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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2024 FULL MEETING AT PAISANO'S RESTAURANT, SOUTHAMPTON

Attendance *Tom Hibert; Ryan Paxton; Bri Dupras; Tammy Spencer; Phoebe Walker; Laura Kittross; Scott Koczela; Colton Garelli*

RP opened the meeting at 11:41 am

Minutes Review and Approval:

Motion made by PH to accept the minutes of October 8, 2024 and seconded by BD. All approved.

Treasurer's Update

Financial Report:

Checking: 17,944.65

Savings: 10,615.98

Grant FY23/24: 1,684.35

Grant FY25: Not received yet

Officer's Insurance Discussion

Group reviewed new quotes from Finck and Perras. Favorable option was for \$500,000 in liability with a \$2,500 deductible. RP made motion to approve purchase of liability insurance. LK seconded the motion. All approved. PW will put new amount into budget amendment.

Totally Title 5

Discussion of finances related to the 2024 event. Event generated \$8,379.80 in profit. Discussion of date for next year's event. Group would like to see if the date can be pushed a little further away from the MHOA annual conference. BD looking into dates with Log Cabin.

MHOA has also asked if WMPHA wants to host a Totally Title 5 track at next year's conference. Group liked the idea of supporting a Rural Health option instead.

CLPH and Legislative Update

PW updated group on the passing of SAPHE 2.0 and how next steps will be budget advocacy. PW updated group on latest from CLPH. Data Solutions group is looking to update name. RCAP Solutions will also be reintroducing Private Well law again.

LK gave update on Foundational Public Health Services and how they are looking to do another capacity assessment survey.

WMPHA Logo Discussion

Group discussed ideas. Ongoing discussion.

Water Equity Summit

RP reported that the Massachusetts Rivers and Water Alliance is looking to have someone from public health on their summit steering committee. Group would like more information before sending a representative.

Power Hour Ideas

Lisa Berger will be conducting Reduced Oxygen Packaging training on 12/10.

Other ideas for future trainings:

- CLPP
- ADUs
- Camps
- Green burials, home burials, funeral director permitting

Training Hub Update

BD updated that Tier 3 housing training is just finishing up. Hub trainers will be able to start training soon.

DPH Updates- Scott Koczela

SK updated group on the restructuring of DPH departments. Scott Koczela, Katharine Dagle and Amy Medeiros and the housing program will be located in the Division of Health Homes instead of CSP. Indoor Air Quality will now be covering prison inspections.

Executive Committee Meeting Schedule Discussion

Group discussed meeting schedule. RP made a motion to move to one in person meeting a quarter, with all other meetings virtual. PW seconded motion. All approved. March 11, 2025 will be our next in person meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion made by TS to adjourn and seconded by BD. All approved.

Next Meeting:

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held virtually at **11:30 am on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Spencer, Secretary WMPHA