissioner. He has been in Public Health for over eleven years. WELCOME John Auerbach.

The March 20 Presentation at the Café Escadrille by Sanofi Pastuer will offer CEU's.

Introductions made; attendance: 18

Environmental Day discussion brought suggestions of touring Lemuel Shattuck Hospital or a tour of the State Lab. No decision was made, and to continue next month.

Raffle for MAPHN Conference – Lottery Basket theme. Sue Moser, Lexington will do the basket this year. Sue Rosa will notify Sheila Miller about basket theme.

Safety Syringes – Safety-Lok from BD Manufacturers, suggested cost \$25-26/100 – contracted price for 3ml 23g 1 inch, they do not come in 25g.

Sharps container presented, is portable and able to accommodate longer syringes. Note – cannot throw out in regular trash.

Sue Moser, Lexington has BD Integra syringes \$264/400 (.66 each)

VanishPoint from Retractable Technologies also shown, and also expensive

Mary McKenzie, Chelsea uses Kendall brand and VanishPoint, also mentioned Surguard by Terumo \$35-40/100

Discussion at to length of needles brought a suggestion by Jane Sittnick to check the December 2006 MMWR, it has new needle length regulations – no need to aspirate.

Look for the new Surveillance Book coming soon.

Jane Sittnick, Immunization made note of Cancer Website NPR.com then link to “my cancer” as very interesting reading.

Shingles Vaccine – Jane Morrissey, Andover informed everyone about a Shingles prevention program will be set later this Spring to vaccinate residents, and Andover Home for Aged People will pay for the vaccine. The cost is \$150 per shot and there will a small fee for the residents.

Lahey Clinic has Zostavax vaccine at present.

Paula Mombourquette, Woburn reported on the contaminated water event that occurred several weeks ago. It was isolated in one water tank, E-coli was found and the tank was shut down in order to remove the dead animal and clean the water.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 am

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Jelloe, RN

Secretary

02/09/2007 Northeast Chapter Minutes

Meeting called to order by Pat Zingariello, President at 9:30 am.

Minutes from January 12 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Introductions made; attendance: 28

Announcements: re: Excel program would need to use own laptops (not feasible) everything is tentative at this point.

Café Escadrille – Sanofi Presentation

Mary Mckenzie – Chelsea will look into CEU's for presentation. She heard the same talk in Boston and it was very good.

March Meeting will be a networking meeting combined with a show and tell on Safety Syringes. For example, Vanish Point, BD, and Terumo syringes. Rochelle will bring the syringes she uses. Also Mary McKenzie to bring in Vanish Point. Will try to get the Sales Rep. From Vanish Point.

Also, Nominations for Vice President and President (two years) will be ending in June and we need to vote. Betty Benn will bring in the Bylaws to refresh everyone's memory.

Another item to discuss in March will be Best Practices.

A reminder for the coming months and their topics:

April will have a presentation on Hansen's disease.

May is the PHN Nursing Conference (no meeting).

Environmental Day – Where to go? The State Lab, or Lemual Shattuck Hospital. Any suggestions????

Mary McKenzie from Chelsea gave an update about the Regional meeting on TB – TB Control and Corrections – it is to be held in Salem and will be 2-day event.

Judy Anderson from HHVNA of GN announced MV Hospice secured land in Haverhill to build a 14-bed facility (2 of them Pedi beds) and will be environment friendly. May be ready by May 2008.

Scott Troppy, DPH presented MaVEN surveillance system.

Mass Virtual Epi Network is web-based system, and a secure web site, also has ability to share. Cambridge uses MaVEN at present, also North Carolina uses MaVEN.

Excellent presentation

May Nursing Conference Raffle – Any ideas?

Reminder: Dues are due in June

Again, Don't Forget – If attending the March 20, 2007 Sanofi Presentation at Café Escadrille, you need to RSVP by March 6, 2007. Note – send email or call Pat Zingariello.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am

Next Meeting: March 9, 2007 at 9:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Judi Jelloe, RN

Secretary

01/12/2007 Northeast Chapter Minutes

Meeting called to order by Pat Zingariello, President at 9:35 am.

Minutes from December 8 meeting (Holiday Party) were reviewed, corrected, and accepted.

No Introductions made.

Order of Business: Flu Advisory#11 extra copies available on table in corner.

Mary McKenzie, Chelsea reported that a Sanofi Rep., Scott Lasser visited her office to discuss next year's flu vaccine allotment. He mentioned that the distribution for next season would be the same as this past season.

It was brought to the attention of the group, the different times to retain records in the health dept. It is very confusing. The bottom line is the Federal guidelines supersede the State. The records need to be kept for 10 years.

Pat Zingariello, Beverly reported that the extra money (Sunshine Fund) available would be spent on Door Prizes for the Sanofi Dinner in March. Also to purchase another Computer Course either Access or Excel, to be decided on.

She also is going to order the DVD "Why don't we do it in our sleeves?" for anyone who wants or needs a copy.

Sue Rosa, Chelmsford mentioned the success of the EDS Drill as a Vaccine Clinic. She will discuss the details later in the meeting.

Bob Morrison, Vaccine Manager at MDPH presented a summation of this past Flu season and what the State had to deal with. The initial small shipments to be distributed to the towns and facilities and then one large shipment created a lot of frustration and adjustments for everyone. The CDC was late in shipping by two weeks. He hopes to purchase the same amount for next season, and feels that Sanofi is the best bet. He was very informative and made every attempt to answer all of our questions/concerns completely.

Plus, keeping his sense of humor through it all.

Sue Rosa, Chelmsford finished reporting on the EDS operation on Jan. 10. They vaccinated 249 people, and administered 341 shots. The Flu vaccine and TD were given in one arm and the Pneumonia vaccine in the other. They sent out letters, used the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps), and a one page screening tool. The problem was radio and not communicating with each other. Using different channels works better.

Don't Forget – March 20, 2007 Sanofi Dinner at the Café Escadrille in Burlington. 5:30-6:30 Reception 6:30-8:00pm Dinner/Presentation. More info to follow.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am

Next meeting: February 9, 2007 at 9:30 am PROMPT

Respectfully Submitted,

Judi Jelloe, RN

Secretary