



**NEW JERSEY COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Telemeeting via Webex**

**June 30, 2020**

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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Woodside at 10:00 am.

Present: Scott Woodside, President; Debra Lukacsco, Vice President; Barbara Ackerson, Treasurer; Kyle Weisholtz, Corresponding Secretary; Robin Mansfield, Recording Secretary; Janice Vermeychuk, Website and Bylaw committee Chair; Anna Domico; Carola Gremlich; Susan Graziano; Joseph Henson; Joan Galbraith; Maggie Cunning; Pat Prior; Kathy Maloney; Diane Lynch; Patricia Ruiz; Susan Lasker; Teresa Lord-Stout; Holly Heller; Carolyn Lewis; Cindy Perillo; Charmaine Thomas; Sharon Virkler; Carol Miller; Clara Albert; Jusine Della Fave; Katen Moore; Cindy Striano; Susan Lee; Fazia Weaver; Alexis Sell; Alicia Spataro; Anna Grasso; Carolyn Smith; Beth Luciano; Heidii Turing, Joseph Henson; Kathleen Dolan; Kristine Sparks; Marta Diaz, Nicole Szilvasi, Suan MacArthur

**II. Reports of Officers:**

- a. Scott Woodside-President: Reports that he has been asked to serve on the NJ Contact Tracing Task Force
- b. Vice President-Debra Lukasko: The NJ Vaccine Preventable Disease program is looking for individuals to serve on a task force to draft regulations regarding the new meningococcal laws. Also there are many free CEUs being offered by multiple organizations.
- c. Barbara Ackerson-Treasurer-excused, no report
- d. Robin Mansfield-Recording secretary: A motion to accept the General Membership Meeting minutes from May 1, 2020 and May 29, 2020. So moved and seconded by Carol Miller and Debra Lukasko.
- e. Kyle Weisholtz-Corresponding Secretary: no report
- f. Bylaws and Website-Janice Vermeychuk: no report:

- III. Topics for discussion: this meeting was an open forum for group discussion of topics related to the current questions and plans about reopening campuses in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic.**
- a. What will be required for athletics, performing arts and Residence Life and others regarding testing**
- i. Division one schools are testing everyone and there is about a 5% positive rate for COVID-19
  - ii. Some schools are considering pool testing for athletics and other special interest groups. There are still many questions around the availability of pool testing.
    1. What Labs are offering pool testing
      - a. Who will pay for the testing
  - iii. Monmouth is D-1, they are bringing back over 100 football players next week for voluntary training. There will be a 3 day phase in testing period, with 40-50 being tested daily; utilizing a self-swab nasal test which will be sent to Quest Labs
    1. Concerns about when scrimmages start without masks
    2. Will be doing pool testing of groups such as orientation leaders, clinical students, etc.
    3. Will be billing through student insurance, for now it is covered.
  - iv. Best practice is to have no contact, but how is this accomplished with athletics?
  - v. Seton Hall is bringing back the basketball team and had them tested through Quest labs, but there was a long delay in getting test results.
    1. Will be using the Sofia test in the office with confirmatory testing when necessary.
    2. Also considering the Saliva test. Only using in office testing for symptomatic and contacts
  - vi. TCNJ reported that their President just announced that there will be no fall contact sports programs
  - vii. Caldwell raised the question about how uninsured students will be tested. They do not have a campus insurance plan and many uninsured students.
    1. Will Universities pick up the cost of testing, especially if it is being required?
    2. Federal testing sites are closing
    3. Insurance companies are lobbying to no longer cover asymptomatic testing

4. Will insurance companies consider a close contact a medical necessary test?
- viii. Those with health related clinical programs are indicating that some clinical sites are requiring 2 negative Covid tests, 3 weeks apart and then weekly while in clinical rotation.
  1. Who will pay for this?
  2. Are the regular hospital staff required to have this much testing, if not it seems unjustified of the clinical students to have this.
  3. Could simulation labs be expanded in place of clinical rotation? This may depend on the regulating board of the program.
  4. Will student teachers need similar testing if classroom training resumes?
- ix. General Consensus
  1. More testing is better, but who will pay for it and what is the best way to implement testing.
  2. As testing ramps up in September, there will be a greater lag time in getting results
  3. The messaging should be Wear Masks, wash hands and Social Distance.

**b. Residential Students**

- i. Will schools be testing before move in
  1. Most schools are either not testing or plans are not finalized.
  2. Some schools are considering some sort of surveillance testing of individual residence halls
  3. Stevens Institute is planning to do testing of all students, faculty and staff within 5 days before returning to campus.
- ii. The question was raised about students returning or areas of high COVID activity. How will schools handle the mandatory quarantine (currently 16 states have high activity)?
  1. No definitive answers to this question yet
- iii. What is the percentage of isolation rooms that is required? School report from 2% to 7% in preparation for the fall.
- iv. How will students be housed:
  1. TCNJ- one student per room, some community bathrooms (12 to one bathroom)
    - a. Question posed, if a student is quarantined can they use the community bathroom?

2. St. Elizabeth-also has the situation of community bathrooms 15-30 sharing one bathroom
3. Rowan, Seton Hall, Kean, Caldwell, Stevens, Felician, Montclair will have 2-3 per suite with shared bathroom
4. Strict visitation and guest policies, even between different residential buildings. No body that does not live in the building will be granted access.

**c. Temperature or Symptom Monitoring**

- i. Will students be required to complete a symptom app or other system before going to class?
  1. Seton Hall is exploring an app, they will share this information on the listserve
  2. Rowen is creating a symptom checker; in progress
  3. Felician will have temperature and mask checkers installed at buildings. This will alarm when someone is entering without a mask or with an elevated temperature. Security will intervene.

**d. Health Services Systems**

- i. Most schools report that they will be screening all patients via telemedicine prior to visit. Those that can be seen without coming to the office will have their visit completed on the Telemedicine platform.
- ii. Even for in person appointments, subjective information, ROS, history can all be done via telemedicine along with followup instructions to limit contact.
- iii. Temperature checks before entering the health center.
- iv. No walk-ins; by appointment only
- v. All forms submitted electronically before the appointment.
- vi. Healthy visits in the am, sick visits in the pm
- vii. Increase cleaning
  1. Ramapo will have a designated cleaning person for their office
  2. Ramapo contracted with a company to supply scrubs and lab coats and laundry service.
- viii. This is the time to get facilities needs addressed in your health centers
  1. Have facilities check your ventilation systems
  2. Have a negative pressure room if possible
  3. Hepa filters do not capture the coronavirus, it is too small
  4. Outside awnings for student waiting to been let in
  5. Drop box for lab samples
  6. Limit access by having automatic lock doors.
- ix. Bottom Line is best practices are masks, hand washing and social distancing

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robin Mansfield