

Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
December 9, 2020  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on December 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, and remote participation, with Chairman John J. Mallon presiding.

**1. Reading of "Open Public Meeting Act:"**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman asked everyone to join him in honoring our military servicemen and servicewomen who protect our freedom every day.

**3. Roll Call:**

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione – participated remotely  
Ms. Carol Blake – participated remotely  
Ms. Barbara Jo Crea – participated remotely  
Dr. Maurice Hill  
Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro  
Senator Robert Singer  
Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer  
John Sahradnik, Board Counsel – participated remotely  
Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders – participated remotely

**4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, the open meeting minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting were approved.

Name	Bacchione	Blake	Crea	Hill	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Abstain									
Nays									
Absent						X			

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 313(20) through 344(20). Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

## 5. Adoption of Resolutions:

**Resolution 313(20)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – November 18, 2020 – \$76,630.13 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 314(20)** – Finance Committee Report – December 9, 2020 – \$1,083,993.13 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #20-02320, #20-02333, #20-02334, #20-02453, #20-02459, #20-02460, #20-02515, #20-02549, #20-02625, #20-02626 and #20-02713; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #20-02320, #20-02333, #20-02334, #20-02453, #20-02459, #20-02460, #20-02515, #20-02549, #20-02625, #20-02626 and #20-02713, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 315(20)** – Authorization to make transfers between Appropriation Accounts in the 2020 Budget – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 316(20)** – Personnel Committee Report – December 9, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining on Item #27 and Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #29, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 317(20)** – Salary increments for part time personnel – effective December 10, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 318(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Conner, Strong & Buckelew for insurance broker services – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 319(20)** – Authorization to execute an agreement with CHEMED to provide dental clinic services for the calendar year 2021 – in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 320(20)** – Authorization to execute an agreement with Ocean Health Initiatives to provide dental clinic services for the calendar year 2021 – in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 321(20)** – Award of bid for GPS Units for Motor Vehicles to NexTraq – not to exceed \$35,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 322(20)** – Award of bid for Animal Crematory Services to Orchard Hill Memorial Park, Inc. dba Abbey Glen Memorial Park – in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 323(20)** – Award of bid for Animal Feed to Monmouth Feed Supply, Inc. – in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

- Resolution 324(20)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with Monmouth Feed Supply, Inc. for cat litter – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 325 (20)** – Authorization to execute an agreement with Visiting Homecare Service of Ocean County for certified home health aide services, indigent care – calendar year 2021 is the fourth year of the total five years – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 326(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Inc. – for Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center 12 hour program – in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 327(20)** – Authorization to award the 48 Hour IDRC component to New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Inc. – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 328(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement for laboratory testing to be performed by New Jersey Department of Health, Public Health and Environmental Laboratory – total annual amount not to exceed \$17,500 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 329(20)** – Authorization to approve the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – reallocation of the 2020 County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 330(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey – for clinical nursing services – for an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 331(20)** – Authorization to enter into contracts with non-participating municipalities – for animal facility services – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 332(20)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with United Communities, McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst – for animal facility services – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 333(20)** – Authorization to forward five (5) vehicles for public auction – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 334(20)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Early Intervention Health Service Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$2,201,853.00 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 335(20)** – Authorization to accept the ARCH nurse funding from the New Jersey Department of Health State Funded Opioid Prevention Grant – in an amount not to exceed

\$125,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 336(20)** – Authorization to accept the DHSTS State HIV Prevention Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$92,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 337(20)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Right to Know Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$12,259.00 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 338(20)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Community Health Services' Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program Grant – in the increase amount not to exceed \$54,276.00 – for the period October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 339(20)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Community Health Services' Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 340(20)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services' Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 341(20)** – Authorization to execute agreements with community partners for the delivery of community-based public health services on the mobile clinical unit – for CY 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 342(20)** – Authorization to enter into Memorandums of Understanding to provide referrals and linkage to heart disease and stroke prevention clinical case management and self-monitoring blood pressure devices – at no cost to the agency – for the period October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 343(20)** – Recognition of January 2021 as Cervical Health Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 344(20)** – Recognition of January 2021 as National Birth Defects Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

## **6. Comments: Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders:**

**Comments from Freeholder Little:** Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, thanked everyone for their service during this very challenging year.

Freeholder Little thanked Chairman Mallon and the entire Board of Health. Freeholder Little expressed special appreciation to Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer; Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development; the great team and staff at the Ocean County Health Department for a magnificent job. Freeholder Little discussed the vaccine for COVID-19 and the responsibility ahead for the Ocean County Health Department with the vaccination program for COVID-19. Freeholder Little also expressed the importance of teamwork and noted that there will be new challenges ahead.

## 7. Other Matters:

**Diabetes Accreditation:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer acknowledged the work of Ms. Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator, and Ms. Meg McCarthy-Klein, Clinical Nutritionist, for receiving agency accreditation related to diabetes. Mr. Regenye discussed the need to be prepared after COVID-19 slows down and seeing many chronic disease issues and cases dealing with substance abuse and mental health. Mr. Regenye informed the Board of significant grants the Ocean County Health Department has been able to obtain to address substance abuse and other issues of Public Health concern, which will position the agency very well after COVID. Mr. Regenye added that within Ocean County, diabetes is a need within the community; to address this Public Health service, the Ocean County Health Department is expanding efforts.

**Seasonal Influenza:** Mr. Regenye stated that the New Jersey Department of Health Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report indicates the State of New Jersey is at a low influenza activity level. Mr. Regenye updated the Board regarding the seasonal flu clinics. Mr. Regenye stated that the demand has been lower than anticipated with 1,128 vaccinations administered. The seasonal flu vaccination campaign continues; flu vaccinations are available for residents interested in receiving the seasonal flu immunization.

**COVID-19:** Mr. Regenye stated that COVID-19 has expanded tremendously. The COVID-19 testing site at Ocean County College has surpassed 15,000 tests as of December 8, 2020. The testing site hours of operation have increased to six (6) days a week. As far as booking appointments, for the remainder of the week, all appointment slots are booked and going into next week for the testing site. Mr. Regenye also stated that the number of positive COVID-19 cases are continuing to rise. In addition, Mr. Regenye reported that all is good with the staff on the disease investigation and the contact tracing. Mr. Regenye added that the demand of resources from the staff working with the Ocean County schools and the long-term care facilities has increased.

Mr. Regenye discussed the COVID-19 vaccine coming and discussed guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health. Mr. Regenye explained the vaccination program procedure as it is at this point.

Mr. Regenye also discussed the shift of the workforce focus of service once the vaccination program has been in effect, such as diminish need for testing, cases with long-term care facilities and schools.

Mr. Regenye thanked the Board for their forethought and leadership. Mr. Regenye also thanked the County of Ocean for many years has positioned the agency for setting up ongoing leadership and support. Mr. Regenye extended appreciation on behalf of all the staff who has been working diligently day-in and day-out for the agency to meet the current COVID crisis needs.

Senator Robert Singer stated that it is our understanding that the hospitals in the State of New Jersey will be getting the COVID-19 vaccine next week and vaccinations will take place the following week.

**Holiday Greetings:** Dr. Maurice Hill wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Holidays and a Healthy Happy New Year adding that hopefully 2021 is vastly different than 2020.

Chairman Mallon also extended holiday greetings to everyone; wished everyone Healthy and Happy Holidays.

**8. Comments from the Public: Comments from members of the audience were invited at this time with a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker:** Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No one wished to speak.

**9. Authorization to Enter Into Closed Session If Necessary:** Closed Session was not needed at this time.

**10. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer