



New Hampshire Health Officers Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 16, 2022

Via Zoom Video Meeting Platform

I. Call to Order

Wayne Whitford, President called the meeting to order at 9:32AM

II. Attendance

Wayne Whitford, President
Brian Lockard, Vice President
Denise DeBlois, Treasurer
Dennise Horrocks, Secretary
Ren Beaudoin
Heidi Peek
James Murray
Ron Eisenhart
Gwen Williams
Sophia Johnson, Health Officer Specialist
Matt Cahillane, Program Manager, HOLU
Natch Greyes, Municipal Services Counsel, NHMA

Absent:

Ron Beard
Arthur Capello
Nancy Kilbride, Events Your Way

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 15, 2022 were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report- Reported by Dennise Horrocks

Total in Checking account and Money market is \$15,890.56. Expenses this month totaled \$1208 for mailings, event planner and the website fee. Revenue was \$3260.06 from membership fees. Currently we have 139 members. Treasurer's report accepted.

- V. Natch Greyes, Municipal Services Counsel, NHMA, HB1272/ HB1268 discussion:** The amendment to HB1272 improved the original bill. Now it is related to removal of nuisances such as garbage, insects, unsanitary, septic, rodents and safe drinking water. These restrictions were meant to primarily focus on mask mandates. If the senate isn't willing to kill this bill and it does pass, then we should correspond to Natch, Matt, Abby any issues that we encounter. Anything other than items on this "list", it may be up in the air for any court actions as to how they make a determination. The Board was concerned about regulations for food service, tattoos, pools, massage. Regarding HB1268 amendment, "abatement of nuisances that interfere with the use or enjoyment of property, the Senate may make

changes, as this statement is a limitation and nuisances are already addressed in RSA 47:17 XV. Standing water, arboviral, new construction water testing and quality may not be addressed in this. Natch said it is hard to say if any changes will be made in the Senate. The problem is the sole focus is on mask mandates and Senate may make changes. Then the House will either agree to the changes, not agree and it will die, not agree and it will go to committee of conference to decide a final version. It would be beneficial to draft an email with talking points and reach out to Senators. Regarding HB1033, NHMA has reached out to many local legislators and are hoping a motion is made to table this bill. It is not dead yet and depends on how many show up to vote.

VI. Update on Readiness Report to SHA/SHIP and HHS Oversight Committees- Wayne Whitford

The meeting with SHA/SHIP committee went well. Matt and Wayne reviewed how HO's are ready/ not ready, how DHHS and the HO's work together. They also discussed Health Equity, housing insecurity, collaborations and limited resources. Bobbie Bagley, Nashua Public Health Director and Kim McNamara, Portsmouth HO were in attendance. Issues discussed were hoarding, rentals, training, HB1272 and HB1268. Wayne asked if there was anything different wanted in the format of the form/ report, and there were no changes requested. The HHS oversight Committee meets 3/25/22.

Senator Sherman wanted an electronic form of data. Not sure what data he is looking for, # of calls, calls for service? Could NHHOA standardize data collection points? For our next Readiness report we should plan an analysis of State data, see about data from cities and Towns. Perhaps survey HO's about data collection and how to do it and what to collect. Also we should specify the work of the RPHN and what they do and don't do for HO's. SHA/ SHP will determine the pathway for block grant funding.

VII. Health Officer Liaison Updates/ Health Officer Manual Update- Sophia

Training this month on 3/31/22 will be childcare licensing and reviewing updates to the childcare section of our manual. The chapter on HO appointments will also be going live this week. Sophia has been getting many calls about the HO training requirements. The training portion is moving forward, but no timeline. Sophia hopes late April, early May, but that could be questionable.

Matt reported that \$54,000 is coming to the HONU to train HO's how to perform rental inspections, focus on health equities. Looking for about 10 towns to participate. Matt is putting together a contract for a third party vendor to train HO's to do better school inspections, do a risk assessment with Nurse and facility supervisor. Hoping for 5-10 towns, and the HO will be paid a stipend. ***Action Item:** Matt will discuss with DOE their support on this project, and if they have any particular school districts that may be more interested in this project, and report to the Board.

VIII. Spring Workshop Planning: Tuesday May 24, 2022 from 8:30am- 12:30PM.

Brian contacted Natch Greyes at NHMA and he will speak on short-term rentals, and legislation. We need to determine how to label this topic, and how much time and which time slot. Gwen mentioned round table topic discussions and Gwen would help facilitate them. Topics suggested: impacts of COVID, how outreach and processes have changed, digitizing records, determining the efficiency of

how we operate. ***Action Item:** Gwen will put together a draft document. ***Action Item: Finalize the Spring Workshop so Nancy can post agenda and open registration for the workshop.**

IX. Discussion on inviting Director Trish Tilley and DHHS reps to a Board meeting: We would like to invite her perhaps for the June meeting. The previous Director said her goal was to have more resources for HO's. How can Trish help? How will things change as policy changes? What is her view of public health and local HO's? ***Action Item:** Wayne will reach out to her and see if potential meeting date could be June 21, 2022.

X. Discussion on NHMA Legislation tracking services: Brain completed the form and reviewed the type of bills to be tracked. He changes the term of agreement to 4/1/22. They can track but can't lobby for us. Wayne will sign and send agreement back. Board unanimously in favor.

XI. Committee Reports:

- a) Seasonal Issues: End of season Arboviral meeting is Thursday 2/24/22. NHHOA Board members on this task force are Brian, Heidi, Ren and Dennise. This is a normal "non-drought" year, and we could see more of an increase in EEE. JCV is an issue, the EEE species found in traps have increased. This season has been warmer and wetter than normal.
- b) Legislative/ NH Public Health Association: We should meet next week to discuss HB1272 and HB 1268 and prepare statements.

XII. New business: Dennise Horrocks announced her upcoming retirement on June 9, 2022.

XIII. Next Meeting

- a) The next meeting will be Wednesday April 13, 2022 from 9:30- 11:30AM via Zoom
- b) The meeting was adjourned at 11:09AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennise Horrocks, Secretary