

Hi everyone,

Hope you are feeling the wind in your sails after Oami's announcement that **SAPHE 2.0 was passed into law** through the Eco Dev bill! Congratulations to all once again for this major success in a multi-year effort

Turning our heads back to the daily work, it's time to drill down our next meeting agenda. OLRH has a 20 min presentation on the Local Public Health Data Solutions (LPHDS) scheduled for 12/2 and has requested that our conversation with Caitlin and Jessica on public health nursing be moved to 12/16. What are your thoughts about this arrangement? From what I heard on Monday, I see our options as being:

1. Leave the plan as is - with an update on LPHDS on 12/2 and a conversation about PHN on 12/16.
2. Push back in the interest of time, and request that the PHN conversation happen on 12/2 instead.
3. Have both the LPHDS and PHN conversation on 12/2, recognizing that we may need to sacrifice some of our internal discussion.

The cleaned up feedback doc on the nursing program SOW is [here](#). These talking points will be used to inform our conversation when it occurs. **Please let me know what feels like the best course of action by the end of this week.**

Best,



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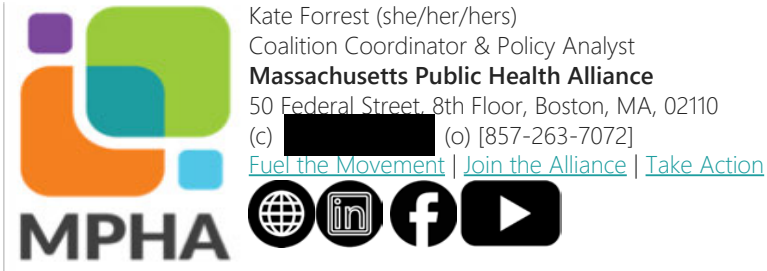
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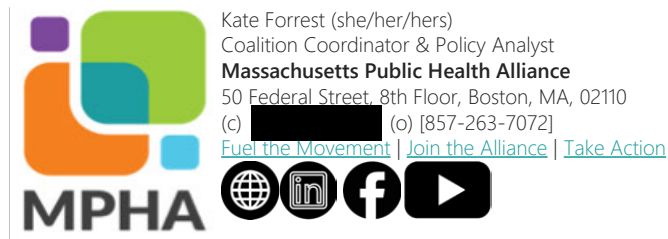
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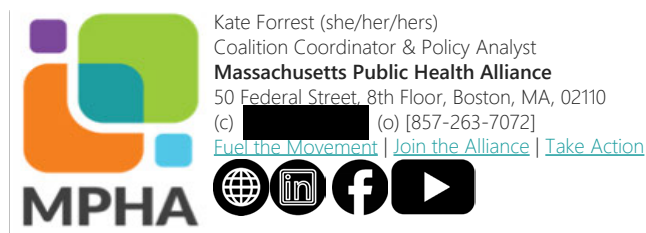
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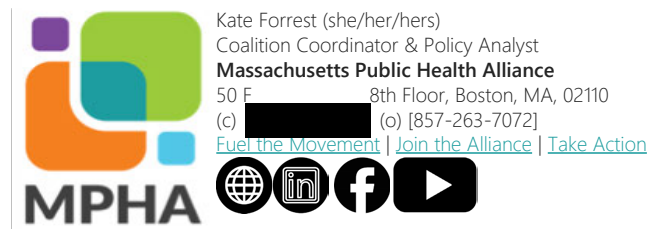
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Hi all,

Quick follow-up to my last email. I received a number of presentation requests from OLRH March - April, copied below. Keep in mind that we have tentatively planned a discussion with MTCP re: JUUL settlement funding on March 10th. With that in mind, I'm hoping you all can help me answer the following:

1. **What is a better use of time on 3/10 - discussion with MTCP or OLRH on the LPH training academy project?**
2. **If we decide to push the 3/10 discussion with MTCP out, when should it take place?**

If you could let me know your thoughts by EOD tomorrow, that would be much appreciated. Thank you!

CLPH Meetings	Agenda Items	Person(s)	Time
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Best,

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Subject: [Please read!] Instructions for 2/24 CLPH mtg + JJR focus group

Good morning, CLPH!

