

MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION NO. 1

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
(Open Session 1 hr. 38 min. 44 sec)

CALL TO ORDER:

President Roman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He then led the Regional Board of Health in the salute to the flag. President Roman next read the "Open Public Meeting Act Statement".

ROLL CALL:

Brielle – Jim Langenberger, Fair Haven – Theresa Casagrande, Little Silver – Les Mathis, Monmouth Beach – Joseph Nardone, Ocean Twp – Vinnie Buttiglieri, Red Bank – Michael Natelli, Shrewsbury Borough – Paul Roman, Spring Lake Heights – Len Giles, Tinton Falls – John Mack, Wall Twp – Keri Pagnoni

Upon completion of the roll call, the Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

ABSENT:

Boro of Highlands, Boro of Rumson, Boro of Sea Bright, Boro of Sea Girt, Boro of Spring Lake, Boro of West Long Branch

OTHERS PRESENT:

David A. Henry – Secretary/Health Officer, Bruce Padula, Esq., Ashley Malandre, Esq., Heather Frketich, Office Coordinator

President Roman began the meeting with an open public apology to Mayor Gerry Turning, Commissioner John Mack and the Borough of Tinton Falls in regard to freeform comments made during the December 13, 2016 MCRHC Regular meeting. They referenced confusion caused by bills for legal service that were not the responsibility of the Borough.

Personal apologies were previously delivered to the Mayor once the incident was brought to the attention of The President and the Health Officer.

ELECTIONS:

Meeting adjourned Sine Die with the Health Officer/Secretary of the Commission opening the 2017 elections:

**OFFICE OF PRESIDENT:**

Jim Langenberger motioned to nominate Paul Roman for President, seconded by John Mack.

No other nominations were made.

VOTE: Unanimous  
Paul Roman is re-elected President.

**OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Theresa Casagrande motioned to nominate Dr. Len Giles for Vice-President, seconded by President Roman.

No other nominations were made.

VOTE: Unanimous  
Dr. Len Giles is re-elected Vice-President.

**OFFICE OF TREASURER:**

Theresa Casagrande motioned to nominate Liz Finnerty for Treasurer, seconded by Vinnie Buttiglieri.

No other nominations were made.  
Liz Finnerty is re-elected Treasurer.

At this point, the meeting was turned back over to President Roman who thanked everyone for their continuing support and stated that he continues to enjoy his position at MCRHC.

**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY**

The Health Officer has traditionally served as Commission SECRETARY, first per State statute, and when that was withdrawn as a ruling, per MCRHC policy.

Vice-President Giles motioned to reappoint Mr. Henry Commission Secretary, seconded by Les Mathis.

Theresa Casagrande voiced an opinion that there should be a break from tradition to relieve the Health Officer from the housekeeping duties that are part of this appointment by having Heather Frketich, Office Coordinator assume this title for 2017. She has authored the minutes by request, not by job description, since 2004. The Commission suggested that Mrs. Frketich work with the Health Officer to determine how they want to handle other items during the meeting (ex. roll call votes, Closed Session minutes, and witnessing President's signature on resolutions) but thought it might help Dave if he were able to experience full uninterrupted participation as CEO by being relieved of these tasks.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS (continued):

Vice-President Giles motioned to approve both the appointment of Heather Frketich as 2017 Commission Secretary and David Henry as Commission Secretary Pro Tem, seconded by Theresa Casagrande.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brielle	No	Red Bank	Yes
Fair Haven	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Abstain
Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake Heights	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Tinton Falls	Yes
Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE: 8 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Abstain  
Heather Frketich is Commission Secretary.  
David Henry is appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.

President Roman clarified that the specific Closed Session discussions which Mrs. Frketich cannot record minutes for are Litigation, Personnel or Union matters. She can remain in the meeting to properly document any other Closed Session discussions.

**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY PRO TEM**

Primarily for the recording of Closed Session Minutes. Please see above vote.

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF 2017**

David A. Henry	HEALTH OFFICER
Stephen Gallagher	CFO
Shereen Naqvi	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Full Time Health Inspectors:

Lisa Muscillo, PRINCIPAL REHS	Russell Groves, SR. REHS
John McDonald, SR. REHS	Dominick Astino, SR. REHS
Gary Nemshick , SR. REHS	Michael Kowal, SR. REHS
Diane Bears, SR. REHS	

VOTE: 9 Ayes for staff except 1 Nay for Steve Gallagher as CFO, 0 Abstain

The Professional Staff is re-appointed.

