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Carrie Nawrocki, Executive Director

Commission Meeting

April 20, 2021

Opening of the Meeting

L. Anello opened the meeting at 10:05 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

L. Anello, President
M. Raimo
V. DeFilippo
W. Wallace (departed 10:47)
T. DeNova (arrive 10:43)
C. Davenport
R. Evans
K. Costello
S. Portuese (arrive 10:09)
C. Britton
V. Kuteyi
C. Nawrocki, Director
R. Budris, Deputy Director
M. Leguizamon, CFO

Absent

T. Restaino
K. Alsbrook

Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 2020

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

Expenditure Report for December 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021

The expenditure report was unanimously ratified on motion K. Costello and a second by C. Davenport (Attachment 2).

Announcements

C. Nawrocki discussed the ERHC offices were being upgraded with new cubicles with the top half of the walls being transparent. These upgraded cubicles allowed for better social distancing among workers. During the upgrade process ERHC was cleaning out old furniture and materials that were no longer needed due to age or obsolescence

On a motion by W. Wallace and a second by C. Davenport the list of items to be disposed of was approved (Attachment 3).

New Business

Opioid Grant Update

R. Budris provided an update on ERHC's progress on the opioid grant. He reported that the inter-disciplinary team has been completed. Starting last month, the monthly meeting to investigate opioid fatality cases (to find possible ways to reduce the number of overdoses) had begun.

NJDOH Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Grant- Vulnerable Population Outreach 2020-2021 Update

C. Nawrocki updated the Commissioners on the progress made on this grant and the staffing logistics. ERHC has been in partnership with Livingston HD and West Orange HD to meet the deliverables.

NJDOH Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Grant- Vulnerable Population Outreach 2021-2022

C. Nawrocki shared that ERHC has applied for the new capacity grant and the plans to work with Commission towns to meet the deliverables of the grant.

CEHA Update

C. Nawrocki shared the status of the contract with the county as well as the county's proposed cut in the amount paid to ERHC.

R. Budris did a brief presentation on hazardous algae blooms.

Budget Amendments

A motion by M. Raimo with a second by C. Davenport to amend the budget (Attachment 4) was passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by L. Anello at 10:51 AM

I, Carrie Nawrocki, Director of the Essex Regional Health Commission do hereby certify that the foregoing are the minutes of a meeting held on December 15, 2020.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this 1st day of June in the year 2021.

Carrie Nawrocki, Executive Director