

Health Officer Association Board Meeting
Local Government Center
March 20, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am

Attendance: Judy Jervis, Dennise Horrocks, Brian Lockard, Chuck Stata, Bill Oleksak and Louise Hannan

Absent: Cec Curran and Don Bent

Minutes:

January 10, 2012: Chuck set up the email on a Gmail account and suggested to Manchester Health Department for health officer questions.

Wayne made a motion to accept the January minutes as amended and Dennise seconded, all were in favor. Motion has passed.

Feb 15, 2012 minutes: Brian had a question on the minutes in regards to the LGC publication. He wondered if the health officers would have to pay for this publication? It was recommended that to insert " to the NHHOA" after cost on the minutes. Bill made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Chuck seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Spring Conference:

Review of the agenda:

Joyce Welch wrote to Judy indicating that she would like to have as her subject line "Food Protection Section Update".

New Legislation: LGC Staff Attorney, still need a name from the LGC. Will get that later.

HB 514, Private Property. HB 1349 relative to the service of Health Officers(Steve's bill). Dennise had a good example to bring up from Plaistow with a failed septic system in a rental unit owned by an elected official. The Selectmen may be considering having a third party hired to evaluate the system to avoid conflict. HB 1349 would allow for a town to request a HO from another town if the BOS so requested. Dennise wondered if this could cause issues for a HO in their town – allowing the BOS to call in another HO for any reason, if the BOS did not like the action of their own HO.

Registration form is good as written. Evaluation form will be changed to include a comment on site/food. Had a discussion in regards to having conference at other sites with a possibility of having a tour.

There was a discussion of having current copies of the HB that will be discussed in the afternoon.

Spring Conference Menu:

Will have another full order of coffee for the continental breakfast. Sandwich platters need to be labeled with the type of sandwich.

Give-a-ways:

The LGC booklet on code enforcement was going to be the given item. We will wait to see what happens with HB 514 and make a decision in April.

Thumb drive for copying the HO manual-LGC is not able to produce for us. They sent their contact information to Judy. She will send to Dennise so she can check into it.

The board may consider having a raffle.

Judy will call Don to see how he is doing. Judy will have a strategic planning session during the conference in regards to forming a legislative subcommittee and for a member on the board to fill Louise's position.

The NH Public Health Association is still looking for a rep. from the HOA to be on their legislative committee. In the meantime Jeanie Holt will keep in touch with Judy about bills they are interested in and ones they are wondering about for HO.

The question on whether health officers are agents of the state. New Hampshire Public Health Law article of Oct. 1999 covers HO issues. This article was produced by the Georgetown University Law Center from the Turning Point Initiative. The letter from the AG's office in 2005 to Bill in regards to HO indemnification addresses the issue of agents. According to the letter it appears HO are local and not agents.

Emergency Preparedness Conference – Chuck--Things moving along well with the call for papers. Will be in Manchester on June 26. Still has not received notification in regards to funding. Not unusual.

Public Health Improvement Counsel. Still moving toward regionalization. Judy will fwd the minutes from the March 15 meeting when she receives them.

Nuisance Task Force – Judy has not heard anything. She will contact Mike Dumond on this.

Arboviral Task Force – Nothing new reported from Dennise and Brian.

Treasurer's Report –Brian-- Balance is 7708.47 dollars

Correspondence – nothing new.

New Business – Dennise has set up an email on website: nhhoahelp@gmail.com
Health officers can write in for technical assistance. The state is getting questions and most of the time they seem to be sent to Judy. Dennise has finished the spreadsheet for health officer emails. Still have a good number of health officers with no email addresses. Judy can announce the email at the conference.

Judy will follow up with Brian Mitchell from COSH to obtain dates for the OSHA conference. COSH was not able to accommodate us in June.

Goals for 2012 are reflected in the minutes of February 15, 2012

Potential dates for the fall conference: October 23, 24, 25.

Potential meeting dates for April: 12, 17, 19, and 24

Meeting adjourned at 12.