

MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION NO. 1

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 25, 2020
(Open Session: 30 minutes 3 seconds)

CALL TO ORDER:

President Giles called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. He then led the Regional Board of Health in the salute to the flag. President Giles next read the "Open Public Meeting Act Statement".

ROLL CALL (Remote except for President)

Allenhurst – Donna Campagna, Deal - Stephen Carasia, Fair Haven – Theresa Casagrande, Little Silver – Dr. Tim Sullivan, Loch Arbour – Marilyn Simons, Ocean Twp. – Vinnie Buttiglieri, Rumson – Therese Wollman, Sea Bright – Dr. Meg Fisher (arrived 11:42 am), Sea Girt – Diane Anthony, Shrewsbury Boro – Paul Roman, Spring Lake – Mary Anne Donahue, Spring Lake Heights – Dr. Len Giles (attending in person)

Upon completion of the roll call, the Secretary reported that 11-12 members were present.

ABSENT:

Boro of Brielle, Boro of Interlaken, Township of Middletown, Boro of Monmouth Beach, Boro of Red Bank, Boro of Tinton Falls, Borough of West Long Branch

OTHERS PRESENT:

David A. Henry, Health Officer (attending (in person), Bruce Padula, Esq., (remote), Heather Frketich, Commission Secretary/Office Coordinator (attending in person)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Public Comment Period

No Public Call Ins (Notification to phone in posted on Agenda)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

***July 28, 2020 Regular Meeting**

OPEN SESSION:

Mary Anne Donahue motioned to approve the Open Session Minutes of July 28, 2020, seconded by Vinnie Buttiglieri.

MINUTES (continued)

VOTE: Unanimous by those who were in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION:

N/A

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letters were forwarded to 12 MCRHC towns that do not have both a Commissioner and an Alternate appointed. Certified receipts have been returned by all but one municipality.

CLOSED SESSION:

None

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

The July 2020 Conferences & Meetings & Professional Trainings, the July CDRSS Report, the PHN Monthly Report and the 2nd Quarter Vital Statistics were previously mailed/e-mailed.

COVID-19:

Weekly Health Officer MCRHC Teleconferences with Mayors/Administrators/Municipal Staffs and Community members continue.

The Health Officer reports:

Since early July, the Comp Care database has been in use as provided for in an Executive Order.

Rich Debenedetto of Middletown HD and the MCRHC Health Officer have on-boarded 21 case investigators/contact tracers which will help to sufficiently prepare for any possible 2nd wave. 20% - 40% resistance from the persons being contacted is being experienced statewide which is a huge problem.

Average has been 3 to 4 positive Covid cases per day. Efforts to close out previous cases has been successful. Also work on non-Covid cases for Consortium towns of Colts Neck, Manalapan and Long Branch continues. The Health Officer stated that all in all, the situation is stable right now.

From the latest data ...729 NJ cases...10,594 positives in Monmouth County...860 total deaths

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HEALTH OFFICER REPORT (continued)

Covid plan reviews for public school districts are being reviewed by the retired Health Officers assigned to MCRHC. Private schools are also required to submit plans to the state. Tomorrow there will be a meeting of all Monmouth County Superintendents.

MCRHC is planning to hold a Rabies Clinic in September. Detail to be forthcoming.

Seasonal influenza clinics will be planned.

MCRHC will be working with the MCHD within the next weeks in regard to planning any future Covid vaccine clinics (a 2 dose course for each individual)

The Health Officer reminded the Commission the Governor's Executive Orders are enforceable by police departments, whereas Executive Directives from the Commissioner of Health can be enforceable by health departments

Continued updates are received in the form of "Talking Points" from the state. Daily conference calls with the state are held and weekly MCRHC teleconference call updates on Covid 19 draw between 14-28 participants on average every Thursday at 10 am.

A review of draft Covid Policy and Procedures will be conducted by the HR/Ethics Committee and comments will be heard from full Commission.

