



New Hampshire Health Officers Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 23, 2021

Via Zoom Video Meeting Platform

I. Call to Order

Wayne Whitford, President called the meeting to order at 9:05AM via Zoom Meeting Platform NH.

II. Attendance

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

Absent:
Dennis Roseberry
Arthur Capello
James Murray

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 20, 2021 were approved. (Correction in Treasurer's report needed re: 400 letters sent to HO's, not 200)

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

January 2021 had no expenses. Total revenue is \$15,719.57 Membership is currently at 166 members. Nancy has been tracking membership since 2016 and found that 11 new towns have first joined this year; 23 towns/ cities that had not joined last year, joined this year; 42 towns have never been members. Nancy will reach out to those towns. Matt suggested that they be reminded of RSA 129 where they are refunded by their town/ city, the expenses for attending the yearly NHHOA meeting, and that the website is a great place for resources. 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 Mold training had 50 participants (usually 20-30 participants in other trainings). There will be a Health Officer 101 on March 4th. HOLU will be focusing on new training opportunities for HB 179. Not sure of the platform or topics, but want a pre-post survey to evaluate knowledge achieved, and want to be able to track training progress. Once training is required, we need a way to track training progress, as we don't currently. The Mold chapter has been published to

the HO manual online. Currently Sophia is working on updating Foster care and developing a new chapter that is rodent specific.

VI. Spring Workshop discussion

- a) The spring workshop is Wed. May 12, 2021, from 8:30-12:00, zoom platform. We will have unsanitary living conditions with case studies from Lancaster HO. Sophia will reach out to Adult Protective Services, as the hospital system was involved. Brian also agreed to present case studies. He has 2 cases for consideration. Matt/ Sophia will reach out to Rep. Marsh to talk about the HO bill progress and the content of the bill. The HIPPA training planned to be used will be the one offered by DHHS. They will check with NHMA about what training platforms they utilize. NHMA will develop a webinar for new reporting requirements of the bill, BOH report, reach out to BOS and town managers. Wayne will prepare a letter to send to Lisa Morris to formally request Dr. Chan as our keynote speaker.

VII. Covid-19 Updates/ Response/ Issues

- a) State/ Locals
 - Economic Re-opening Task Force is revising some documents, overnight and day camps. State food inspectors received their Covid vaccine because they were deemed first responders.

VIII. Committee Reports

- Seasonal Issues: No flu issues. Calls are coming in to HOLU for water damage, ice dams, inadequate temperatures in rental dwellings. The end of year Arboviral Meeting will take place March 4, 2021.
- Emergency Preparedness: Nothing to report
- Legislative/ NH Public Health Association: On 2/8/21 the hearing on HB79 was held. Rep. Marsh, Brian Lockard and Natch Greyes testified in favor of the bill. On 2/9/21 the Executive Committee voted on it, 17-1 ought to pass, then moves to Senate Committee. It is expected to pass.

IX. New business: Discussion of incorporating a section in the Spring Workshop to nominate a HO for outstanding actions, or length of service and for an outstanding partner. Nominations could come from the board. The board agreed we should incorporate this in our annual meeting in the Fall.

X. Next Meeting

- a) The next zoom meeting will be Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 9:00AM.
- b) The meeting was adjourned at 9:52AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennise Horrocks, Secretary