

Advisory Board

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



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Erica Souris, Scituate

South Shore Public Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2026 at 2pm

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
Nicole Balaschi, Cohasset Health Agent

2:02pm 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)

Shared Services Coordinator Vote and FY27 Budget Vote

The coalition deliberated and unanimously voted for the Shared Services Coordinator role to go 1 FTE from the current .5 FTE for FY27 and onward. Joan put forth the motion to have the Shared Services Coordinator role to go fulltime starting at Cohasset's M3 Step 6 (\$91,390) and Andrew seconded. The coalition then reviewed the FY27 budget and made real-time working changes where applicable. Andrew put forth the motion to approve the presented FY27 budget and Susan seconded.

Meeting Minutes

Moved to August 13th Meeting Agenda

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FY26 Budget Modification

Nicole outlined FY26 Expenditures to date in the Spending Tracker Spreadsheet, including details about how the proposed FY26 budget modification reflects spending and final expected expenditures. The coalition approved the proposed FY26 Budget Modification with the note that they would like to come back to the beach sign purchases in the winter. All 3 towns are all set with beach signs for this season.

Regional Public Health Nurse

Coalition would like to ensure the Public Health Nurse has 3 structured days of 5-6 hours per day. Cohasset would like one of those days to be Monday or Tuesday. Hingham would like to ensure one quarterly Saturday is mentioned in the offer letter. All 3 Towns would like to see a Regional Calendar of activities created that also include blood pressure clinics, ask a nurse, and prevention vans. Andrew put forth the motion to offer the regional public health nurse position to Karen, the top candidate, with the mentioned input included in the offer letter. Susan seconded.

Regional Registered Sanitarian

Nicole mentioned that the last candidate is scheduled for July 15th. Hingham is in need of assistance with food inspections, Cohasset and Scituate are in need of housing inspection assistance. Andrew put forth a motion to allow the RS subcommittee to make the final division on the final RS offer, pending July 15th's interview. Susan seconded.

Community Update

Samantha mentioned the need the past few weeks has been housing assistance. Susan mentioned that Hingham is posting for a 30hr Opiate Coordinate position.

2:41 PM Adjournment

The next coalition meeting will be on August 13, 2026 at 2pm.

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Joan Taverna (Cohasset) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Susan Sarni (Hingham).

Roll call vote: Joan Taverna (Cohasset), Susan Sarni (Hingham), (Scituate not present)

Motion carried: 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM

Documents used and referenced during the public meeting:

- South Shore Public Health Collaborative July 9, 2026 Meeting Presentation
- FY27 Proposed Budget
- FY26 Proposed Budget Modification

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

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