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Erie County
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Department of Health

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County**
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Philadelphia
Department
of Public Health

Wilkes-Barre
Wilkes-Barre City
Health Department

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York City
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Attendees

- Allegheny County – Debra Bogen, Maura Jacobs
- Allentown – Absent
- Bethlehem – Kristen Wenrich
- Bucks – David Damsker
- Chester – Absent
- Erie – Melissa Lyon
- Montgomery – Janet Panning
- Philadelphia – Justin Harlem
- Wilkes-Barre – Henry Radulski
- York – Barbara Kovacs

Minutes

- **Communication with PADOH**
 - Melissa of Erie floated the idea of requesting monthly, hour-long meetings with PADOH to enhance communications and discuss topics of interest.
 - All members were supportive.
- **Virtual Hill Day**
 - Melissa of Erie recommended that all members participate if available as a method to increase direct communications with congressional offices.
- **Acts 12 and 315**
 - On January 22, 2021, the Coalition sent a letter to Governor Wolf and PADOH Secretary Levine requesting increased funding for local health departments.
 - In response, the Governor announced the following would be included in his budget request:

“The ten county and municipal health departments (CMHDs) in Pennsylvania are the main providers of public health services to 42 percent of the commonwealth’s population. Level funding of the appropriation and increasing costs for the CMHDs in the fight against COVID-19 have combined to put budgetary pressure on every local health department. The 2021-22 budget includes \$8.3 million to achieve the maximum per capita grant for the existing ten CMHDs allowable by statute. This investment will also support the establishment of the Delaware County Health Department in January 2022. This critical investment in local public health infrastructure is more important now than ever as Pennsylvania unites to fight against COVID-19.”

- **COVID-19 Discussion**
 - General updates

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