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

**Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 2:00 pm**  
**In-Person at WorkStation in Cohasset**

### **Attendees:**

#### **Voting members -**

Susan Sarni, Hingham  
Joan Taverna, Cohasset  
Andrew Scheele, Scituate  
Erica Souris, Scituate Social Worker

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

Ally Gittens Dias, BME Strategies  
Nicole Roche, Regional Social Worker  
Samantha Joyce, Regional Community Outreach Worker  
Bethany Griles, Program Coordinator, OLRH  
Tiffany Benoit, Local Public Health Nursing Consultant

### **2:08pm Welcome & Roll Call**

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

### **Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Joan Taverna motioned to approve the January 20th meeting minutes.  
Susan Sarni seconded. Roll Call vote: Joan Taverna (Cohasset), Susan Sarni (Hingham), Erica Souris (Scituate)

Joan Taverna motioned to approve the January 22nd meeting minutes.  
Susan Sarni seconded. Roll Call vote: Joan Taverna (Cohasset), Susan Sarni (Hingham), Erica Souris (Scituate)

### **Coalition Updates**

The coalition discussed the status of the Hoarding Disorder Support Groups, the first of which was slated to begin on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. The coalition decided to postpone the first support group until the

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spring. Coalition members discussed the needs around hoarding in Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate, and brainstormed ideas for the types of support that would be most useful for this population.

BME Strategies presented a proposal for a Strategic Alignment and Team Cohesion Retreat facilitated by the Strategic Planning Team of BME Strategies. The retreat is intended to support Shared Service Arrangements in strategizing and planning around a shared vision, as well as build trust within the group. The retreat can be tailored to the needs of the Shared Service Arrangement in terms of time allotted and content covered.

Finally, BME Strategies provided a brief update on SAPHE 2.0 Reporting. The PHE grant for FY26 requires the completion of the Workforce Standards Survey and Performance Standards Survey. The two surveys will be launched at the end of February and the beginning of March, respectively.

### **PHE Grant Sustainability**

Bethany Griles, OLRH Program Coordinator, led the group in a discussion around sustainability of the PHE Grant. Information was shared regarding the timeline of the PHE Grant and when more details will be available about the potential for funding beyond FY27. The coalition discussed various options for staffing of the coalition and talked through potential scenarios for the remaining budget for FY26.

### **3:42 PM Adjournment**

The next coalition meeting will be on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 2pm.

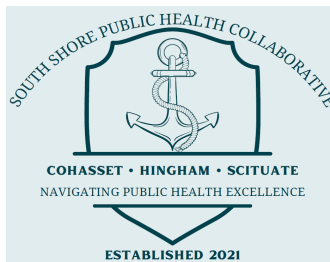
Andrew Scheele (Scituate) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Susan Sarni (Hingham).

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

Motion carried: 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM.

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

- BME Strategic Alignment Retreat Proposal

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

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