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June 21, 2022

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M. Raimo opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. by declaring that it had been duly advertised in accordance with Chapter 231 of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

Attendance

Present

M. Raimo, President
T. DeNova
K. Alsbrook 10:28
C. Nawrocki, Director
R. Budris, Deputy Director
M. Leguizamon
W. Wallace
K. Costello
V. DeFilippo
L. Anello
S. Whyte
J. Fonzino (alternate)
B. Vilcant
S. Rufolo

Absent

C. Davenport
T. Restaino
V. Kuteyi
R. Jernick (Nutley Alternate)

Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2022

The minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by W. Wallace and second by K. Costello (Attachment 1).

Expenditure Report for April 15, 2022 through June 15, 2022

The expenditure report was unanimously ratified on a motion by W. Wallace and second by T. DeNova (Attachment 2).

ATTACHMENT 1

Announcements

C. Nawrocki announced that ERHC has purchased a fit testing machine for N95 masks and trained on its use. The fit testing service available to all Commission towns.

C. Nawrocki discussed with the board that she would be providing some help with HO coverage for East Orange after being contacted by Dr. Griffith.

C. Nawrocki announced the new Commissioner representing Irvington will be the health department's director, Sonia Whyte.

C. Nawrocki announced that Lou Anello is back with the Commission as the new Commissioner for Milburn.

New Business

2022 Budget Amendments

C. Nawrocki and M. Leguizamon presented budget amendments for 2022 (Attachment 3). Changes include the contracts for VPOC services with West Orange, Montclair, and Orange.. The amendments were approved unanimously on a motion by K. Costello and a second by V. DeFilippo. (Attachment 3)

FEMA Reimbursement

C. Nawrocki explained that after a challenging process, FEMA has agreed to reimburse ERHC for 75% of Covid emergency expenses (Attachment 4). A motion was made by T. Denova and a second by W. Wallace to accept the FEMA funding. The motion passed unanimously

2021-2022 Opioid Fatality Review Team

C. Nawrocki and R. Budris gave an update on the Opioid Fatality Review Grant. The grant ends at the end of September but the state has not decided if they will extend the grant. A motion by W. Wallace and seconded by T. Denova to apply for the grant if it's extended was passed unanimously.

2022-2023 Local Public Health Capacity Grant

C. Nawrocki presented the ERHC grant (Attachment 5) to the group. A motion was made by W. Wallace and L. Anello to enter into this grant was approved unanimously.