



**South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (CHNA 23)
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
8:55 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
Zoom Meeting
Minutes**

In attendance: Lindsay Reik; Ami Tanner, Algonquin Heights; Jennifer Machado, Community Liaison Vitra Health; Kathleen Considine, NAMI Plymouth Area; Monica Mullen, Office of Senator Moran; Siobhan McKay, Plymouth DDS; Tara Wilson, Office of Senator Moran; Maria Syriotis, Office of Senator Moran; Trudy Avery, Cook Family Charitable Fund; Vicky Butler, PCO; April Thompson, Plymouth Center for Active Living; M. Cardoso; Abigail Foley, Gosnold; Deb Schopperle, BID Plymouth; Jen Cantwell, Plymouth County DA's Office; Maureen Doherty, BID Plymouth; Nancy DeLuca, Health Imperatives; Cristina Wilson, Old Colony YMCA Plymouth; Jenn Hoadley, Alzheimer's Association; Susan West BID-Plymouth; Malissa Kenney, Healthy Plymouth and New Heights; Katelyn McSweeney, High Point Treatment Center, Prevention Services; Tyra Jackson, DMH; Mike Jackman, Congressman Keating's Office; Kim Scotland, United Way/SSCPP Coordinator

Mike Jackman, SSCPP Chair kicked off at 8:56am. All provided self-introductions.

All voted to approve the April general meeting minutes.

Election of Steering Committee & Officers: Mike reminded all that today's meeting serves as SSCPP's Annual Meeting. Under bylaws, SSCPP general members elect officers and steering committee each year at Annual Meeting. Bios for steering committee members and officers were sent out electronically prior to the meeting.

The following 10 members are interested in renewing for the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 term: Vicky Butler, Kathleen Considine, Nancy DeLuca, Maureen Doherty; Elizabeth Haughn, Michael Jackman, Tyra Jackson, Siobhan McKay, Deb Schopperle, and Susan West.

Alison Gillis, Community Benefits at South Shore Health, is interesting in joining the steering committee for the FY2022 term.

Several members are not renewing. SSCPP would like to thank Dr. Jim O'Neil, Tina Dwyer, and George Gorgizian. George has been the SSCPP Treasurer for many years.

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The slate was approved as presented unanimously by all in attendance.

SSCPP Steering Committee Members for 2021-2022:

Vicky	Butler
Kathleen	Considine
Nancy	DeLuca
Maureen	Doherty
Alison	Gillis
Elizabeth	Haughn
Mike	Jackman
Tyra	Jackson
Siobhan	McKay
Deb	Schopperle
Susan	West

Mike shared SSCPP has a few openings on the steering committee should anyone like to join. The group meets once a month a week prior to the general meeting and at a summer meeting to plan the year. Please contact Mike or Kim at chna23@gmail.com if you are interested.

Election of Officers: Mike is willing to continue his role of Chair for another year. Vice Chair and Treasurer positions are open. Mike thanked Deb for her time as Vice Chair. She is stepping down but will remain as a steering committee member. Thanked George for his many years as Treasurer and time on the steering committee.

The floor was opened for new officer nominations. None were heard.

All in attendance voted unanimously to elect the slate of officers as presented.

Officers for 2021-2022:

Mike	Jackman	Chair
OPEN		Vice Chair

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Mini Grant Outcomes Report: Terra Cura/Healthy Plymouth

Mike shared that SSCPP values allocating resources into the community through its grant program. We invite our grantees to present an outcomes report at the completion of their program. Mike introduced Malissa Kenney & Ami Tanner.

- Malissa, Executive Director of Healthy Plymouth Community Engagement shared an update.
- Algonquin Heights in Plymouth has 200 affordable units and is the location for the grant. This partnership has been an SSCPP grant recipient for a few summers now and the program celebrated its third year last summer.
- Were able to pivot to adjust to the pandemic and have a very successful summer in 2020. The mobile market started in 2018 and is a partnership with Colchester Farms/New England Village and Algonquin Heights.
- Wanted to bring mobile market back and give youth opportunities to be employed over the summer. In past years, the kids worked to grow, harvest, and transport the produce from the farm to Algonquin. In 2020, created a home-based program: the AH Community Garden in partnership with Tera Curra.
- Great opportunity for the youth to have garden experience right at their home and alter to meet covid guidelines. Summer of 2020 hired three teens. They were paid \$13/hr. As a home-based program, the kids became more engaged with their neighbors and contributed to their community.
- Also partnered with UMass Extension and their nutrition department. Were able to share recipes in English and Spanish. Not able to do food demos due to COVID.
- In the past offered a shop market and everyone received a stipend. This year there were some cost savings due no transportation needs. Were able to increase the number of households served from 40 to 60. Gave out prepacked bags and had a nice whiteboard that showed all the delicious produce in the bags. Lost a bit of camaraderie due to lack of shopping, but overall went very well.
- Ami shared a bit about the teens who participated. All teens have graduated from high school and all really enjoyed the experience. The three teens who worked last summer are doing well and have built their confidence and skills. They will continue this summer. The community receive a great joy from program and all look forward to the farmers market each year. Though there were some restrictions, all were made to feel comfortable and at ease. Surveyed families this year and learned they were interested in healthy meals and snacks for kids and healthy meal planning on a budget.

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Guest Speaker: Massachusetts State Senator Susan Moran

Chair, Special Legislative Commission on Early Education and Child Care

Senator Moran was unable to attend meeting due to a healthcare emergency.

Staff attended to share an update: Monica Mullen, District Director; Tara Wilson, Legislative Director; and Maria Syriotis, Chief of Staff.

- Senator Moran stepped right into her new role as COVID began and is connecting with as many local community organizations as possible.
- Senator Moran has been able to speak to childcare providers and day care centers to get a read on what is needed, especially during covid. It's been very hard for families to maintain– social distancing for kids, toys had to be separated, no “community shared” toys, etc.
- Tara shared about the childcare legislation, The Common Start bill. The end goal is to make a childcare system that is affordable and high quality for all in the state. Currently offer a discounted rate for those on SNAP benefits. This bill would expand this to make the income cutoff higher for middle and upper middle income. It would cap at 7% of a family's income and many families at lower income would not pay at all. Want to support the current childcare providers and make sure there is an ample supply. Many providers are operating at very slim margins and state reimbursements are very low. Providing good childcare is expensive.
- Bill would create an additional funding amount to support providers also so they can survive year to year. Would also allow us to pay teachers higher wages at childcare facilities. Working on this with EEC.
- Current status: Bill was filed in January. Has also been filed on house side. Will come up for a hearing in the near future (to be scheduled). To find out more info on the bill and to get involved with local coalitions supporting the bill, visit commonstartma.org.
- Opened for Q &A. The bill is a long-term solution and written to account for scaling up over time. The more the states get in federal funding, the more we can use to expand the plans of the bill. It is consistent with the federal requirements.
- Shared a bit about needs Senator Moran's office has been seeing lately. Office receives 80- 90 emails a day from constituents and have seen an increase with calls about vaccines and testing. Want to be as responsive as possible. All hearings and sessions are all remote currently. Makes testifying more accessible.
- Also have received an astronomical number of calls related to unemployment as well as difficulty in filling open positions.

Opened floor for announcements or upcoming programs.

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Next Meeting: Health Literacy Awards on Friday, June 11th highlighting health literacy heroes in our community. This will take the place of SSCPP June meeting. Will send around Zoom info and invitation.

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