



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**

*February 13, 2021
11:06 am – 1:00 pm*

MINUTES

*Meeting called by Christine Harris, President
Call to order: 10:38 am; Pledge of Allegiance.*

Zoom Telecommunication: ID 868-4018-5009, host Laura Stanzilis.

Member roll call: Christine Harris, Dr. George DiFerdinando, John Saccenti, Michael Richmond, Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis, Nancy Wilson, Paul Roman and Steve Papenberg.

Absent: Jo Hochman, Joan Valas, Dr. Jeremy Grayson, Rochelle Evans and Robert Uhrik.

January 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Motions: 1st Nancy, 2nd Paul and unanimously approved as corrected.

Discussion Topics:

President's Announcements:

- 1. Newsletter disseminated to BOH and placed on our website. All election materials, request to review bylaws, official ballot and flyer for next Zoom meeting disseminated and on our website.*

Membership Committee: Steve Papenberg, John Saccenti, and Paul: 16 new members for 2021.

Legal Attorney Michael Richmond:

- 1. The need for a standardized BOH is increasingly evident. Working with Sustainable Jersey on creating local board of health, member selection, clarifying the application process according to the statutory requirement and informing applicants of options.*
- 2. Will follow-up contact in Camden County.*
- 3. Provide up-to-date information on vaccines.*
- 4. Will complete the Video for online training.*

Communication – Newsletter: Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis: Offered suggestions regarding the upcoming ZOOM meeting.

Reports by Ex-Officio Members: Bob Uhrik: Absent

Report State Legislative Liaison: Jo Hochman: Absent

PHACE- Paul Roman and Steve Papenberg: The Project Advisory Group of the RWJ Grant on public health infrastructure, held their first meeting and is tasked with comparing several state LBOH, especially Massachusetts with 353 municipalities and similar to NJ; to be completed by early Fall 2021.



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A new advocacy group of a national network of public health institutes, represented by Ms. S. Bookbinder, and involved with the Nicholson Foundation, are working to perhaps organize a New Jersey Health Institute.

The New Jersey Public Health Innovation is a new political action anti-vaccination group. Megan Avalon working on creating a pledge for the State Legislature, that they will not accept funding from any anti-vaccination groups.

Treasurer's Report: *Stephen Papenberg.*

Balance as of January 31, 2021: \$7,230.50

Bills: \$102.09 for Membership cards and Annual Report

\$30.00 for 1099 Carey-webmaster.

\$885.000 - Carey website updates and membership mailings.

Motion by Paul and 2nd by Laura to pay bills as presented. Motion by Laura and 2nd by Paul to accept financial report.

Other Business/Open Discussion:

- Discussion for volunteering with social services to inform the public of vaccination sites.*
- Dosages administered per county compared to doses administer to the county residents, show that Hudson and Mercer County are the first and second worst in the state. National research according to STAT, a Boston statistical firm, determined that NJ is the fourth most disparate vaccine delivery in the US related to income.*
- Discussed upcoming meeting in March.*
- John to contact League of Municipalities for email list of all municipalities.*
- System NJIIS (information immunization system) for recording vaccinations administered.*
- Executive Order 175 – decision about school reopening is left to the local municipality to conform to the CDC and State guidelines and indicates what it wants the LBOH to do regarding school reopening.*
- Proposed Legislative bills S-1416 and A-149, limits LBOH, and permits the governing body to serve as the LBOH in towns of low population size. This bill is supported by the League.*
- Commissioner Persichilli League speech in November 2020 was disseminated to HO and LHD showing funding of \$23 mil to LHD, all federal monies: no funding from NJ State.*

Adjournment at 1:00 pm: *Motioned by Paul and 2nd by Laura, unanimously approved.*

Minutes prepared by Christine Harris.