



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

June 22, 2024 * 10 am * By Zoom

1. Call to Order at 10:06 am
2. Salute to the Flag:
3. Attendance:
 - Voting EXCOM Members Present — Paul Roman, John Saccenti, George DiFerdinando, Steve Ember
 - Past Presidents Present (other than Elected Officers) — Christine Harris
 - Staff Present (Legal Counsel, Paid Secretary, Webmaster, Interns) — Julie Moy
 - Liaisons Present —
 - Guests Present — Marie Quigley, Florham Park Resident
 - Excused — Jeremy Grayson, Diana Lachman, Laura O'Reilly–Stanzilis, Stephen Papenberg, Robert Uhrik, Joan Valas
 - Absent —

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
May 11, 2024 – MSP – Saccenti, Ember
Abstain: DiFerdinando, Harris

5. Secretary's Report, Including Correspondence: No report

6. President's Report

President Roman reported that Virginia Wheatley from NJDOH asked NJLBHA and NJ Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) to support the letter for the *Friends of the National Institute Of Occupational Safety And Health* (NIOSH) for funding. President Roman read the letter of support. President Roman signed the letter on NJLBHA's behalf as we have in the past.

President Roman reported that Elizabeth Norris, who represents a counseling psychology organization, reached out to him asking us to list her organization as a resource. President Roman sent her the information request form to complete. He has not received the completed form back yet.

President Roman reported that Lilo Stainton from NJ Spotlight published an article on June 3, 2024; *Why COVID 19 Still Cannot be Ignored*. NJ Spotlight reports COVID numbers daily. NJ numbers are low but increasing.

President Roman reported that the newsletter, *Your Local Epidemiologist (YLE)*, published an article, *Six Foot Rule, Dr. Fauci and the Bigger Picture*, written by Katelyn Jetelina, Epidemiologist. It defends Dr. Fauci but points out the difficulty in getting CDC to take and stand by a position.

President Roman sent EXCOM members, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation monthly notice that includes updates and grant opportunities to consider. Currently their focus is in the areas of childhood obesity and health inequalities. President Roman is still trying to reach Kerry Ann McGeary for smaller grant information that we may be eligible for. President Roman has contacted the *NJ Grant Watch* link Mr. Saccenti sent him; there is a lot of information on the site. It is \$190 annually and can target professional leads. They are supposed to forward more information about their operation.



7. Executive Vice President's Report — John Saccenti

Mr. Saccenti went through the State Health Dept's email list and updated our list, which consists of over 100 names. He would like to send an email to all the emails requesting them to join NJLBHA. President Roman use the recruitment letter and a preamble to have Ms. Chelenza create and send a special "On Board" to our entire email list.

8. Treasurer's Report — Steven Papenberg

President Roman gave Mr. Papenberg's financial report in his absence.

9. Presentation and Approval of Bills

Julie Moy — May Invoice \$100

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

10. Legal Counsel's Report — No report

11. Committee Reports:

A. By-Laws — None

B. Finance — Previously discussed.

C. Membership — President Roman reported that the actual number of memberships in 2023 was 79 Boards and 3 individual members. President Roman and Mr. Papenberg will review the list and the process to better track members. We need a minimum of 100+ members to survive. President Roman reported that the brochure with the QR code has been sent to all members. He asked members to carry the brochures with them to have available to hand out when possible.

D. Legislative — No report

E. Communications, Including Newsletter(s) and Website — President Roman reported that our newsletter click rate is still under 4%.

F. Nominating (as necessary) — No report

12. PHACE:

President Roman reported that PHACE met in May. The newly elected officers are:

Kevin Sumner, President

Don Weinbaum, Secretary

Paul Roman, Vice President

Margaret Jahn, Treasurer

13. Public Health Institute:

President Roman reported that the Executive Director search is ongoing and down to four candidates. They hope to have someone in place by September.

President Roman reported that the Acenda Health group went to the Governor to request a Bill be introduced to recognize the Institute by the State. There are 45 independent institutes in 33 states. In response to Acenda's request, Senator Conaway submitted a Bill stating that the Institute will be a function of the Dept. of Health under the Commissioner. NJACCHO called an emergency executive committee meeting. They asked Pete Tabbot to draft a letter opposing the Bill. He came to PHACE for input. Mr. Tabbot and President Roman drafted the letter and sent it to the Assembly Health Committee. The Bill was on the June 3rd agenda and passed as written. Four Republicans asked questions and voted no as we requested. The six Democrats in line with Chairman Conaway, only Dr. Margie Donlon made a statement when she voted to request consideration for our proposed amendments. Groups are fighting to get the Bill changed. President Roman reported that the Public Health Priority Funds Bill was placed on the agenda for a hearing in front of the Senate Health Committee with Senator Vitale; the Bill passed and can now move on to the Senate Appropriation Committee. However, Assemblyman Conaway



sponsored the Companion Bill in the Assembly for Public Health Priority Funds but will not post the Bill. He said 10 million dollars is too much money. President Roman is trying to get a meeting with him or his staff.

14. Public Health Council (PHC)

Ms. Moy sent the Members the link to subscribe to the monthly meetings. PHC’s June meeting was canceled. The next meeting is July 8, 2024.

15. Liaison Reports: No report

16. Old Business:

Rural Health Meeting was attended by Mr. Ember. He provided a summary of the meeting, what was discussed and their breakout sessions.

NJ Public Health Association (NJPHA)

President Roman reported that we are paying members of NJPHA and are entitled to have five at Large members. President Roman represents NJLBHA as an Ex Officio member. The five members are: Papenberg, Harris, DiFerdinando, Valas and Saccenti.

Training and Intern

President Roman reported that both these projects are still on hold. President Roman has meeting scheduled with Colleen Wharton from Rutgers Public Health School on July 10th to start revising our online training and certification program.

17. New Business:

President Roman reported that he enrolled us in the NJ Environmental Health Association email list. Most of the current information being sent are job postings.

Business Cards

Ms. Harris and Dr. DiFerdinando are interested in cards without their physical addresses printed.

18. Educational Presentation (as necessary) — None

19. General Discussion:

President Roman opened the floor for public comment.

Marie Quigley, Florham Park Resident, questions on the COVID numbers reported by NJ Spotlight; hospitalization numbers are up. Ms. Quigley has been following the NJ COVID Dashboard and finds it frustrating. COVID numbers are available through the State Dashboard; numbers are not being collected locally unless a town chooses to. The State Dashboard has been suspended. There were discussions on how information was being transmitted to the public. She thanked President Roman for recommending that people should participate and support the Public Health Council and join in on their meetings.

20. Announcement of Next Meeting:

Upcoming meeting dates:

July 20	September	November 26
August 17	October 26	December 14

July 20, 2024, at 10:00 am

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93466224975>

Meeting ID: 934 6622 4975

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21. Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn at 11:40 am: MSP: Harris, DiFerdinando

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Moy
Recording Secretary