

Health Officer Association December 6, 2011 Board Meeting
Red Blazer Restaurant
Concord, New Hampshire

Meeting commenced at 12:00

Present: Judy Jervis, Dennise Horrocks, Brian Lockard, Bill Oleksak, Cec Curran, Don Bent, Chuck Stata, Wayne Whitford, Steve Cunningham, Louise Merchant Hannan

Absent: none

Judy welcomed Brian Lockard, health officer from the town of Salem who is the incoming board member who will serve as the Health Officer Association Executive Board Treasurer. Brian will be replacing Hon. Steve Cunningham who will be stepping down as the Executive Board Treasurer.

Judy extended a deep appreciation to both Steve and Louise, who is also stepping down from the board as Program Planner and Secretary with appreciation from the rest of the board members. Louise will be volunteering as a staff person for the board until a replacement can be found.

There was a discussion from the board about the need to have a health officer orientation twice a year to offer to the health officers and this type of training will be explored in the coming year.

There was a discussion in relation to Steve's bill in regards to have health officers be state appointment as a pool and not by town. Can health officers be considered health officers "at large"? Topic for 2012.

Judy will also ask Mike for an occupational listing for all health officers that can be obtained in the current Access database that is maintained by the Community Development Section within the Division of Public Health Services for the health officer appointment forms that are filled out when the health officer's terms come due.

Other items that were discussed were the purchase of a laptop for the Health Officer Association to be used for meetings and conferences and looking into the possibility of creating a mentoring program for new health officers.

We also discussed utilizing the expertise of experienced health officers for training in the future, such as for orientation programs. We will bring this item up at the fall conference to poll the attendees on their areas of expertise.

Update on legislation – There are several bills we should be watching. HB 234 food service facility licensure. HB 514 entry onto private property. There is a meeting at DHHS on Dec. 15 with DHHS, LGC and a few HO to discuss this bill. Wayne Richardson will be sending us a list of bills he feels are important. Should we hire a lobbyist(handed out information on Nancy Johnson), work through LGC or? Discussions for 2012.

Next Board meeting dates Jan. 3,4,10, 11?

The business portion of the meeting was closed at 1:00pm so the board members could enjoy their holiday meal.

Respectfully Submitted,
Louise Merchant Hannan
Staff, NHHOA