Hope you're staying warm on this frigid morning! I'm reaching out with a reminder that **next week's CLPH meeting on 2/24** will look a little different than usual. At 2pm, please click on the Zoom link provided by JJR for the LPH funding sustainability focus group. The focus group will run for one hour. At 3pm, we will exit the focus group and click on our usual CLPH Zoom link for the remaining 30 minutes. See agenda below:

[CLICK ON JJR ZOOM LINK]:

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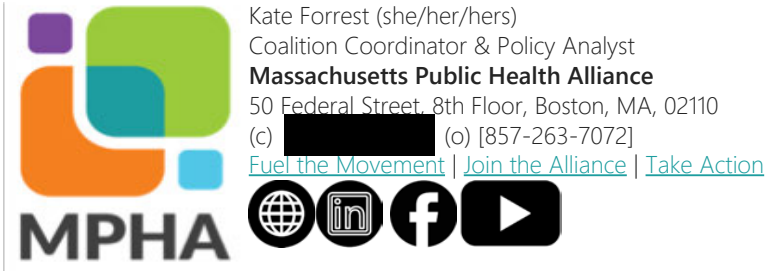
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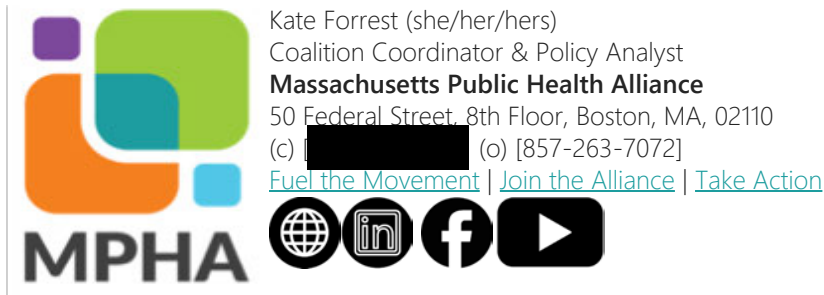
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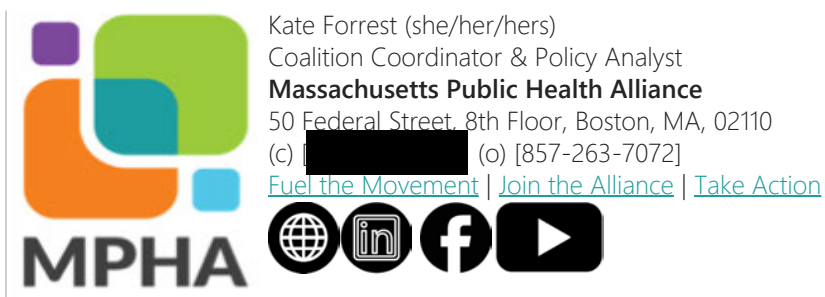
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Hi all,

I also wanted to flag that we have a [near final draft of public comment](#) on the ADU regulations. The letter must be filed tomorrow, so if folks can take a look and make any final comments and edits **today (Thursday)** that would be great. The letter was developed/discussed at the legislative subcommittee (Phoebe, Cheryl, Mike, Tim, Teresa, Shin-Yi, Carlene, Kate, me). Given the content, I think it makes sense for the letter to be signed by MEHA, MHOA, MAHB, WMPHA, and MPHA. I am less sure about MAPHN and MLCHC. Can each org take a look at the letter and confirm your sign on (or let me know if your org wants to sit it out)? Tim, Phoebe, and Mike, if one or two of you could also do a close read to make sure what I wrote actually makes sense and help me fix anything that doesn't that would be much appreciated. I will plan to submit tomorrow afternoon.

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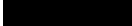
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My 2 cents

Mike

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Thanks for the changes; they look great. Phoebe us checking with wmpa now.

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I'm still cleaning up the intro and will have that done in the next couple hours.

Phoebe/Laura can you confirm that WMPHA will sign on? I'm not listing individual names, just org names.

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My 2 cents

Mike

On Fri, Jan 10, 2025 at 9:04 AM Oami Amarasingham <Oamarasingham@mapublichealth.org> wrote:

Phoebe, do you mean the AHA prevented ADUs being restricted owner-occupied or the AHA prevented STR in ADUs being restricted to owner occupied? If the former, we could still suggest that the regulations restrict ADUs against short term rentals unless (1) owner occupied or (2) municipality takes affirmative steps to authorize STRs in ADUs. I'm in meetings for the next few hours and will come back to this at around 1.

