Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
July 11, 2018  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on July 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, with Chairman John J. Mallon presiding.

1. Reading of “Open Public Meeting Act:"

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

   Mr. John J. Mallon asked everyone to remember our military servicemen and servicewomen who protect our freedom every day.

3. Roll Call:

   Ms. Jennifer Bacchione  
   Ms. Carol Blake  
   Mr. Christopher Dasti  
   Dr. Maurice Hill  
   Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
   Mr. Henry Mancini  
   Senator Robert Singer  
   Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman  

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

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

   On motion made by Ms Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the June 20, 2018 meeting were approved.

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   Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 206(18) through 216(18), noting that 206(18) was amended to include an additional payment, and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 206(18) – Finance Committee Report – July 11, 2018 – $255,152.49 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining on Items #18-00653, #18-01317, #18-01351 and #18-01538; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #18-00985, #18-01195; #18-01380, #18-01416, #18-01508 and #18-01579; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #118-01266, #18-01351 and #18-01538; Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #18-00985 #18-01195; #18-01380, #18-01416, #18-01508 and #18-01579; Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Items #18-00653, #18-01250, #18-01266 and #18-01538; and unanimously approved.

Resolution 207(18) – Personnel Committee Report – July 11, 2018 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 208(18) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Rees Scientific – in an amount not to exceed $4,250.67 – for the period August 28, 2018 through August 27, 2019 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 209(18) – Authorization to enter into Linkage Agreements for referrals to HIV/AIDS clients – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining from Ocean County Board of Social Services; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining from RWJBarnabas; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining from Hackensack Meridian Health and County of Ocean; Senator Robert Singer abstaining from RWJBarnabas; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining from Ocean Health Initiatives, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 210(18) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Days Hotel Toms River as the venue for the Community Health Needs Assessment kick-off – in an amount not to exceed $2,500 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 211(18) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Long Beach Island Health Department – offset costs associated with lead case management and environmental actions – in an amount not to exceed $3,800 – for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Christopher Dasti and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 212(18) – Authorization to apply for the County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – in an amount not to exceed $1,266,788 – and matching funds in an amount not to exceed $194,238 – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 213(18) – Authorization to approve participation in the “Clear The Shelter” event and to waive all adoption fees for the day – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 214(18) – Authorization for People for Animal Inc. use of the parking lots of the animal facilities during non-public hours to transport to People for Animal Inc.’s veterinary clinic – outreach regarding spay and neuter services – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 215(18) – Recognition of August 2018 as National Immunization Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 216(18) – Recognition of August 1-8, 2018 as World Breastfeeding Week – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
6. Ocean County Health Department Annual Public Meeting Report:

2017 Annual Report: Before the report was presented, Chairman Mallon noted that on page seven (7) of the report is an impressive list of the many services provided by the Ocean County Health Department.

Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that the Public Health Practice Standards does require holding an annual public meeting where the Annual Report of the agency is presented and discussed. Mr. Regenye thanked Ms. Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator; Mr. Evan Washburn, Systems Analyst; and Ms. Kimberly Reilly, Chief Administrative Services for their efforts in compiling all the data, working with all the different programs and staff, and putting all the information together.

Mr. Regenye provided highlights of the report. Mr. Regenye stated that the mission statement was created in 1995 and is currently going through a review process. Every program and component of what is done at the Health Department should be comprised within the mission statement.

Mr. Regenye discussed the many partnerships and collaboration with other organizations to help deliver very high quality programs and services to the residents of Ocean County.

Mr. Regenye reiterated the Chairman’s statement earlier of the tremendous number of programs and services provided by the Ocean County Health Department.

Mr. Regenye provided more information regarding the needs assessment which is done every three to five years. The Ocean County Health Department has initiated the current needs assessment under the direction of Ms. High and Ms. Reilly.

Mr. Regenye gave details about the health needs identified in the prior assessment, the steps taken and the progress in addressing the needs for 1) Mental Health and Substance Abuse; 2) Chronic Disease Prevention and Education; 3) Childhood Obesity; 4) Immunization Compliance; and 5) Access to Care.

Mr. Regenye stated that the report also contained highlights of some of the programs, the Core Public Health Functions, the Ten Essential Public Health Services; the Public Health Practice Standards, policy and development, and agency statistics.

Mr. Regenye concluded that the report in fact confirms that the Ocean County Health Department touches the lives of the many residents of and visitors to Ocean County in many positive ways and that should be something to be very proud of.

The Ocean County Board of Health members asked several questions. A question regarding immunization compliance asked by Dr. Maurice Hill concerned religious groups and vaccinations. Mr. Regenye responded that most faith-based entities working with the Health Department are in support of vaccinations.

Regarding access to care, Senator Robert Singer recommended looking into Telemedicine which would be very helpful for seniors, who would have difficulty getting out, and very young children, who may be fearful of going to an emergency department.

Chairman Mallon asked for a motion to approve the Ocean County Health Department 2017 Annual Report. Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.
7. Comments: Freeholder Director Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders:

Comments: Freeholder Director Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders stated that the Ocean County Board of Health is much appreciated and thanked Mr. Regenye for the annual report. Freeholder Little added that the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders is proud of the entire Board of Health and all of its efforts.

8. Other Matters:

Ocean County Fair: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer informed the Board that today starts the Ocean County Fair and will run through July 15, 2018. The Ocean County Health Department will have a strong presence at the fair with literature about the services that are offered.

Commissioner's visit: Mr. Regenye stated that on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 the new Commissioner of Health is scheduled to come to the Ocean County Health Department. Commissioner Shereef Elnahal has committed to visiting every County Health Department in the State of New Jersey to get a sense of what Public Health is doing and the work they perform. Mr. Regenye asked that any Board of Health member interested in attending, please contact him. Also an invitation was extended to Mr. Daniel Krupinski, the Health Officer of the Long Beach Island Health Department at the request of the New Jersey Board of Health.

Shingles vaccine: Ms. Carol Blake had questions regarding the Shingles vaccine since a two-dose series recently became available. Mr. Regenye responded the Ocean County Health Department is researching this new vaccine.

Ms. High stated that the single dose Shingle vaccine, which is what the Health Department provides, is a live virus vaccine and some individuals are excluded based on contraindications. The new two-dose series is proven to be effective but it is still a two-dose series, and it is a little bit more expensive but it is not a live vaccine.

Mr. Regenye noted several factors need to be considered such as cost, storage of the vaccine, and the possibility of missing the second dose, to name a few. The Ocean County Health Department will continue the conversation to assure the residents of Ocean County have access to the Shingles vaccine.

9. 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.

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

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

[Signature] Secretary/Treasurer