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Drew Scheele, Scituate



Advisory Board Alternate Members

Erica Souris, Scituate

South Shore Public Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 2:00 pm

Attendees:

Voting members -

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

Non-voting members -

Ally Gittens Dias, BME Strategies
Nicole Roche, Regional Social Worker
Samantha Joyce, Regional Community Outreach Worker

2:04pm 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 February 5th meeting minutes. Susan Sarni seconded. Roll Call vote: Joan Taverna (Cohasset), Susan Sarni (Hingham), Andrew Scheele (Scituate)

Coalition Updates

Nicole Roche, Social Worker for the coalition, accepted a new position as a social worker with Cohasset Elder Affairs. A start date has not yet been set, but Nicole will remain with the coalition until a start date is determined.

At the next coalition meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 5th, the SSPHC Advisory Board will have the opportunity to discuss the FY26 Budget, FY27 Budget, and staffing. This meeting will be extended to be 1.5 hours to allow for in-depth discussion.

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BME Strategies provided updates on various programming opportunities for the Coalition. This included an update on efforts taking place around hoarding disorder. The coalition has decided that the Support Group for Family and Friends will begin mid-March. The coalition also discussed other potential options for programming that could take place instead of the Support Group for individuals dealing with hoarding disorder.

BME Strategies also introduced information about an event that will be hosted by South Shore Digital Wellness. The aim of this event is to bring together parents and caregivers to learn more about how they can support their children who may be dealing with mental health issues. The organization is asking that SSPHC join as a sponsor for their event taking place on April 9, 2026. The coalition decided that they would take a vote on this at the next meeting.

There is an additional programming opportunity with a local volunteer who is looking to implement a model for addressing mental health on the South Shore. The coalition will discuss ideas around how it can be involved with this work at a future meeting.

FY27 Budget Discussion

The coalition discussed ongoing topics related to the FY27 budget including the potential to contract with an inspector for housing inspections. There is also ongoing discussion around how BME Strategies might be factored into the budget.

Regional Staff Updates

Nicole Roche provided an update on social work activities over the past few weeks. Nicole Roche and Samantha Joyce also convened a social work focused meeting with departments in Cohasset, including Police, the library, Fire and Housing.

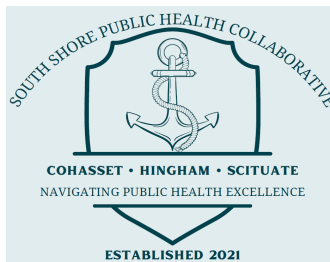
2:53 PM Adjournment

The next coalition meeting will be on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 2pm.

Andrew Scheele (Scituate) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joan Taverna (Cohasset).

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

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Motion carried: 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Documents used and referenced during the public meeting:

- South Shore Public Health Collaborative February 19th, 2026, Meeting Presentation

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

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