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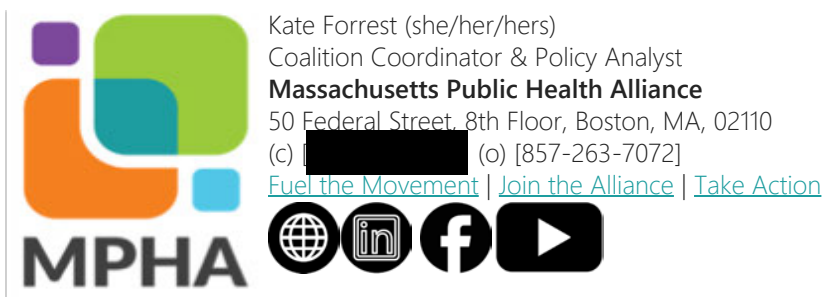
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2:15pm – DEP updates (*Andrea Briggs, DEP*)

state partners depart, BUSPH joins

2:30pm – LPHIT update (*Angela Margardino, BUSPH*)

3:00pm – Internal debrief + discussion (*all*)

3:25pm – Building out next agenda (*Kate Forrest, MPHA*)

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Final note: I want to draw your attention to the request below from DEP regarding ADUs. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Best,

Kate

Dear CLPH Leadership and Members

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Thank you,

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Thanks,
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We are officially one week into 2025 and things have already kicked into high gear. As you know, our **first coalition meeting of 2025 is next Monday, January 13th from 2-3:30pm.** Today, I need your help to confirm Monday's agenda and prioritize discussion through the end of the month.

When we said our goodbyes before the holidays, there were two external discussion requests on the table:

1. LPHIT update from BUSPH on January 13th, and
2. Discussion on JUUL settlement funds with MTCP on January 27th.

Since then, OLRH also made two requests for January. Rachael would like 10-15 minutes for general updates on 1/13 and about 40 minutes to discuss implementation of SAPHE 2.0 on 1/27. Of course, meeting time is limited, so here's where your input is needed. My questions for the group are:

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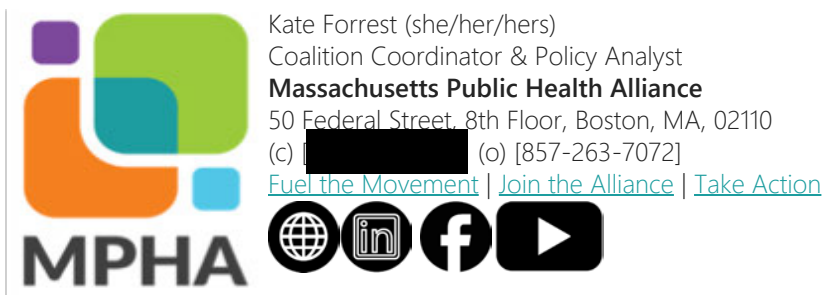
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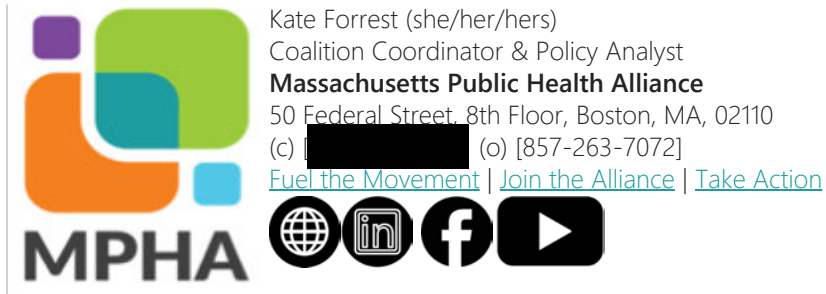


