

**Advisory Board**  
Joan Taverna, Cohasset  
Susan Sarni, Hingham  
Drew Scheele, Scituate



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Erica Souris, Scituate

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## **South Shore Public Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 2:30 pm**

### **Attendees:**

#### **Voting members -**

Joan Taverna, Cohasset  
Susan Sarni, Hingham  
Andrew Scheele, Scituate

#### **Non-voting members -**

Ally Gittens, BME Strategies  
Cynthia Baker, BME Strategies

### **2:35pm Welcome & Roll Call**

Andrew Scheele motioned to open the meeting. Susan Sarni seconded.  
Roll Call vote: Joan Taverna (Cohasset), Susan Sarni (Hingham), Andrew Scheele (Scituate)

### **Social Work Staffing**

Onboarding for the Shared Services Coordinator (SSC) role has begun but has not progressed at the rate that the coalition initially planned for. Social work needs and referrals seem to be increasing, particularly in Cohasset and Scituate, putting more demand on the coalition's social work team. The Advisory Board discussed various staffing scenarios to address social work capacity, the Shared Services Coordinator role, and public health nursing in FY27.

The Advisory Board also discussed a framework for the provision of clinical supervision by Erica Souris for other social work team members. Further discussion about the FY26 and FY27 budget is warranted in order for the Advisory Board to make decisions about social work staffing for the coalition.

### **3:17 PM Adjournment**

The next Advisory Board meeting will be on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 2pm.

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Susan Sarni (Hingham) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joan Taverna (Cohasset).

Roll call vote: Joan Taverna (Cohasset), Susan Sarni (Hingham), Andrew Scheele (Scituate)

Motion carried: 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM.

**Documents used and referenced during the public meeting:**

- N/A

***Please Note:*** *There will be no public participation in speaking at this meeting unless recognized by the chair.*

*Please note that the Advisory Board may act on items in a different order than they appear on this agenda. If it so votes, the Board may go into Executive Session during the meeting. Persons interested are advised that, in the event any matter taken up at this meeting remains unfinished at the close of the meeting, it will be automatically deferred and added to a future agenda as a regular posted agenda item, without further notice.*

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