



## NEW JERSEY LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION

**Regular Meeting Location**  
**South Brunswick Municipal Building**  
**540 Ridge Avenue**  
**South Brunswick, New Jersey**

**P.O. Box 5069**  
**Kendall Park, NJ 08824**

January 4, 2020  
10:30 am – 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

Meeting called by Christine Harris, President  
Call to order: 11:25 am; Pledge of Allegiance

Member roll call: Christine Harris, John Saccenti, Dr. Harris Levine, Michael Richmond, Paul Roman, Robert Uhrik and Steve Papenberg.

Absent: George DiFerdinando, Jo Hochman, Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis, Nancy Wilson and Rochelle Evans.

Motion for Approval of October 5, 2019 meeting minutes 1<sup>st</sup> Harris Levine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Papenberg

### **Discussion Topics:**

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

- League of Municipalities Convention, on November 19-21. Acting DOH Commissioner Persichilli presented the State of Health of NJ, followed by Pres. Harris. The NJACCO Legislative luncheon held at the Tropicana.
- NJLBHA Annual Awards Dinner held on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Bill S2173 clarifies mandatory exemptions for immunizations. Members of PHACE testified in support of its passage, however more support is needed. Position papers "Three Points of Contact" and "Vaccination Position Brief" were disseminated and the video "Time before Vaccinations", all will be posted on our website.
- Discuss the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "Building a Culture of Health: A Policy Roadmap to Help All New Jerseyans Live Their Healthiest Lives" with Rutgers University \$2.55 million; a goal is for everyone to have a fair and just opportunity for health and well-being, regardless of race, income, gender, and geography, among other factors. Michael suggested applying for the \$100k or \$250k grant on, leadership training, anti-smoking, vaping and drug addiction.
- Winter Newsletter due by 2<sup>nd</sup> or no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January 2020.

#### **Legal – Attorney Michael Richmond:**

1. Status of your legal video for our website, working on it.
2. Consider immunization as your topic for the Newsletter.
3. Follow-up on Sustainable Jersey – Action plan: If you want to participate in Sustainable Jersey, all municipalities must have some form of a board of health. Sustainable Jersey Gold Program for Health will require mandatory compliance with statutory or advisory BOH, and members need initial certification training and continuing education.

Membership Committee - Steve Papenberg, John Saccenti, and Paul Roman. Distribution of Association letters for membership and renewal.



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Communication - Newsletter – Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis (absent)

Reports by Ex-Officio Members – Bob Uhrick NJEHA Annual Conference March 1-3, 2020 in Atlantic City (the Association will set up a booth (voted and unanimously approved). NEHA in New York City, July 13-16, Sheridan Hotel, Times Square.

Report State Legislative Liaison: Jo Hochman (absent)

PHACE- Paul Roman, Steve Papenberg: Immunization bill, PHACE Fact Sheet and Video were discussed. Movement towards incorporation.

Treasurer's Report- Stephen Papenberg: After expenditures, balance: \$7,474.63

Other Business/Open Discussion:

Discussions on cost of updating the online questions and the legal video. Need to redesign and update website capability for ongoing education, webinars and content on climate issues and health equity.

Follow-up on League Affiliate status.

Members to commit to visiting local boards to join the Association.

Paul discussed plans to deliver award to Assemblyman Conaway in the next State Health Committee Meeting. Walter Stein commemorative award will be presented to Mrs. Stein.

Education Foundation connected to League of Municipalities and Sustainable Jersey.

Begin announcements for Award nominations in September.

Congressman Frank Pallone, US House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman, received the APHA Award.

Federal funding provided to Newark to begin replacement of lead-lined water pipes.

Steve to discuss DCA questions.

Adjournment:

2:28 pm

Respectfully submitted

Christine Harris