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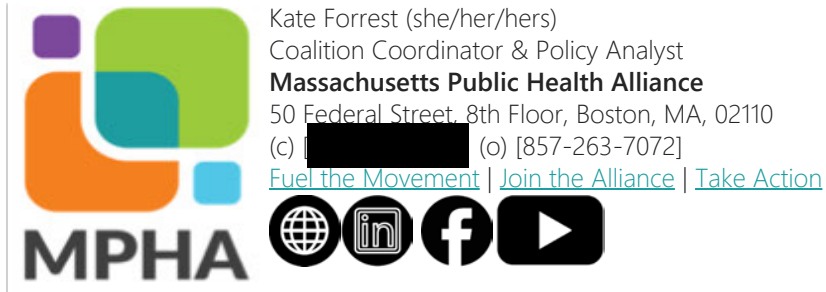
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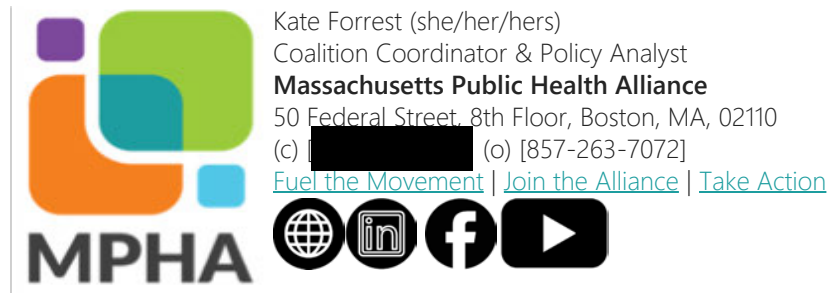
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The notes put into an inspection are helpful but do not automatically get sent anywhere when entered in the system. Any deletions have to be requested from Counter Tools - even I do not have the ability to cancel any visits from the system. I already requested the duplicate for the Sunoco retailer so that will get done within a few days. The other one, since it was a sale to minor, I'm leaving in the system since it was still a sale regardless of the youth "lying" about age - agree we do not want youth to lie about anything during inspections but in the future if this does happen I'd let the judicial process take care of it. (A minor lying about their age should still not get sold a tobacco product - the retail clerk is supposed to see a valid government issued ID).

The naming protocol is up for debate by some programs - I'll have to look and see if its written down somewhere and send it to you. The retailer name for our purposes in POST should be what is on the sign - there is a spot for retailer owner information and permit # etc. Sorry for the confusion on this one, not sure where the ball was dropped.
No big deal, you can just adjust them as you continue to go out in the field.

Thanks for the notes,
Marty

Marty Miarecki

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From: Lisa Cielez <lcielez@newtonma.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 10:07 AM
To: Miarecki, Martin (DPH) <martin.miarecki@mass.gov>
Cc: Sarah McColgan <smccolgan@mhoa.com>
Subject: RE: Newton and Waltham

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Hi Sarah and Marty,

A few things:

1. Tried to update those two yellow highlighted cases – let me know if this works. For J&S Mobil visit, the youth inspector originally said he was 21 to the clerk, so we are not counting that as a violation or a completed youth compliance check, since they are not allowed to lie about their age. I thought I had conveyed that in the notes and by saying the inspection was not completed. For Negoshian Enterprises (Elliot St Sunoco in Newton) – this was an accidental duplicate report which I also put in the notes, my tablet restarted while I was still typing and made a duplicate. I put in that inspection report notes that it was a duplicate and to see the other report. I can't delete these, so if the documentation isn't conveying what you need it to, let me know how to correct it.
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Lisa Cielez

Public Health Nurse Educator (*she/her*)

Department of Health and Human Services | City of Newton



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1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton, MA 02459

From: Sarah McColgan <smccolgan@mhoa.com>

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2023 11:08 AM

To: Lisa Cielez <lcielez@newtonma.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Newton and Waltham

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Hi. I'm forwarding this to your Newton email because it involves their data in POST, but I have a

feeling that some of the issues may be in Waltham data also. Can you look into correcting the issues, and if you have questions you can contact Marty Miarecki. Thanks!

Sarah McColgan
Mass. Health Officers Association
Tobacco Control Program Director


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To: Brush, Mary (DPH) <mary.brush@state.ma.us>
Cc: Sarah McColgan <smccolgan@mhoa.com>, Butler, Molly (DPH) <molly.butler@state.ma.us>

Hello,

I know this is a newer area of funding.....who did the training for (I think her name is Lisa) ? I'm seeing a lot of retailer naming issues that will create more work for her in the future with merger conflict resolutions. In the attached list you can see a bunch of retailer names listed by their permit name vs what is on the signage. When the FDA upload occurs and the data is merged it will create conflicts at those retailers.

Also shown in the attached file, hi-lighted in orange there are a few sales that occurred that require more information to be filled out.....namely the price of the product and action taken after the sale - both fields were left blank.

If she has questions on naming retailers, let me know (she can use the Corporation field for those names NOT on the signage).

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citycouncil@newtonma.gov. and cc to. jnorton@newtonma.gov (she is the clerk for the programs and services committee)

Thanks so much for your help...

BTW - do you happen to know which other cities/towns are taking this up?

Susan

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Lisa

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Pete**

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781.223.1644**

Name: [REDACTED]
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Address: 33 Nonantum Place
Newton, MA 02458

Subject

Indoor Air Pollution/Smoking - DMH subsidized facilities

Comments

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