

Advisory Board

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



Advisory Board Alternate Members

Erica Souris, Scituate

South Shore Public Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22 at 2:00 pm

Attendees:

Voting members -

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

Non-voting members -

Ally Gittens, BME Strategies
Cynthia Baker, BME Strategies

2:01pm 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)

Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Andrew Scheele motioned to approve the January 8th meeting minutes.
Susan Sarni seconded. Roll Call vote: Andrew Scheele (Scituate), Susan Sarni (Hingham), Joan Taverna (Cohasset)

Coalition Updates

The coalition plans to hold its next meeting in-person at the shared workspace of the regional social workers in Cohasset. The group will be joined by DPH Program Coordinator, Bethany Griles, who will discuss options around sustainability for the coalition.

The Hoarding Disorder Book Discussion sessions have been postponed for one month due to low enrollment. The new start date is Tuesday, February 10th. Lead Social Worker, Suzanne Otte, is working to revise flyers for the first book discussion group and preparing flyers for the second book discussion group. She is also planning to write articles to promote the book discussion groups to include in local newspapers.

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Discussion of FY27 Budget

BME Strategies presented various scenarios for SSPHC's FY27 budget. The Advisory Board discussed the pros and cons of allocations for different line items. No decisions were made by the Advisory Board during this meeting. Advisory Board members plan to review the information presented during the meeting and consider what they would like to see in the FY27 budget. The coalition plans to return to this discussion at a future meeting.

Social Work Staffing

The coalition also discussed the structure of social work staffing for the remainder of FY26 and a potential structure for FY27. No final decisions were made on this topic during this meeting and the coalition plans to revisit this discussion at a future meeting.

3:06 PM Adjournment

The next Advisory Board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 10am.

Andrew Scheele (Scituate) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Susan Sarni (Hingham).

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

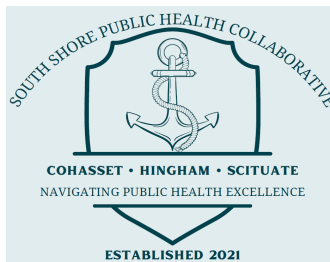
Motion carried: 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM.

Documents used and referenced during the public meeting:

- South Shore Public Health Collaborative January 22, 2026 Meeting Presentation Slides

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