APPOINTMENTS (continued):

**NOTE: Resolutions were prepared for the positions of Legal Counsel and Certified Public Accountant. These resolutions refer to appointment by the Non-Fair and Open Process in accordance with NJ Pay to Play.**

**The Commission is entitled to approve both the appointment and the actual contract.**

Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs as Legal Counsel – Calendar Year 2017

Resolution 2017-01

Pursuant to all paperwork being in order and money available in the budget, Theresa Casagrande motioned to approve RE-APPOINTMENT OF **LEGAL COUNSEL** (without retainer) Bruce Padula, Esq. and Ashley Malandre, Esq. of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs as Legal Counsel. AND

Suplee, Clooney & Company as Certified Public Accountant – Calendar Year 2017

Resolution 2017-02

Pursuant to all paperwork being in order and money available in the budget, Theresa Casagrande motioned to approve APPOINTMENT OF **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT** (without retainer) John Swisher of Suplee, Clooney & Company as CPA, seconded by John Mack.

VOTE: Unanimous

**Resolution 2017-3**

APPOINTMENT OF **HEALTH EDUCATOR** – *Calendar Year 2017*

Pursuant to all paperwork being in order and money being available in the budget, Vinnie Buttiglieri motioned to re-appoint Concetta Polonsky, MPH, CHES Regional Health Educator at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.00. The motion was seconded by Les Mathis.

VOTE: Unanimous

Concetta Polonsky is re-appointed as Regional Health Educator.

**Resolution 2017-11**

APPOINTMENT OF **PRIMARY DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS:**

Per a recommendation from the CFO, Vinnie Buttiglieri motioned to approve a one year appointment January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 of Valley National Bank as the provider of MCRHC Banking Services, seconded by Les Mathis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brielle	Yes	Red Bank	Yes
Fair Haven	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake Heights	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Tinton Falls	Yes
Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain

Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS (continued):

Valley National Bank is voted the MCRHC Primary Depository of Funds.

**Resolution 2017-9**

**APPOINTMENT OF NEWSPAPERS FOR LEGAL AND SUNSHINE LAW NOTIFICATIONS:**

Theresa Casagrande motioned to appoint the ASBURY PARK PRESS as the newspaper for all MCRHC business notices (legal and sunshine law), and the Star Ledger for the secondary submission of Sunshine Law notifications. The motion was seconded by John Mack.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brielle	Yes	Red Bank	Yes
Fair Haven	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake Heights	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Tinton Falls	Yes
Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain  
Motion carries.

Asbury Park Press is voted the official MCRHC Newspaper for calendar year 2017.  
The Star Ledger is voted the secondary MCRHC Newspaper for calendar year 2017.

**Resolution 2017-4**

**2017 MCRHC MEETING DATES, TIMES and LOCATIONS:**

Following one change request: to move the December meeting from Tuesday, December 26, 2017 to Tuesday, December 19, 2017. The January 2017 Reorganization meeting to be included in this list will be scheduled for January 23, 2017.

John Mack motioned to approve the 2017 Commission meeting dates, times and location as the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted) at 1540 West Park Ave, Tinton Falls. The motion was seconded by Theresa Casagrande.

Note: Any of the preschedule meeting dates may be changed in the future upon vote of the Commission.

VOTE: Unanimous

The 2017 Meeting Dates, Times and Locations have been determined and set forth by resolution.

APPOINTMENTS (continued):

**Resolution 2017-10**

**CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES - Visiting Nurse Association of Central NJ –**

A somewhat lengthy discussion regarding what this resolution covers and continuing concerns on the part of MCRHC municipalities was held.

While we need an agreement in place so we can cover town's needs, negotiations with the VNA continue. Working toward development of a revised uniform services rate and hopes for a better economy of scale for all MCRHC towns to contract with the VNA.

No raise in fees for basic services– not to exceed \$45,000.00, however how is it divided? President Roman advised there is a formula and it is not evenly divided among pass through user towns.

4 towns covered by MCRHC PHN  
7 towns pay VNA through MCRHC as a pass-through  
10 towns handle their own contracts for nursing services

ADDITIONAL: TB case management = \$110.00/hour  
ADDITIONAL: Lead case management = \$146.00/Hours

MCRHC Staff needs TB case testing and training/A physician's release is required to ensure a DOT individual is non-contagious.

It has been determined that a properly trained individual hired per diem can perform the DOT's. It is not imperative that this duty has to fall on a nurse or REHS. An alternative is to pay the rate the MCHD's rate of \$7,000 per TB case. There will be a need for ongoing reevaluation of the most cost-effective ways to handle Direct Observe Therapy cases

New state mandates – just not sure how many cases of TB, STD, Lead, Zika or Ebola we will be faced with in the future. The LHD push is to advocate for state funds otherwise costs spill down to the towns statewide.

What would happen if certain town contracts were not renewed? MCRHC has a statutory obligation to provide contract or in-house nursing service which will be billed.

The VNA assigns 1 PHN to cover all of Monmouth County except for MCHD jurisdiction.

Since per Schedule B pg. 8 #2 this is not an open-ended contract – if service costs approach \$45,000 limit after which further negotiations would be necessary or service hours would need to be added to the workload component of the 4 towns the PHN covers.

Vinnie Buttiglieri motioned to authorize the award of a contract for public health nursing services for certain MCRHC towns to the VNA of Central NJ, seconded by Les Mathis.

APPOINTMENTS (continued):

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Fair Haven	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake Heights	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Tinton Falls	Yes
Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain  
Motion carries.

**2017 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The **2017 BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE** consists of Dr. Giles, V.Pres., Chair, Vinnie Buttiglieri, Joe Nardone and Theresa Casagrande with Liz Finnerty, Treas., David Henry and President Roman, ex-officio.

The **2017 HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** consists of Dr. Tim Sullivan, Chair, Jim Langenberger, Theresa Casagrande, with President Roman and David Henry, ex-officio.

The **2017 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** consists of Jay Amberg, Chair, John Mack and Keri Pagnoni, with President Roman and David Henry, ex-officio.

Note: Commissioner Mack requested a move from Operations Committee Chairperson to Operations Committee member. President Roman appointed Jay Amberg 2017 Operations Chair.

The **2017 AUDIT COMMITTEE** consists of Paul Roman, Pres., Chair, Michael Natelli, with Steve Gallagher, CFO, ex-officio.

The **2017 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** consists of President Roman, Chair, V.P. Dr. Len Giles, Liz Finnerty, Treas, Vinnie Buttiglieri, member at large and David Henry, ex-officio.

Theresa Casagrande motioned to approve the 2017 Committee appointments, seconded by John Mack.

VOTE: Unanimous  
The 5 MCRHC Committees are appointed as stated above.

Commissioner Casagrande voiced consideration of a funding formula change/assessment to be applied to member towns who do not participate by sending a representative to the monthly Commission meetings. All current Representatives It remains under discussion by the Budget & Finance Committee.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

OPEN SESSION:

December 13, 2016

John Mack motioned to approve the Open Session Minutes of December 13, 2016, seconded by Vinnie Buttiglieri.

VOTE: Unanimous

CLOSED SESSION:

December 13, 2016

Vinnie Buttiglieri motioned to approve the Closed Session Minutes of December 13, 2016, seconded by Vice-President Giles.

VOTE: Unanimous by those who were in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT:

The January 2017 Health Officer's Report (reflecting December 2016 activity), the December 2016 Conferences & Meetings, December 2016 CDRSS Reports and the December 2016 Public Health Nursing report were previously mailed/e-mailed.

HANDOUTS: Update of After Hours/On-Call Policy and Procedures  
Employee Carryover time from 2016-2017

Mr. Henry reported on:

The Health Officer provided an update to the Board members on the continuing success of the After Hours/On-Call Policy and Procedures 2014 switchover from an after-hours answering service contract to the Health Officer receiving and filtering all calls. (statistics provided in handout). This is the first of a continuing set of reports to be provided to the Human Resources Committee and the Commission to monitor such areas of quality improvement. Benefits have included reduced REHS overtime, reduced vehicle usage, quicker response times all resulting in cost savings and increased Performance Management.

A second procedural improvement was the designating of the MCRHC as a weekly state courier pickup site which provides savings in the way of REHS time and vehicle usage for trips to the State Lab in Trenton. The service has benefitted many Consortium members also.

He advised that December was a busy month with a quickly approaching February deadline for submission of Accreditation documentation. In addition to the numerous hours staff is dedicating to this endeavor we have a previous intern back to help along with a new intern to help organize and upload data.



HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT (continued):

President Roman stated that he is hugely impressed by the staff motivation and collaboration he witnessed during his visits to the office which he is certain will provide the quality results hoped for and expressed great appreciation for these efforts. The Health Officer added his tremendous appreciation to the MCRHC staff for pulling together to get the job done.

Mr. Henry as legislative chair is excited and appreciative to be in the midst of the formation/transitioning of a larger advocacy group that will pull together other LHD colleagues to make the trips to Trenton to provide our voice and testimony on pending issues affecting public health.

MCRHC is anticipating a new intern to participate in advocacy.

John Mack motioned to accept the Health Officer's report, seconded by Vice-President Giles.

VOTE: Unanimous

AUDIT COMMITTEE: No Report

CFO REPORT:

**Resolution 2017-5  
MCRHC CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Resolution 2017-5 relating to the MCRHC Cash Management Plan (investment governance) to be adopted for 2017 was presented by President Roman in the absence of Mr. Gallagher.

Theresa Casagrande motioned to approve the 2017 Cash Management Plan, seconded by Vice-President Giles.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain  
Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Presented by President Roman, in the absence of Liz Finnerty, Treasurer. He briefly reviewed the Statement of Accounts for period ending December 31, 2016.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued):

The Senior Bookkeeper alerted the Commissioners by memo of a corrected calculation in the 2016 YTD figures on the Budget Expenditures by Month report which is received monthly in the pre-meeting e-mail.

The process has been reviewed by the CFO and along with the explanation, the Bookkeeper is able to provide a full year rerun of the report in question that will display the correct "current month" expenditures which are also shown accurately in the Budget Expenditures by Month report as of December 31, 2016. Please refer any questions to the MCRHC Finance Department.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Vice-President Giles reported

- 1) the B & F Committee is still continues to review fee assessment methodology and the town contracts

**Resolution 2017-8  
EDUMUNDS FINANCIAL SOFTWARE**

Theresa Casagrande motioned to approve the resolution authorizing MCRHC to sign an agreement with Edmunds and Associates to provide software maintenance and support of the automated finance system for calendar year 2017. The motion was seconded by Joe Nardone..

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Fair Haven	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake Heights	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Tinton Falls	Yes
Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain  
Motion carries.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Vice-President Giles mentioned

- 1) he had general discussions with the Health Officer on a limit for Health Education costs and further ruling on items MCRHC may not pay for....

PAYMENT OF BILLS (continued)

- 2) He spoke briefly with Heather regarding looking into a less expensive mailing service than the current Pitney Bowes.

Vice-President Giles motioned to pay the January 2017 bills in the amount of \$158,125.96. The motion was seconded by Vinnie Buttiglieri.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Fair Haven	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake Heights	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Tinton Falls	Yes
Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain  
Motion carries.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

- 1) Health Officer David Henry will teach a Saturday course “Principles of Public Health at the Rutgers University Bloustein School. After a review by the HR Chair it was determined that this will not interfere with MCRHC business.
- 2) Carryover of Employee Time: there were comments by Commissioners in regard to the number of vacation and comp days union employees are allowed to carryover to January at year end. The statement was made that management has the right to either pay it out or mandate that it be taken.

At 7:23 pm, Vice-President Giles motioned to enter Closed Session for the purpose of discussions of contract lease negotiations and litigation. The motion was seconded by Les Mathis.

Heather Frketch exited the meeting at this time since a portion of the Closed Session involved litigation.

\_\_\_\_\_ motioned to exit Closed Session at 7:36, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Resolution 2017-12**

Vinnie Buttiglieri motioned to approve Resolution 2017-12, a **Resolution Approving a Settlement Agreement with Sandra Muller**. Vice-President Giles seconded the motion. A Commissioner stated the settlement, along with making it public, is of concern. Attorney Padula assisted with the response stating there is no way a company can guarantee they will not be sued, but they can put themselves in the best possible position to avoid the situation. Every case has its own substance – this one involved unusual circumstances, personal and personnel issues.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (continued):

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brielle	Yes	Red Bank	Yes
Fair Haven	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake Heights	Yes
Monmouth Beach	No	Tinton Falls	Yes
Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE: 9 Ayes, 1 Nays, 0 Abstain  
Motion carries.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: No Report

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

President Roman updated the Commission on the status of the proposal to provide local public health services to the Borough of Bradley Beach stating that they will stay with the Monmouth County Health Department.

