



## 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

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM)

### MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2023 \* 10 am \* By Zoom

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#### 1. Call to Order at 10:06 am

#### 2. Salute to the Flag

#### 3. Attendance

- Voting EXCOM Members Present – Paul Roman, John Saccenti, Stephen Papenberg, George DiFerdinando, Joan Valas, Robert Uhrik (AL), Steve Ember
- Past Presidents Present (other than Elected Officers) – Christine Harris
- Staff Present (Legal Counsel, Paid Secretary, Webmaster, Interns) – Julie Moy
- Liaison Present – None
- Guests Present – Kim Laloma (Dept. of Health)
- Excused – Jeremy Grayson, Laura O'Reilly–Stanzilis
- Absent – Diana Lachman

#### 4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

September 16, 2023 – MSP – DiFerdinando, Papenberg

Abstain: Valas

#### 5. Secretary's Report – Including Correspondence – No report.

#### 6. President's Report

President Roman reported that he was unable to attend the Camden Summit due to health issues. He spoke to Lynn Rosner; the event was a success. He will meet with Ms. Rosner to develop a program to work with the local Camden County Boards of Health.

President Roman reported that the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps (CHR&R) will start round two of their study. Karen Blumenfeld contacted President Roman and Don Weinbaum from the NJ Public Health Association; we were part of her team in round one. We will receive another \$500 for our participation. There are meetings over three days, Nov. 6, 8 & 9; President Roman cannot attend on Nov. 9. Either Mr. Papenberg or Ms. Valas will attend in his place. President Roman explained the presentation topic.

President Roman reported that the NJ Public Health Association (PHA) had their executive committee meeting on October 18, 2023.

President Roman reported that he has a virtual meeting with Dr. Perry Halkitis, Dean of Rutgers University's School of Public Health on October 31, 2023. He will discuss with Dr. Halkitis, how important it is to add the local board of health information to their curriculum.

President Roman reported that the *Rural Health Conference* will be held November 9, 2023. Per Kim Laloma, there may be a table still available for us to host. President Roman will check his schedule and see if he can participate. Anyone interested in attending can contact Mr. Laloma.

President Roman reported that the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) invited him to speak at the League of Municipalities Conference on November 15, 2023. President Roman will have their flyer posted on our *On Board Newsletter*. He went over some of the topics



that NJACCHO will discuss at the League. The morning session will be a presentation, “*Ten Reasons To Know Your Health Department*”. Sustainable Jersey’s session will not conflict with NJACCHO’s session this year.

President Roman reported that Maplewood will receive their Gold Star in Health from Sustainable Jersey at the League.

President Roman reported that the Norwood Board of Health contacted him for suggestions on how to advertise the results of their restaurants’ inspections. President Roman suggested the post in their town newsletter for the residents to see. Dr. DiFerdinando stated that Princeton is also a Sustainable Jersey Gold Star recipient. He stated that Princeton posted placards in the shop windows in different colors based on their inspection categories; this was helpful in catching the residents’ attention.

President Roman reported that Cambridge University published an interesting book, *Constitutional Contagion* by Wendy Parmet. He highly recommended the book to EXCOM members.

President Roman reported that the Institute’s first seminar is October 27, 2023 at Rowan University. If anyone is interested, s/he can go on their website to register. He will not be able to attend.

**7. Executive Vice President’s Report – John Saccenti**

Mr. Saccenti spoke with Rick Hager from the Dept. of Children & Families. He hopes to meet Mr. Hager at the League to further discuss opportunities.

**8. Treasurer’s Report – Steve Papenberg**

Mr. Papenberg provided the financial report.

**9. Presentation and Approval of Bills – Steve Papenberg**

*Julie Moy* – September Invoice \$100

The motion was made to authorize the payment: MSP: Harris, DiFerdinando

**10. Legal Counsel’s Report – None**

**11. Committee Reports**

a. By-Laws – No report

b. Finance – No report

c. Membership

Mr. Papenberg reported that we have 71 member Boards and 3 individual members. Our goal each year is to secure a minimum of 80 member Boards. The 80 would generate barely enough revenue to meet our budget but with no savings.

Per President Roman, any membership payments received after November 1<sup>st</sup>, will go towards membership beginning April 1, 2024.

d. Legislative

President Roman reported that he, Chris Merkel, President of NJACCHO and Micky Gross met with Speaker Craig Coughlin from the State Assembly to discuss the Public Health Priority Funding; Speaker Coughlin was very helpful and suggested the following:

- We need to identify funding sources



- The Bills need to be amended to include the mechanism showing how the money will be distributed

The Public Health Priority Funding is a statutory mandate of the Legislature; NJSA 26:2F, includes a formula on how funds should be distributed. Following the meeting, Chris Merkel asked Linda Brown to convene a meeting with Lynette Medeiros and other NJACCHO's advocacy committee members and include President Roman. They contacted Assemblyman Herb Conoway's office, who is sponsor of the Assembly Bill and a representative from Senator Vin Gopal's office, the sponsor of the Senate Bill; the Bills are under review by these two offices to find funding sources. Under the Public Health Priority Funding's existing legislation, there is a provision where the Public Health Council (PHC), in an advisory capacity, states that the PHC will deal with the issue of grant development funds that are supposed to be in the DOH's annual budget. This may assist us in finding funding; President Roman will speak to Mr. Merkel to further discuss possibilities. There was continued discussions on funding that may be available and how the formula works. NJACCHO is supposed to write up a narrative to the Legislature so they can better understand how critical things will be when the grant funding is over next year.

e. Communications – Including Newsletter(s) and Website

*Intern*

President Roman reported that Montclair State will not be able to get us an intern right away. Ms. Valas stated that they are currently in transition; a new college was created and they are busy with the transition. Fairleigh Dickenson University is willing to try to provide an intern; they sent President Roman a contract to review. He will forward to Ms. Valas to also review. Ms. Valas suggested that we should have the attorney to review the contracts. TCNJ may also be able to assist with an intern.

We have two vacancies on our Board. President Roman asked Linda Brown to publish our vacancies to NJACCHO members again.

- f. Audit (as necessary)
- g. Nomination

**12. Liaison Reports – None**

**13. PHACE Report**

President Roman reported that he and Don Weinbaum completed the By-Laws; edits from Kevin Sumner and Lisa Gulla has been incorporated in the draft. There is a special meeting October 23, 2023 to review any additional edits that members may have. At this meeting, they will ask for additional comments or request a vote on the By Laws. Once the By Laws are voted on, Mr. Weinbaum can continue the process to get the charitable recognition for funding. People are beginning to recognize the PHACE coalition name.

**14. Old Business – None**

**15. New Business – None**

**16. Educational Presentation** (as necessary)

**17. General Discussion**

President Roman thanked Mr. Ember for this work on creating the letters to Congress regarding the research on funding for gun violence.



Dr. DiFerdinando reported that there has been a marked increase, close to 80% over the past 6 years, of national and local in pedestrian fatalities across the United States. Dr. DiFerdinando explained the dangers to pedestrians with the increase of electric vehicles (bicycles and scooters).

### **Public Discussion**

Mr. Laloma reminded EXCOM members that the *Rural Health Conference* will be held November 9, 2023 at the Marriott in Princeton, NJ. Anyone interested in attending please register. Anyone interested in hosting a table, please contact Mr. Laloma.

### **18. Announcement of Next Meeting Date, Time, and Place**

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 10 am by Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/93466224975>

Meeting ID: 934 6622 4975

### **19. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 11:05 am: MSP: Saccenti, Papenberg

Respectfully submitted,

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*Julie M. Moy*

Recording Secretary