



NEW JERSEY LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION

*P.O. Box 5069 * Kendall Park, NJ 08824*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM)

MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2024 * 10 am * By Zoom

Call to Order at 10:10 am

1. Salute to the Flag
2. Attendance:
 - Voting EXCOM Members Present — Paul Roman, John Saccenti, Stephen Papenberg, 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 — Kim Laloma (Dept. of Health)
 - Excused — Jeremy Grayson, Diana Lachman, Robert Uhrik, Joan Valas, Laura Stanzilis
 - Absent —
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):
 - January 20, 2024 – MSP – Papenberg, Ember*
 - Abstain: None*
4. Secretary's Report, Including Correspondence: None
5. President's Report:

President Roman reported that Public Health Week is April 1–7, 2024. He read the proclamation, which is similar to the past years' document, for the Governor to sign. Mr. Papenberg suggested we post it on our website to encourage other BOH to create a similar document. Mr. Saccenti suggested we have a representative at the event.

President Roman reported that the County's Ratings and Ranking project is complete for 2024. We received \$500 for our participation. President Roman and Ms. Valas participated in the project. She will continue to continue to work with Karen Bloomenfeld.

President Roman reported that the NJ Cannabis Regulatory Commission issued the consumption areas rules at the end of January, per the NJ Spotlight article. We sent our comments regarding the consumption lounges several times for their consideration. President Roman went over the general rules that were issued. The rule still has to be approved by the NJ Office of Administrative Law. EXCOM members discussed their concerns and side effects. Dr. DiFerdinando will draft correspondence along with additional information from Mr. Ember. Once this is complete, President Roman and Mr. Saccenti will forward to State officials.

President Roman reported that he received an email from Connie DelRocco, Raritan Borough BOH Secretary; they are an autonomous board and are considering changing to an advisory board and asked for our opinion. The autonomous board does not want the responsibilities required of them. President Roman reported how he responded to Ms. DelRocco's question.

Mr. Papenberg received and paid the New Jersey Public Health Association (PHA) invoice.



President Roman reported on the State budget. The Governor's budget of 1.8 billion dollars surpasses the revenue. There is no funding for public health other than what was budgeted for targeted programs. He reported that budgeted hearings will be held on:

- Senate hearing live, Tuesday, March 19, 2024
- Senate remote hearing, March 26, 2024
- Assembly will host two hearings live at the State House March 11 and March 20, 2024

President Roman registered for the March 20th meeting, however, will not be able to attend. Mr. Ember may attend in his place.

President Roman reported that he never received a response from Kerry Ann McGeary, Interim Director for NJ Grant Making at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). He reached out to Stephanie Carey, former Health Officer from Montgomery Township for assistance.

President Roman reported that he received an email on February 27, 2024 from the NJ Rural Health Council Migrant Coalition. They are seeking local health department participation; he read the email. He will have the request included on our newsletter email blast.

6. Executive Vice President's Report — John Saccenti

Mr. Saccenti reported that he received a check for \$95 for Park Ridge's membership. We have two new memberships, Borough of Totowa and Franklin Township. President Roman reported that he drafted the annual membership letter and will forward to Misters Saccenti and Papenberg and Cary Chelenza once it has been typed up.

7. Treasurer's Report — Steven Papenberg

Mr. Papenberg went over the financials.

8. Presentation and Approval of Bills

Julie Moy — January Invoice \$100

John Saccenti — \$33 for the annual report

Constant Contact — Mr. Papenberg is reaching out to them regarding our renewal fee

The motion was made to authorize the payments: MSP: Harris, Ember

9. Legal Counsel's Report: None

10. Committee Reports:

A. By-Laws — None

B. Finance — None

C. Membership —

Mr. Papenberg reported that membership remains just below 80. He is currently working next year's membership drive.

D. Legislative — President Roman reported that new Bills has been re-introduced with new numbers, S2010 and A1854. There was supposed to be a meeting on February 20, 2024 with representatives from Senators Gopal and/or Conaway; the Senators are sponsors of the two Bills. President Roman explained what they proposed to do for the two Bills.



Senator Oroho's Bill empowering towns with a population under 30,000, for the local Governing Body to choose to be the BOH, was signed. NJLBHA stood alone in actually opposing this Bill.

President Roman commented *The Casino Worker Clean Indoor Air Bill* is Senate Bill S1493 and Assembly Bill A2143. There are two Bills banning the smoking from casinos and sports betting facilities. Senator John Burzichelli proposed an alternate bill (S2651), banning smoking in certain areas at the facilities.

E. Communications, Including Newsletter(s) and Website —

President Roman is limiting his posting to key information that interests the public. Constant Contact reports show the open rate went down from January. Charity numbers are usually low, but this is not good for us.

F. Audit — President Roman and Mr. Papenberg will do the audit when they get the opportunity meet. It has been postponed due to health issues.

G. Nominating (as necessary) — None

11. PHACE:

President Roman reported that there is a PHACE meeting on March 25, 2024.

12. Public Health Institute:

President Roman reported that they were supposed to announce the new Executive Director at their February 28, 2024 Board meeting; President Roman was unable to attend the meeting. He will contact Melissa Fox and/or Kevin Sumner for an update. The primary candidate wanted more money than was available. The Institute Board is trying to get RWJF to provide additional funds.

13. Public Health Council:

President Roman reported that their next is March 11, 2024, which will be open for public comment. He reported on their January and February meetings. *NJAC Chapter 57 Communicable Diseases* regulation was available for stakeholders' input; the State received over 600 responses that they are filtering through.

President Roman reported that the *Harm Reduction Regulation, NJAC 63*, has passed unanimously, and moved to the Commissioner; he explained what this regulation entails.

President Roman reported that PHC will discuss *NJAC 8:51, Childhood Blood Lead Levels Regulation*; he described the regulation.

14. Liaison Reports: None

15. Old Business:

President Roman reported that he will continue with the intern project.

President Roman reported that he will reach out to Colleen Wharton, Rutgers School of Public Health to review, amend and update our training program. He explained that he took the test and experienced flaws with the testing.



President Roman announced that we still have EXCOM seats available. Please reach out to anyone who may be interested in participating.

Mr. Laloma commented that the Migrant Coalition is not getting the attention it needs. Communications is very disconnected; President Roman agreed. He addressed the *NJAC Chapter 57 Communicable Diseases Regulations* and the 600 responses; he received inquiries from organizations who are not aware of the regulation asking who received these notices. Greta Anschuetz, former Acting Deputy for Public Health, reported at their February meeting, her findings as to who was receiving the notices. The list only had approximately 35 groups receiving communication. Only one organization of the six PHACE members was included. President Roman will request again, to include the other organizations to the Dept. of Health's communications list. Ms. Harris opined that we should update Shereen Semple of our concerns and our request for communications. This request has been made to Ms. Semple several times in the past, however unsuccessful.

Mr. Papenberg was contacted by one of his Board members regarding animal control ordinance. Apparently, there are six levels of animal bite severities which are not in their ordinance; does it need to be referenced in their ordinance? Mr. Saccenti will send Mr. Papenberg a contact who can assist with his inquiry.

President Roman thanked members for their patience, their well wishes and apologized for the delay in response to his commitments during his illness. Ms. Harris expressed her appreciation of President Roman's hard work and diligence to NJLBHA; Misters Saccenti and Papenberg agreed.

17. New Business: None

18. Educational Presentation (as necessary): None

19. General Discussion: None

20. Announcement of Next Meeting:

April 13, 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 11:46 am: MSP: Ember, Papenberg

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Moy
Recording Secretary