



South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

**South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (CHNA 23)
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
8:55 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
Zoom Meeting**

In attendance: Siobhan McKay, RN, Plymouth DDS; Sue Giovanetti, CEO Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless; Ann Burke, Fenway Health; Tom Cumiskey, Plymouth Public Library; Michelle Cardoso, WellSense Health Plan; Jen Cantwell, Plymouth County District Attorney's Office; Alexis Flaherty, Fuller and Pembroke Hospitals; Cheryl Kramer, Student Wellness Case Manager, Cape Cod Community College; Charlette Tarsi, Plymouth County HUB; Scott Fitzmaurice, Executive Director, We Thrive LGBTQ+ Center of Cape and Islands; Dora Teague, Case Management Coordinator, South Shore Community Action Council; Amy Sylvia South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center; Meaghan Groves Harbor Community Health- Plymouth; Gillian Norton, Social worker at Spaulding Rehab in Sandwich; Karen Peterson, BID Plymouth; Susan West, BID Plymouth; Kelly Macomber, Plymouth Public Schools; Christina Nordstrom, Kids Songs; Carol Burns; Ashley Frazier; Erin Morley; Mike Jackman, SSCPP Chair, Congressman Keating's Office, Kim Scotland, United Way/SSCPP

Mike Jackman, SSCPP Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:50am. All provided self-introductions in the chat.

All voted to approve the September general meeting minutes.

Special Steering Committee Member Election: Mike opened a special election outside of SSCPP's Annual Meeting in June to present three new candidates for the steering committee:

- Suzanne Giovanetti, Chief Executive Officer, Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless
- Nicole Long, CEO, OCES
- Kelly Macomber, Family and Community Engagement Specialist, Plymouth Public Schools

Kelly was in attendance and given the opportunity to address the membership.

A motion was made to approve the three candidates. Mike opened the floor for any other nominations, and none were heard. All in attendance voted to approve the three new members. Congratulations to Kelly, Sue, and Nicole!

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Mike also thanked former steering committee member Maureen Doherty for her service. She is no longer at BID and thus no longer a member of the SSCPP steering committee.

Mike closed the special meeting and called the general meeting to order at 8:56am.

"Kids' Songs a la Carte" Program Highlight

Presented by Christina Nordstrom, Lyrics & Prose

- Christina shared she was involved with CHNA some years back when she worked at BID, and it is great to see the group still active. Her program, Kids' Songs was created in 2005. Christina is a music educator and artist.
- She recently created a toolkit to more widely share the program which is a resource for anyone that works with kids. It is a train the trainer model and no musical expertise is required. There are pre-recorded songs to use if needed but it is fun to perform them live.
- Songs have health and safety information. Can demonstrate things like making healthy choices, self-empowerment, hand washing, first aid, etc.
- Songs can be customized based on child's age and use visual models.
- Christina has two programs coming up on October 22nd at the Plymouth Library and on October 29th at the Sandwich Library.
- BID Plymouth provides content experts.
- Target age group for the program is kids in elementary through middle school.

Tom Cummiskey, Outreach Librarian at the Plymouth Public Library shared briefly about the **September 24th Health Fair** he organized. SSCPP helped to sponsor the event. Had a great turnout and the most providers ever at the annual fair! He appreciates everyone's feedback. Had great snacks and music thanks to the generosity of BID Plymouth who provided some funding to help sponsor the event. Are hoping to pick a date next year that does not conflict with other events such as the annual Alzheimer's Walk.

Major Topic: Monkeypox

Presented by: Adrianna Boulton, MPH Director of Community Impact & Engagement, Fenway Health
Ken Mayer, MD Medical Research Director, Co-Chair of the Fenway Institute

Resources shared during the presentation: www.fenwayhealth.org/monkeypox,
www.mass.gov/monkeypox, www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html

Mike thanked Ann Burke for putting together the presentation and shared this topic is co-presented by CHNA 23 & CHNA 27 (Cape of the Islands CHNA). Hope to work together more this year on topics of mutual interest.

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Ann introduced herself. CHNA 27 is hoping to begin offering quarterly meetings this year. SSCPP members are welcome to join CHNA 27 meetings. As CHNAs no longer have the DPH support they once had, the steering committees are working to keep both CHNAs sustained and active.

Ann introduced Adrianna Boulin and Dr. Ken Mayer.

- Fenway Health provides care for about 35,000 people around the state with direct patient care. Also have public health programs that deal with harm reduction activities, housing assistance, legal assistance, etc. as well as the Fenway Institute which Dr. Mayer co-hosts.
- Adrianna invited folks to answer a few questions ahead of presentation on menti.com.
- Fenway strives to inform people what their role in prevention can be. When they first learned of the Monkeypox outbreak in May, educated staff and providers as well as adjusted their work flow and protocol.
- Externally, Fenway has been doing a lot of engagement. Have offered a number of webinars and are trying to be at the table with the community. Have created social media posts and fact sheets that answer a lot of the questions people are asking.
- Adrianna shared about stigma defined as discrimination against any identifiable population. Stigma can lead to folks not reporting symptoms. She hopes we can all agree that the common goal is to prevent and treat the virus. Encourage members of the community to educate themselves on the facts and share accurate facts. Goal is prevention and treatment to help with behaviors of stigma.
- In prevention messaging, Fenway has been clear there has been an outbreak in gay and bisexual men. Anyone can get monkeypox; right now the members experiencing outbreak are among gay and bisexual men.
- Dr. Mayer shared some facts. Currently, we have 26,000 cases of Monkeypox in the US. The rate of infection seems to be slowing.
- Monkeypox is part of a family of viruses called pox viruses- same family as chickenpox and smallpox.
- Global attention began when two big parties with sexual intimacy began spreading the virus. Monkeypox is a spectrum of manifestation and not everyone reacts the same way. We do not know yet how many folks may be asymptomatic and spreading. Classically, person may feel like they have a viral illness coming on before rash appears. Rash starts as small red bumps and then have fluid in them that can become easily infected. Then can become scabs and lesions. The location of the lesions can be throughout body or where person was first exposed.
- Testing for monkeypox: One has to rub a swab over a lesion and send to a lab for a specialized assay. Can take a couple weeks for a person to not be contagious.
- Transmission is mostly sexual (intimate bodily contact) but there have been isolated cases where it was not spread this way. Common sense precautions make sense. Not a respiratory virus.
- Fenway has diagnosed over sixty people with Monkeypox so far.

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- Discussed vaccine options for the virus. There are several out there. A newer two-dose vaccine is currently available. This vaccine is safe and well tolerated. The data suggests that two doses are key. Not sure how long protection lasts.
- Opened for Q&A.

The floor was opened for any announcements. Kim reminded all that SSCPP is looking for members to share social media highlights. She will send out the criteria to the e-mail list again.

Next Meeting: November 9th

Mike shared the topic will be a panel on Veterans Health. Hoping to host this meeting in person. More to come.

Adjourned at 10:04am

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