



## 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*

*June 19, 2021\* Meeting held Virtually*

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The Regular Meeting of the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association was called to order by Chairman Christine Harris at 11:00 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Roll call:* George DiFerdinando, Laura Montenegro, Steve Papenberg, Michael Richmond, Paul Roman, John Saccenti, Robert Uhrik, Joan Valas, Christine Harris

*Absent:* Jerry Grayson, Jo Hochman, Laura O'Reilly–Stanzilis, Nancy Wilson,

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – May 15, 2021

The motion to approve the meeting minutes dated May 15, 2021 was first moved by Mr. Papenberg seconded by Mr. Roman, all in favor by voice vote.

*Abstain:* DiFerdinando, Valas

Chairwoman Harris announced the two presentations by Dr. DiFerdinando and Attorney Richmond.

### *Membership*

Mr. Papenberg reported that we currently have 60 paid members; 57 are boards and 3 individuals. A number of boards have not submitted an application to date, which may have to do with their budgets. Mr. Roman and Mr. Papenberg will be sending out letters to those boards that have not joined yet.

### *NJ Environmental Health Association (NJEHA)*

Mr. Uhrik reported that NJEHA will be meeting shortly. Their Annual meeting usually held in September is still to be determined. It has not been determined if the CEs will be waived this year.

The League of Municipalities will be meeting in person this year, November 16–18, 2021.

### **PHACE – Paul Roman and Steve Papenberg**

Mr. Roman reported that PHACE is moving slowly due to the grants applications that have to be processed. He reported on the following:

- 1) Bills (A-149 and S-1416) change to the Boards of Health authority with populations under 30,000; he provided details of revisions.
- 2) Bills S–1, dealing with consolidations and mergers of towns; and repeals of protections of some licensed workers; he provided details.
- 3) *Trust for Americas Health* reports that NJ is #50 in the amount of money given to local health by the state. Per capital funding is \$181.00, lowest in the nation although NJ is #10 in the amount of CDC funding; he provided details.



- 4) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Rutgers University report – Eagleton Institute survey will begin after Labor Day. He discussed other surveys completed by other organizations.
- 5) NJ Health Care Quality Institute’s (NJHCQI) Report, *Emerging from COVID–19, An Action Plan for a Healthier State*, Mr. Roman reported on document; created by non-public health groups; not satisfied with the information reported. NJHCQI will be hosting a forum, by invitation only, on June 24, 2021, to discuss issues reported in document; Mr. Roman will be in attendance.
- 6) Silvia Binder’s project to create an institute in NJ is moving slowly.

**Treasurer’s Report: Stephen Papenberg**

Mr. Papenberg reported:

Balance as of June 1, 2021: \$9,862.41

Expenses: \$100

The motion to approve the payment to the Recording Secretary for \$100 was first moved by Chairwoman Harris, seconded by Mr. Roman, all in favor by voice vote.

**Legal- Attorney Michael Richmond**

Attorney Richmond provided an update on *Sustainable Jersey’s Gold Standard*, providing details on how to gain points for the Sustainable Program: BOH structure, meeting and training requirements; and NJ *Practice Standards*, which expires in August 2021.

**Presentations**

*Coronal Virus and Possible Side Effects among Adolescents.*

Dr. DiFerdinando shared the document from the Food and Drug Administration dated June 10, 2021, which reports some individuals may develop myocarditis and pericarditis after receiving the vaccine, providing a detailed overview of the report.

*Recreational Marijuana and Municipal Regulations*

Attorney Richmond reported on the Recreational Marijuana Bill; he explained the details of the new regulations and how the towns have to respond as to whether they want to allow or deny participation. Information included warehouse growth and retail sales. Board can go to the NJ Marijuana Commission website and download the Medical Marijuana and Recreational Marijuana guidelines for additional information. Chairwoman Harris suggested that board members go to the League of Municipalities website and download the Legislative Briefing: Marijuana Legislation for additional information.

**Discussion**

Dr. DiFerdinando stated that the correct term is “Adult” use not “Recreational” and the user must be 21+ years of age. Dr. DiFerdinando opined that Boards should be concerned about the health impact of usage among the adult population and the revenue benefits that could assist underserved communities. Attorney Richmond indicated that the regulatory scheme for the sale of marijuana will be same as that for alcohol; licenses will be required for production, consumption and sales. There was discussion on how use can impair judgement on the job.



*Meeting Dates for Remainder 2021*

All meetings will remain virtual until further notice. Future meetings will be held in person and zoomed.

July 10	Nov. 20
Sept. 25	Dec. 11 – will be held at Mr. Saccenti’s home
Oct. 16	August, No Meeting

*Nominations for Appreciation, specifically for the 2022 Annual Dinner*

Mr. Saccenti would like the Board to consider nominations. Chairwoman Harris suggested we show appreciation for groups, not individuals since there are so many who have performed outstandingly during the pandemic. The category for social workers will be added to the list for recognition. All was in favor.

*Article for Newsletter*

Chairwoman Harris asked the members to create an article for August newsletter.

*Adjournment*

The motion to adjourn was first moved by Mr. Papenberg seconded by Mr. Saccenti, all in favor by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Julie Moy  
Recording Secretary