PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

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PVPC is responsible for increasing communication, cooperation, and coordination among all in order to benefit the Pioneer Valley region and to improve its residents' quality of life.
What PVPC Does

PVPC provides professional and technical assistance services in many areas, including:

- Transportation, Land Use & Planning, Community Development & Housing, Regional and Municipal Services, Sustainability & Climate Change Mitigation and Emergency Preparedness.
- Creating efficiencies by working together
- Two Town’s are contiguous and demographically similar
- Opportunity exists now to create a single shared health services entity …the Longmeadow - East Longmeadow Public Health Partnership (LELPHP).
- Single shared Health Director for both Towns
- Engaged right now in working with boards of health and other local officials on developing a reasonable and workable shared services framework
- Developing Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA)
- Looking at FY 2021 to initiate shared arrangement
**LELPHP Funding and Support Sources**

- Created study committee comprised of local officials and Board of Health representatives

- Initial 2018 study funded through District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) planning Grant through PVPC

- DLTA Support of $24,161 allowed for initial PVPC comprehensive study to be managed, completed and approved by the two towns

- Moving into implementation phase study committee requested $181,500 in Efficiency and Regionalization (E&R) funding through Division of Local Services (DLS)

- That request was not awarded but effort is receiving $55,500 in Community Compact Grant funding from DLS to support a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and PVPC expertise
Other Potential Funding and Support Sources

- Office of Local Public Health Initiatives - Erica Piedade, Director erica.m.piedade@state.ma.us

- Work with your local Regional Planning Agency (RPA), there are 14 in the Commonwealth with access to resources


- Center for the Sharing of Public Health Services - Locally the Berkshire Public Health Alliance received funding from them to do a small project to support shared public health services. https://phsharing.org/

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provides funding to support the culture of health initiatives: https://www.rwjf.org/.
New State Legislation
HD 2682

- New legislation HD 2682 – An Act Relative to Strengthening the Local and Regional Public health system -

- “State Action for Public Health Excellence” (SAPHE)
  - Access to Education on Core Functions
  - Provides for a more effective and delivery of services
  - Increase sharing across municipalities
  - Data reporting, cross-jurisdictional to increase capacity
  - Attempting to provide support through incentive grant program
  - Incentivized through implementation of best practices
  - Moving onwards national Standards
- Looking ahead to this being the transition year
- Developing outline and framework for CHA Plan
- Create bid specification for CHA Plan
- Award CHA Plan to qualified vendor
- Work on cross-jurisdictional relationship
- Developing draft Inter-municipal (IMA) agreement
- Review and approval of IMA by both Communities
- Look for additional funding if necessary
- Have partnership operating by July 1, 2020
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