

Advisory Board

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South Shore Public Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 11:00am

Virtual meeting location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86869306174>

Attendees:

Voting members -

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

Non-voting members -

Samantha Joyce, Regional Community Outreach Worker
Erica Souris, Scituate Social Worker
Michelle Leary, Cohasset Interim Town Manager
Nicole Balaschi, Cohasset Health Agent
Bethany Griles, OLRH Program Coordinator
Ally Gittens Dias, BME Strategies
Cynthia Baker, BME Strategies

11:04am Welcome & Roll Call

Andrew Scheele motioned to open the meeting. Joan Taverna 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 March 5th meeting minutes.
Joan Taverna seconded. Roll Call vote: Joan Taverna (Cohasset), Susan Sarni (Hingham), Andrew Scheele (Scituate)

Coalition Updates

BME Strategies reminded the coalition about the requirements for SAPHE 2.0 Reporting, which entails completing the Workforce Standards Survey and the Performance Standards Survey. Additional clarification was provided regarding what these surveys entail and their purpose.

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Discussion of Shared Services Coordinator Role/FY27 Budget

Michelle Leary provided background information about the anticipated role of Nicole Balaschi as health agent and shared services coordinator for the coalition. The group discussed the technical details regarding Public Health Excellence (PHE) grant funding for the shared services coordinator role. The discussion also involved brainstorming around key funding priorities for FY27 through the PHE grant, including the potential to hire a Registered Sanitarian.

Motion to Postpone Agenda Items

Several agenda items for the meeting were not addressed during this meeting, including programming updates, FY26 spending ideas, regional staff updates and a discussion of support from another Shared Service Arrangement.

Andrew Scheele (Scituate) motioned to carry over the remaining agenda items to the next coalition meeting. Seconded by Joan Taverna (Cohasset).

Motion carried: 3-0

12:00 PM Adjournment

The next coalition meeting will be on Thursday, April 2, 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)

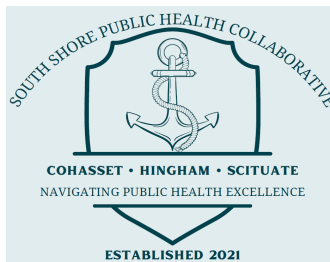
Motion carried: 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Documents used and referenced during the public meeting:

- South Shore Public Health Collaborative March 25th, 2026, Meeting Presentation

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