



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**

*March 7, 2020
10:30 am – 1:00 pm*

MINUTES

*Meeting called by Christine Harris, President
Call to order at 11:23 a.m.
Pledge of Allegiance*

Member roll call:

Present: Christine Harris, Dr. George Di Ferdinando, Dr. Harris Levine, Steve Papenberg, Rochelle Evans, John Saccenti, Michael Richmond and Bob Uhrik.

Absent: Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis, Paul Roman, Jo Hochman and Nancy Wilson.

A motion to approval February 15, 2020 minutes was made by Steve Papenberg and 2nd by John Saccenti.

Discussion Topics:

President's Announcements:

- *Attended Career Development Institutes COVID 19 Seminar on March 5th. Dr. G. DiFerdinando and Attorney M. Richman presenters.*
- *Will be working on the COVID 19 seminar handout for our website as an educational piece for BOH.*
- *Reviewed and updated the online BOH certification test. The Orientation Manual and website were also updated for informational consistency.*
- *Website links will be updated.*
- *East Orange Health Department & BOH Held a Public Health Forum on Vaping, E-cig and Tobacco at STEM Academy on March 3rd. Presenter: Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, GASP & Dr. A. Berman Pulmonologist University Hospital Newark, & Professor School of Medicine.*

Membership Committee - Steve Papenberg and John Saccenti:

We need to increase our membership.

Copies of the newsletter were handed out, so that members can use while inviting membership.

Dr. Levine is working on a list of towns in Bergen County that he is planning to invite to become members.

Legal - Attorney Michael Richmond:

1. *Having a scheduled telephone conference with the head of the Public Health Department at the College of New Jersey in follow-up regarding students gathering information for BOH, work on updating website and on the newsletter.*



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2. Will be attending the Governance Committee meeting of Sustainable New Jersey to identify activities for creating advisory boards of health and making sure we have functioning BOH.
3. Will investigate getting funding to support a video from Rutgers.
4. Recommended getting out a special newsletter in reference to the COVID19.
5. Attending a meeting of Mayors in Camden County and briefly discussed Association BOH membership in conjunction with Sustainable Jerseys Gold Stand in health.

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

Reports by Ex-Officio Members – Bob Uhrik; NJEHA had a great meeting which he attended. Topics were CBD and Vaping. The fall conference is in September with elections this year.
Bob is now a member of the New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Committee.

Report State Legislative Liaison - Jo Hochman (absent); conveyed by email there was nothing to report.

PHACE- Paul Roman, Steve Papenberg:

Discussed the Immunization Bill and the next PHACE meeting will be held at the South Brunswick Municipal Building on March 30th at 1:00 p.m.
Public Health Week is April 1st - 5th

Treasurer's Report - Stephen Papenberg

We now have our IRS certificate for non-profit status.

Web masters -Carey-1099 is also done.

The newsletters have been mailed out to the membership.

Treasurer's report was presented:

Bank Balance as of February 29th was \$6264.28,

Expenditures were \$461.05 and current balance is \$5803.23.

A motion was made to accept the financial report by Dr. DiFerdinando and 2nd by John Saccenti. All were in favor.

Other Business/Open Discussion:

Dr. DiFerdinando discussed the rising incidences of COVID19 cases, possible school closures, along with municipal considerations that are ongoing in Princeton. Currently there are also strong recommendations that people over 60 years old should stay home. He also explained the spread of this disease in the current location (New Rochelle New York) with the highest confirmed number cases thus far. Dr. Levine also contributed to the overall discussion on viral spread, disease prevention, preexisting conditions and testing.

John Saccenti recommended that restaurant menus should be disposable or on a computer screen to help prevent the spread of disease.



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Due to multiple reasons, rescheduling the timing, type and venue for the Annual Awards Dinner was raised. Steve motioned that the Awards Dinner be postponed until 2021, proposed for June or July. Motion was 2nd by John, all were in favor.

Discussed the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute and the Mayor's Wellness Campaign in partnership with the NJ League of Municipalities.

Discussed upcoming news announcement of Congressman Frank Pallone and the allocation of monies to NJ municipalities to address COVID19.

Discussion ensued regarding PHAB and incentives toward DOH accreditation.

Adjournment: 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rochelle Evans