



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

September 25, 2021 * Meeting held Virtually

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: John Saccenti, Steve Papenberg, Paul Roman, Christine Harris

Absent: George Diferdinando, Jerry Grayson, Jo Hochman, Laura O'Reilly–Stanzilis, Michael Richmond, Robert Uhrlik, Joan Valas, Nancy Wilson,

Resigned: Laura Montenegro

No quorum

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Tabled

Announcements

President Harris announced that the League of Municipalities Conference will be live November 16–18, 2021. She is waiting for information on how the conference will be conducted. NJACCHO Legislation Cocktail Reception on November 17, invitation was sent to all members; there will be a nominal fee of \$35.00.

President Harris previously sent members an article from the Kaiser Group in California regarding authority being removed from the health departments and being taken over by state legislators and executives.

President Harris reported that she received health alerts from Mr. Roman, CDC and the NJ Dept. of Health on the various diseases in Afghanistan and that part of the world. We are anticipating an increase in health issues resulting from entry along the southern borders; Health Officers need to be on alert.

Mr. Saccenti discussed the potential resource table at the League of Municipalities' Conference; he explained how the exhibit table was set up in the past. We need to let the League know we are interested in hosting a table. Mr. Saccenti will complete the application.

Sustainable Jersey – Steve Papenberg

Mr. Papenberg reported on activities with *Sustainable Jersey*. They are moving forward on the Gold Standard and giving points for those who goes through the orientation process.

Marijuana Use Regulations

President Harris brought up the discussion on marijuana use and regulations in NJ. Beth Korn provided an update on what her town is doing. If a town has not made the decision by deadline, that town cannot participate for another five years.



Vaccine

There was discussion on vaccination and booster updates. Moderna and J&J are awaiting authorization for their boosters, which will take several more weeks.

PHACE – Paul Roman and Steve Papenberg

Mr. Roman provided PHACE report and update. He explained what the BERT Foundation is doing and is seeking support. Mr. Roman suggested we join NJPHA for \$250 membership fee. Mr. Roman is a lifetime member.

Mr. Roman reported on the activities of the *NJ Public Health Council*, that started to meet again. He suggested we join the meetings to state our opinion.

The next PHACE meeting will take place on Monday; he explained what will be discussed.

Membership – Steve Papenberg

Mr. Papenberg reported that we now have 71 members. The annual membership mailing was completed. Mr. Roman reported that he ordered new stationary for \$483.

League of Municipality

Mr. Saccenti will complete the application for the exhibit table. President Harris is waiting to hear from Maroni Gapas, **President of NJACCHO**.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Papenberg

Mr. Papenberg reported on expenses:

Recording Secretary: \$100

Website: \$525

Stationary: \$483

Current balance: \$9,094 after expenses

We need to look into updating the orientation manual.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 12:17 pm was first moved by Mr. Saccenti, seconded by Mr. Roman, all in favor by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie M. Moy
Recording Secretary