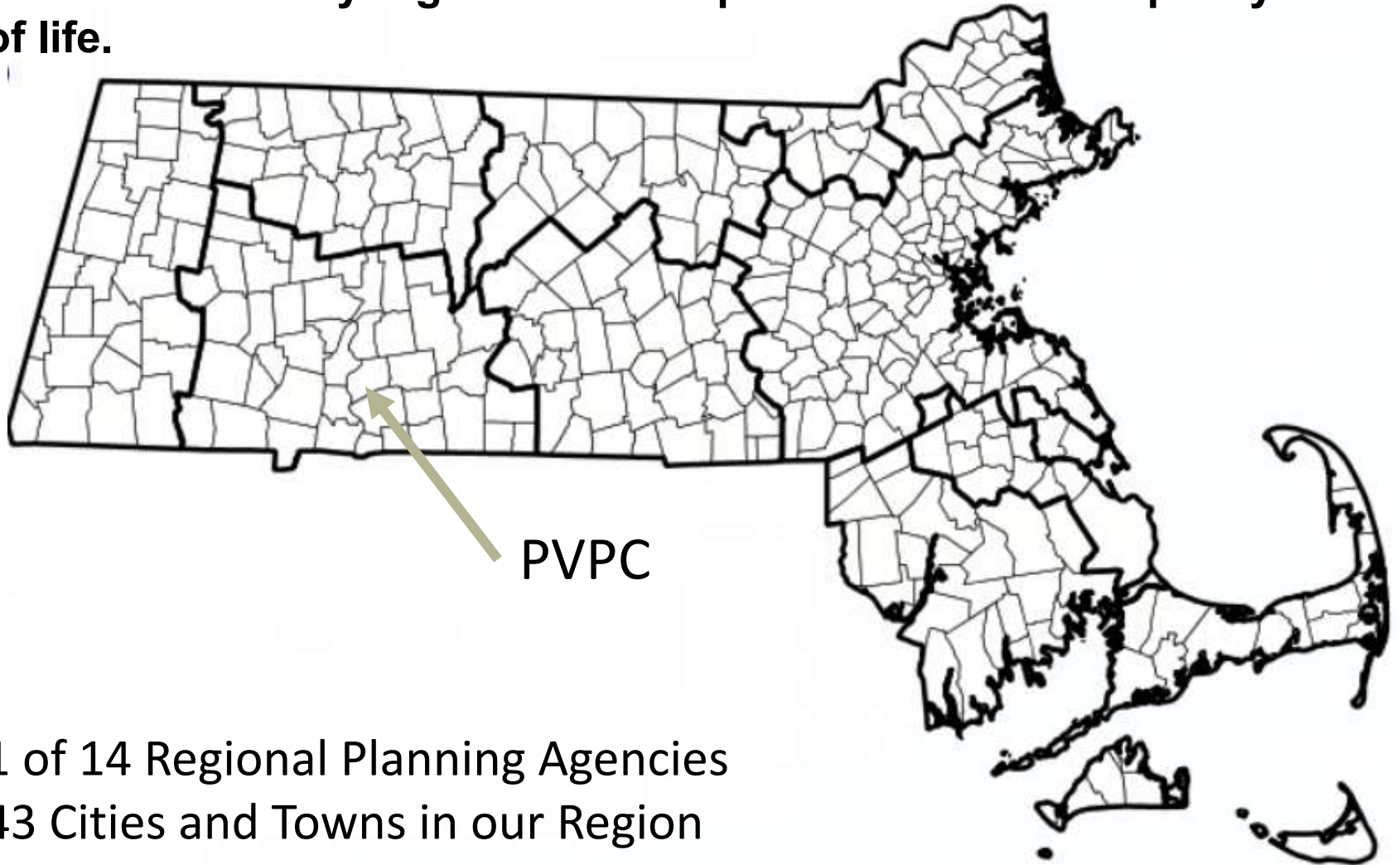


PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

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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.



1 of 14 Regional Planning Agencies
43 Cities and Towns in our Region

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



Longmeadow - East Longmeadow Public Health Partnership

- **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 yur local Regional Planning Agency (RPA), there are 14 in the Commonwealth with access to resources
- Mass Public Health Association- <https://mapublichealth.org>.
- 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 owards national Satndards

LELPHP

Next Steps

- 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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