Acting Administrator Anthony Muscillo has been very pleasant and forthright to work with. There were good negotiations yet even with the MCRHC price quote being lower a strong letter from the County Health Officer discussed at a town meeting had major impact on the Borough's decision to remain with MCHD.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Resolution 2017-6**

**WEBSITE CONTRACT RENEWAL:** The City Connections annual contract for renewal beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$2,600.00.

Les Mathis motioned to renew the City Connections Web Page Development & Maintenance Agreement for 2016. The motion was seconded by Jim Langenberger.

Attorney Padula pointed out the wording in Item #1, DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES. The requested it be eliminated due to its vague nature regarding how many updates would be considered too many resulting in additional cost to MCRHC. The Health Officer will address the concern with the vendor.

Theresa Casagrande was concerned about the percentage of increase over the 2016 contract, thinking it was slightly high. Once Heather Frketich pulled the previous contract which was \$2,548.00 verifying the increase was actually minimal.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

In the future, Theresa Casagrande feels that a short history (comparison of old and new figures) provided to Commissioners with each Resolution involving a contract or vote on money would expedite the voting process.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brielle	Yes	Red Bank	Yes
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Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake Heights	No
Monmouth Beach	No	Tinton Falls	Yes
Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE 1: 7 Ayes, 4 Nays, 0 Abstain

Amended VOTE due to verification of contract rates. 7 Ayes, 3 Nays, 0 Abstain

Motion carries.

**Resolution 2017-7**

**IT SUPPORT CONTRACT RENEWAL:** The Internetwork contract for renewal beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$107.00 per hour.

Because the agreement also noted a \$99.00 rate for pre-payment of 20 hours in 2017, the Commission wishes to request the lower pre-paid rate due to the fact that as a government entity they can't pre-pay for services that are not guaranteed to be utilized.

The vote on this contract renewal is **deferred**.

The Health Officer will address the request with the vendor.

2017 Organizational Chart: Please forward any changes to Mrs. Frketich who will prepare this document for distribution at the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MCRHC PROPOSED ORDINANCE 17-06:**

The Health Officer presented the proposed amendments to Ordinance 17-06, currently Ordinance 16-06 establishing and fixing fees for non-food inspection services. The changes include added fees to section 1.3 targeting Private Recreational Bathing Facilities (non-private). These are licensing fees that MCRHC towns would collect. The idea was proposed by an MCRHC member town.

In addition, under section 1.7 New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act the (renewal of notice of claim of exemption) to be collected by MCRHC.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

Theresa Casagrande motioned for the Commission to introduce proposed MCRHC Ordinance 17-6, seconded by John Mack.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brielle	Yes	Red Bank	Yes
Fair Haven	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake Heights	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Tinton Falls	Yes
Ocean Twp	Yes	Wall Twp	Yes

VOTE: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain  
Motion carries.

Announcement of the introduction and scheduled date for Public Hearing will be forwarded to the Asbury Park Press.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No Public present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Cat Licensing by municipalities – revenue generation for individual municipalities –currently being worked through in Long Branch.

President Roman was pleased to announce that Senator Loretta Weinberg a NJ legislature advocate for increasing state funding to local health departments has received the NJPHA Dr. Ezra Monday Hunt award. Dr. Hunt was a pioneer in NJ Public Health.

The NJ DOH is urging residents to have their homes tested for radon. Free kits are available. Sporadic readings have resulted even in the same neighborhood.

HANDOUT: "Up in Smoke" Editorial column from The LINK News Dec. 22 thru Dec. 28, 2016

This article discussed NJ as the US state having dedicated the lowest amount of dollars to preventing teenage smoking. President Roman reminded the Commission members of a past attempt to join other local health departments in licensing e-cigarette sales establishments. It had not received a majority vote. He is asking for reconsideration by our members of this proposed new licensing in 2017 to help in regulating the industry. A secondary positive outcome is revenue generation for the health commission. Most vendors are willing to pay the fee due to the profits they receive.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm on a motion by John Mack, seconded by Les Mathis.

VOTE: Unanimous

**Next Regular Meeting of the MCRHC #1 Commission will be held on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 at 6:00 P.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

*David A. Henry*

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David A. Henry  
HEALTH OFFICER