A question was asked as to where Monmouth County School Nurses might obtain fit-testing. The Health Officer replied they could check with MMC Occupational Health program and Vice-President Roman suggested checking with local fire departments.

Theresa Casagrande motioned to approve The Health Officer's Report, seconded by Vice-President Roman.

VOTE: Unanimous

Commissioners noted that Dr. Meg Fisher has been named recently in the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Thank you for all of your wonderful work. We are so glad to have you as part of our Board.

CFO REPORT:

No Report – Not present, but is available and constantly working in the background.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Statement of Accounts for period ending July 31, 2020 was previously emailed.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A Zoom Committee meeting with the CFO is scheduled for September 3, 2020.
Vice-President Roman, Chair of the committee stated there are many issues to discuss.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

No Report
Union Contract is upcoming.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: Following receipt of the attorney’s memo of contract vs. member town findings - revisions and editing may continue as time permits by the Officers and HR Chair.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

No Report, however security quotes still being researched.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No Report

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mary Anne Donahue motioned to approve the Consent Agenda (1 resolution), seconded by Dr. Fisher.

RESOLUTION 2020-45 Approval to pay August 2020 Bills in the amount of \$ **137,156.73**.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Allenhurst	Yes	Rumson	Yes
Deal	Yes	Sea Girt	Yes
Fair Haven	Yes	Sea Bright	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Yes
Loch Arbour	Yes	Spring Lake	Yes
		Spring Lake Heights	Yes

VOTE: 11 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain
Motion Carries.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Giles reported that letters were forwarded to Long Branch, East Windsor and Holmdel. No responses have been received.

ORDINANCES:

No Pending Readings, Introductions or Adoptions

OLD BUSINESS:

ACCREDITATION: Due to the current extenuating public health circumstances, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has granted an extension deadline to September 2021. The Health Officer mentioned that a Zoom meeting on office Covid policy and procedure will also satisfy an Accreditation requirement.

MCRHC VEHICLES - Per the first step of the MCRHC Sale of Capital Property protocol, two MCRHC vehicles have been offered for sale to our towns. The vehicles to be offered are a 2008 Ford Fusion and a 2010 Chevy Impala. Resolution 2020-46 will be put on hold until October 1st, the deadline for response.

NEW BUSINESS:

OFFICE SECURITY – briefly reported on under “Committees”.

LEAD GRANT APPLICATION – The Health Officer requests consideration of his intention to apply for a continuing CLEP grant to be effective from 10/1/20 through 6/30/21. The deadline is September 10, 2020. As a shared service with the MCHD, it provides access to the use of a commercial lead meter which would not be possible for the MCRHC to purchase. No opposition was voiced.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Vice-President Roman took a few moments to comment on:

The Governor’s budget address which includes federal monies still slated for public health. How much will LHD’s receive?

The APHA determined pandemic restrictions have saved 60 million lives in the US. Large gatherings continue to be a lead cause in Covid-19 spread. He reiterated that positive cases and their known contacts must be contacted. Cooperation with contact tracers cannot be an option. Whatever we can all do through our local officials and police departments to work to slow possible spread is extremely important.

GENERAL COMMENTS (continued)

The Health Officer mentioned that the Communicable Disease contracts with our Consortium towns expire on December 31, 2020. Draft renewal contracts will be sent within the next few weeks.

President Giles announced the next Regular Meeting will be held remotely at 11:30 am on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. It is important for the Commission to continue in whatever manner works best in reaching a quorum status.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm on a motion by Dr. Fisher, seconded by Mary Anne Donahue.

VOTE: Unanimous

Next Regular Meeting of the MCRHC No.1 Commission will be held on Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 at (11:30 A.M) at the Regional's headquarters located at American Red Cross building 1540 West Park Avenue – Suite # 1, Tinton Falls, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather L. Frketich

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Reviewed by

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