



New Hampshire Health Officers Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 23, 2021

Via Zoom Video Meeting Platform

I. Call to Order

Wayne Whitford, President called the meeting to order at 9:02AM via Zoom Meeting Platform NH.

II. Attendance

Wayne Whitford, President
Brian Lockard, Vice President
Denise DeBlois, Treasurer
Dennise Horrocks, Secretary
James Murray
Ron Eisenhart
Heidi Peek
Matt Cahillane, Program Manager, HOL
Sophia Johnson, Health Officer Specialist
Nancy Kilbride, Events Your Way

Absent:
Dennis Roseberry
Arthur Capello
Ren Beaudoin
Ron Beard

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 23, 2021 were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report- Denise DeBlois/ Nancy Kilbride

February expenses were \$652.50, Event Planner, \$75 fee for registering as non-profit with State. February Revenue was \$2585 (dues) \$25 donation, and total revenue is \$17,602.25 42 towns have never been members and Nancy reached out to those towns and 3 joined for the first time. Currently at 176 members, and Nancy anticipates getting closer to the 200 mark. Treasurer's report accepted.

V. Health Officer Liaison Updates/ Health Officer Manual Update- Sophia Johnson, Matt Cahillane

- a) Update: So far this year HOLU has provided 55 technical assistance. 24% in January were not Covid-related, and so far, 40% in February not Covid-related.
- b) Training and Health Officer's Manual: The Health Officer 101 on March 4, 2021 went very well and had 70 attendees and good feedback. Currently working on a Radiological Health training for the beginning of April. Sophia is updating Foster care section and is hoping to have a 1 hour training on it at the end of April. She will be developing a spreadsheet with the HO manual chapters to determine when chapters need to be updated.

VI. Spring Workshop discussion

- a) The spring workshop is Wed. May 12, 2021, from 8:30-12:00, zoom platform. Dr. Benjamin Chan, State Epidemiologist will be the keynote speaker. Wayne will reach out to him about a topic. We should keep the conversation positive, focus on solutions, not problems. Perhaps how he works with

Governor when guidance changes, discuss his expertise. How do we move forward, what challenges do we see, or does he feel need to be addressed? Rep. Marsh will be on at 9:00AM for 20 minutes. He will discuss pertinent legislation, and HB 79. Matt will then discuss HB79 and why it is good for HO's. He will also review the HIPPA training opportunity. The board agreed to have bio's for the speakers. Regarding the Unsanitary living conditions, any photos used should be sensitive to privacy concerns. Sophia/ Nancy will do a run through session for the speakers. Sophia can assist with PowerPoint.

VII. Covid-19 Updates/ Response/ Issues

a) State/ Locals

- Lots of guidance changes have come out through the re-opening task force. A listserv message went out to HO's regarding this.
- Concerns about legislation changes affecting covid fines and administrative actions. Governor disagrees with legislation and claims he will veto.

VIII. Committee Reports

- Seasonal Issues: The end of year Arboviral Meeting took place March 4, 2021. Drought caused low levels of mosquitoes and disease last year. It is likely this will happen this year as well. JCV was more prevalent and enhanced surveillance will take place in 2021. Ticks have been early this year.
- Emergency Preparedness: Nothing to report
- Legislative/ NH Public Health Association: HB79 passed out of committee and goes to Senate on April 8, 2021. Appears there is no opposition.

IX. New business: If HB79 passes, we should have a 1 hour discussion on how to move forward.

X. Next Meeting

- a) The next zoom meeting will be Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 1:00PM. Nancy requests her agenda items be early at the next meeting as she has to bow out at 2:00PM.
- b) The meeting was adjourned at 9:55AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennise Horrocks, Secretary