

**MINUTES
October 20, 2008**

**General Membership Meeting
Bi-County Collaborative
397 Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038**

In attendance: Robin Ahigian, Patric Barbieri, Rose Marie Boniface, Anne Booth, Larry Carroll, Jacki Clark, Catherine Cooper, Cathy Cummins, Susan Cuoco Hassan, Deirdre Dowd-Pizzuto, Bill Erickson, John Farrington, John Fletcher, George Flynn, Bob Gass, Beth Gonyea, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Marty Hanley, David Heimbecker, Peter Kopcha, John Mara, Ed McCaul, Anne McKenzie, Richard Murphy, Mike Palladino, Judy Riggs, Susan Rees, Mike Savage, Joan Schuman, Nancy Sullivan, Steve Theall, Dorsey Yearley, Anita Woods.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

I. Dr. Karla Brooks Baehr, Deputy Commissioner, DESE, described the DESE's plan to develop a unit on regional systems of support. She asked what the DESE should do or stop doing to help collaboratives do their work.

Robin Ahigian announced the second round of the Title I School Improvement Grant. Invitations to a November 5 informational session went out October 20.

II. Executive Director's Report

III. Treasurer's Report

Richard Murphy stated that dues have been collected from all collaboratives except one.

IV. Capacity Building – A Regional Approach
What does it mean to my collaborative and region?

This discussion will continue at the November 3 Executive Board meeting. The goal of that meeting is to develop talking points about what collaboratives can do and how they can help school districts.

V. Lisa Coenen, Mass Educational Collaborative Nurse Association, described the specialized work of collaborative nurses.

VI. Garth Brown from Colonial Life presented some voluntary insurance products.

VII. Antonio Pagan from Hampshire Educational Collaborative showed the new MOEC website. The website is now operational, although some pages are incomplete: www.moecnet.org.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

- Legislative
The membership voted on...
- Professional Development
Please rsvp by October 24 to the December 10 Rob Evans presentation: Surviving and Thriving in Challenging Times
- Data
The membership offered changes and additions to the survey.
- New Initiatives
Steve Theall is seeking members to join the New Initiatives subcommittee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Caroline Sabin