



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*

MAY 15, 2021 * Meeting held Virtually.

The Regular Meeting of the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association was called to order by Chairwoman Christine Harris at 11:03 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: John Saccenti, Nancy Wilson, Paul Roman, Steve Papenberg, Michael Richmond, Robert Uhrik, Laura Montenegro, Christine Harris

Absent: George DiFerdinando, Jerry Grayson, Jo Hochman, Joan Valas, Laura O'Reilly–Stanzilis

Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2021

The motion to approve the meeting minutes dated April 10, 2021 as amended was first moved by Mr. Saccenti seconded by Ms. Wilson, all in favor by voice vote.

Executive Board

New Executive Board Member

It was previously discussed that Laura Montenegro, Linden BOH, a member of the Association, will join the executive board.

The motion to include Laura Montenegro on the Executive Board was first moved by Mr. Papenberg seconded by Mr. Saccenti, all in favor by voice vote.

Motion moves

Vice President of Membership

The motion to appoint Paul Roman as Vice President of Membership was first moved by Mr. Papenberg, seconded by Ms. Montenegro, all in favor by voice vote.

Motion moves

Legal Attorney Michael Richmond

Mr. Richmond reported on the follow up of the *Update on Sustainable Jersey and Gold Standard of Health*. He explained how to reach the Gold Level steps; this is the first time the Gold level has been introduced. Attorney Richmond reported that four activities have been approved; he provided details. He reported that there will be a series of presentations of the various steps for the Gold Achievement. Mr. Richmond described the various presentations that will be offered. The Advisory Board will provide educational presentations, meet quarterly, and meet with Health Officers. Community Health Survey is needed; this will assist reaching the needs of the community. This information will be on our website; important to keep up to date. Chairwoman Harris stated that the Orientation Manual will have to be updated with this information. Attorney Richmond will draft the Advisory Board of Health guidelines.



Follow-up with Camden County

Mr. Richmond reported on Camden County's attempt to get vaccinations to the community.

Update on 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.

Mr. Richmond reported that the vote passed in the committee and senate on May 6, 2021; 5-0 vote. This was assigned to Committee on Government Organizations, not the Health Committee. He reported on how this bill should work; there will be a need to establish a Board of Health in all towns. There was continued discussion on the bill.

Reports by Ex-Officio Members: Bob Uhrik

Mr. Uhrik had nothing to report from NJEHA. All inspectors are trying to deal with pandemic and handle business as usual. Mr. Uhrik reported on the governor's change to the state of emergency information he received today.

Treasurer's Report: Stephen Papenberg

Mr. Papenberg reported:

Balance as of May 1, 2021: \$9,007.41
Income: \$4,535
Expenses: \$2,344

Mr. Papenberg reported that the current membership is 55; last month was 50. Mr. Richmond suggested we have brochures to solicit memberships from local Boards of Health. Mr. Uhrik stated that Rocky Hill's budget has not passed yet and may be the case for other towns.

PHACE – Paul Roman and Steve Papenberg

Mr. Roman reported that PHACE meets every other month. Mr. Roman reported that the next PHACE meeting is in about a week. PHACE reacted to a report put out by the NJ Healthcare Quality Institute in conjunction with BIO-NJ; report was created by paid organizations; he summed the report. They decided not to respond to the report. Eagleton Institute will be performing a public survey over the summer. There were further discussions regarding the survey. Mr. Roman stated he wrote and sent a paper to all PHACE members to review and has not received a response from anyone.

School Re-Opening – Saccenti

Mr. Saccenti reported on the issue South Brunswick experienced with School Superintendent, Scott Freda on the school re-opening. He was finally able to meet with Mr. Freda and address their concerns; he reported on the meeting. Health announcements will be included in the Board of Education's email blasts. Meeting was a success. Mr. Saccenti reported that the governor stated that will be no online training in September; classrooms in South Brunswick will be open. There has been no change to social distancing; classrooms will be too small to accommodate students. The schools are trying to figure out how to handle.



Ms. Wilson is hoping the guidelines to open schools will be revised or updated. New guidelines on use of masks were discussed. There is the issue as to whether we can ask staff to show their vaccination card to show vaccination. Ms. Wilson brought up the issue regarding water sampling from closed school buildings; water has not been flushed and taps were not turned on. There was discussion on water quality.

Ms. Montenegro commented on the discussion time and how important the topics are. She would like to see comments limited to important points. She would like to see communications to our local board of health and how to schedule vaccination appointments; children under 18 now eligible to register for vaccine do not have drivers' license as requested on NJ Health site. Mr. Roman stated that your local health officer has information on how to register for vaccine and site availability. Mr. Saccenti suggested Ms. Montenegro sign up for Nixel reports.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 12:26 pm was first moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Papenberg, all in favor by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie M. Moy
Recording Secretary