

Advisory Board

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



Advisory Board Alternate Members

**Elizabeth Miller, Hingham
Erica Souris, Scituate**

South Shore Public Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 10:00 am

Attendees:

Voting members -

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

Non-voting members -

Cynthia Baker, BME Strategies
Ally Gittens Dias, BME Strategies
Nicole Roche, Regional Social Worker

10:05am Welcome & Roll Call

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

Social Worker/Shared Services Coordinator Role

The coalition members in attendance discussed the transition of Nicole Roche, the coalition's regional social worker, into the Shared Services Coordinator (SSC) role, currently held by Ally Gittens of BME Strategies. BME Strategies is contracted as SSC until June 30, 2026, after which Nicole Roche would be fully responsible for this role. The group discussed the implications of Nicole transitioning into this role, particularly given that there is currently a high demand for social work services in some of the towns. No decisions were made during this meeting and the Advisory Board determined that it would consider whether Nicole might move forward with taking on the SSC role versus shifting her role to focus solely on social work. In addition, the Advisory Board discussed the budgetary implications for both options.

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3:42 PM Adjournment

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 10:54 AM.

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 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 may be put off to a continued session of this meeting without further notice.

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