

# NEW JERSEY LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Regular Meeting Location South Brunswick Municipal Center 540 Ridge Road Monmouth Juncion, New Jersey 08852 P.O. Box 5069 Kendall Park, NJ 08824

#### **MINUTES**

**Date:** April 21,2018 **Time:** 11:00 a.m.

Meeting called to Order: by President Christine Harris

## Pledge of Allegiance:

<u>Member roll call</u>: Christine Harris, John Saccenti, Michael Richmond, Paul Roman, Rochelle Evans, Ken McCormick, Paul Roman, Valerie Williams and Joe Principe.

<u>Members Absent:</u> Walter Stein, Joe Principe, Bob Uhrik, Steve Papenberg and Jo Hochman. Excused: Nancy Wilson and Dr. Harris Levine

<u>Motion for Approval of March 18,2018 meeting minutes as amended:</u> Motioned by Paul Roman and 2nd by Christine Harris. Unanimous approval.

#### **President's Announcements:**

- Discussion of Immunization Exemption Bill
- Representation for "Legislation Day" proposed week of June 4th or 11th.
- Condolences for Nancy Wilson's mother will be sent on behalf of NJLBHA.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

- **Condolences** to Nancy Wilson –A motion was made by Paul that a donation of \$50.00 to Nancy Wilson's as condolence from NJLBHA, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Ken with unanimous approval.
- Representation for "Legislation Day" All five PHACE organizations will be represented. We do not have a definite date, (June 4th or 11th) Paul volunteered to attend on behalf of NJLBHA. John will make B & W copies of the newsletter and membership applications for distribution.
- Immunization exemption bill- pros and cons of the bill were discussed. Ken recommended canvasing our membership for their opinions on immunization exemption. The group unanimously agreed not to take a position, but to include CDC educational information regarding this bill in our upcoming newsletter and on the website.

#### **Legal:** Attorney Michael Richmond Reported...

• Distributed for member review - changes that he made to the orientation manual (page 4-9) which will better define boards of health responsibilities in accordance with the form of the municipal government i.e.... Faulkner Act, Walsh Act, regional B.O.H., County B.O.H. He is also planning to create a chart to help with this understanding.

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# Membership Committee: John Saccenti, Paul Roman

- Thus far 63 members have paid and we are continuing to receive renewal daily.
- Calls are going out to old members who have not yet renewed.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Steve Papenberg was not in attendance... report to be submitted at the next meeting.

### **Communications:** Valarie Williams reported...

- Copies of the newsletter procedure was handed out by Pres. Christine Harris
- Next newsletter will go out in July 2018
- Next year our first newsletter will be produced in January as the Winter edition.
- Articles will be due no later than the third week of the month preceding the edition.
- To invite readers/ audience participation to send in articles to us, a new section will be added to the newsletter under the heading "What's Going on In Your Town?"
- On April 28th Valerie will be attending an opioid awareness conference in Wharton, New Jersey, where she plans to meet with Freeholder, Kathy De Filippo on opioid awareness and Stigma Free Communities.

#### **PHACE:** Paul Roman Reported...

- Public health emergency response plans are being developed by the state of New Jersey
- Monday, June 18th. is the local public health officers conference in Quakerbridge New Jersey.
- We need policies for money management; Michael is reviewing for recommendations
- Walter is still convalescing.
- The next PHACE meeting will be scheduled in early May.
- May 17th. NJSDOH is hosting a conference "Disaster Lessons Learned"
- June 7<sup>th</sup>. is the SOPHE Conference
- A meeting is being set up in May with the new commissioner and we will be focusing on increasing the PHPF funding and the enforcement of B.O.H. laws/ Authority.
- A meeting will be scheduled with the Nicholson Foundation with the intent to establish incorporation; probably a 501-C3. Paul will keep us posted on their progress.

# Other Business / Open Discussion

**Motion to Adjourn** – made by Ken and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, with unanimous approval.

Adjournment: 1:10 p.m.pm

Respectfully submitted,



Rochelle Evans

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