Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
February 6, 2019
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on February 6, 2019 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
Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

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

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

On motion made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting were approved.

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Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 68(19) through 92(19), and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 68(19) – Finance Committee Report – February 6, 2019 – $202,449.25 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining on items #19-00121, #19-00126, #19-00240 and #19-00241; and Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #18-02971, #18-03018, #18-03212, #18-03217, #18-03219, #19-00075, #19-00078, #19-00079 and #19-00104, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 69(19) – Personnel Committee Report – February 6, 2019 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 70(19) – Authorization to accept the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – to allocate funds for the fiscal year 2020 Municipal Alliance Program – total not to exceed $651,926 – for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining from Berkeley; Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining from Berkeley, Eagleswood Consortium, Jackson, Lacey, Manchester, Ocean, Plumsted, Seaside Park and Stafford; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining from Toms River; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining from Lacey; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining from Beachwood, Berkeley, Eagleswood Consortium, Lacey, Lakewood, Ocean Gate, Pine Beach, Plumsted, and Stafford, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 71(19) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Versatile Physicians Solutions (VPS) – to provide insurance billing and coding – not to exceed $17,500 – for the period March 8, 2019 through March 7, 2020 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 72(19) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Linda Dziedzic, DVM, LLC – to provide veterinarian services – at a rate $85.00 per hour – not to exceed $17,500 – for the period March 8, 2019 through March 7, 2020 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 73(19) – Authorization to execute an agreement with the Friends of the Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter – not to exceed $6,000 – and authorization to execute an agreement with The Volunteer Auxiliary for Animals, Inc. – not to exceed $6,000 – for the period March 5, 2019 through March 4, 2020 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 74(19) – Authorization to utilize AMN Healthcare (dba RN.com) – American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Accredited online learning modules – for the period February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 75(19) – Authorization to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services’ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 76(19) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Community Health Services, Community Health and Wellness Unit – for the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program – in an amount not to exceed $27,000 – for the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 77(19) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Community Health Services, Community Health and Wellness Unit – for the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program – in an amount not to exceed $25,000 – for the period
January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 78(19) – Authorization to forward three (3) vehicles for public auction – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 79(19) – Authorization to accept donated rapid HCV tests and serologic testing from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Department of Pathology – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 80(19) – Authorization to accept donation of children’s books from the Ocean County Library System – for the Ocean County WIC Program maternal support room – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 81(19) – Authorization to enter into Memorandum of Understanding to provide referrals and linkages – to Diabetes Self-Management, Education and Support (DSMES) Programs – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 82(19) – Authorization to enter into Memorandum of Understanding to provide referrals and linkages – for the purpose of providing heart disease and stroke screening services – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Chairman John J. Mallon abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 83(19) – Authorization to apply for the HIV/AIDS Ryan White Part B Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed $421,142 – for the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 84(19) – Recognition of March 2019 as National Colorectal Awareness Month – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 85(19) – Recognition of March 2019 as National Nutrition Month – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 86(19) – Recognition of March 4-8, 2019 as National School Breakfast Week – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 87(19) – Recognition of March 17-23, 2019 as National Poison Prevention Week – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 88(19) – Recognition of March 11-15, 2019 as National Flood Safety Awareness Week – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 89(19) – Recognition of March 24, 2019 as National World Tuberculosis Awareness Day – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 90(19) – Authorization to enter in an agreement with Delaware Valley University – to accept graduate students for practical experience in various public policy and/or health field activities – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 91(19) – Authorization to approve a new payment schedule with MES Diagnostics, LLC – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 92(19) – Authorization to apply for an increase in the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed $40,676 – for a revised total of $341,536 – for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – and authorization to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Ocean County Sheriff's Office – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

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

Comments: Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders informed the Board that today the Board of Chosen Freeholders will approve going out to bid for five different road projects which include paving Sunset Avenue sometime during the spring.

7. Other Matters:

New grants: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that the Ocean County Health Department has been very active in pursuing new grants. Mr. Regenye noted that included on today’s agenda were two new grants and the Ocean County Health Department is anticipating receiving an award for another new grant for the next Board of Health meeting.

Mr. Regenye provided information on the award of today’s two new grants. The two new grants are expanding programs within the Health Education Unit. Mr. Regenye added that the Health Department is expecting to receive notice of another new grant award for Substance Abuse. Mr. Regenye stated that these new grants total $127,000 new dollars. Mr. Regenye thanked Ms. Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator and Ms. Kimberly Reilly, Chief Administrative Services for pursuing new grant monies. Mr. Regenye added that the Ocean County Health Department will continue to look for new grant monies.

Breastfeeding: Mr. Regenye stated that breastfeeding information and material were included in the Board packets and at today’s meeting are breastfeeding guides for the Board members to view. Mr. Regenye informed the Board of new WIC program partnerships with Southern Ocean Medical Center and different activities throughout Ocean County. Mr. Regenye introduced Ms. Meg McCarthy-Klein, Nutritionist Program Coordinator/Public Health Nutritionist; Ms. Kristi Fawkes, Project Director Nutrition Program; and Ms. Patricia High, the Department Head from the WIC Program. Mr. Regenye added that the Health Department is looking to expand some of that partnership with Southern Ocean Medical Center and focus some other programming that we have to serve the residents of southern Ocean County.
**Influenza:** Mr. Regenye updated the Board on the flu and in New Jersey at this time flu is at high activity. Mr. Regenye stated that this is a very active flu season. Mr. Regenye added that the vaccine that is used this year is a good match with what is in circulation. The Ocean County Health Department is still encouraging residents to get their flu shots. The Health Department has clinics scheduled through February on our website.

Mr. Regenye discussed the order of flu vaccine for next year’s flu season. Mr. Regenye reminded the Board that last year 3,500 doses of vaccine were ordered. There are currently 1,000 doses of vaccine remaining. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department prefers to have a reserve in case of an outbreak. Mr. Regenye noted that this year the number of doses administered is consistent with last year. Mr. Regenye stated that next year’s order needs to be placed now. Mr. Regenye suggested moving ahead with a similar order unless the Board has other thoughts with that. Everyone was in agreement that a similar order compared to last year should be placed.

**Shingles vaccine:** Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department is still waiting for the new Shingles vaccine which is on backorder throughout the country.

**Vacation:** Mr. Regenye stated that he will be on vacation next week. Brian Rumpf and other department heads will be available for any assistance. Mr. Regenye also stated that he can also be reached by cell phone.

8. **Ocean County Health Department Strategic Planning/Mission Statement:**

**Strategic Planning/Mission Statement:** Mr. Regenye discussed the reason for revisiting the process of the strategic planning/mission statement. Also, Mr. Regenye discussed the importance of the strategic planning/mission statement is to the Ocean County Health Department which will tie into developing further goals and objectives within the agency for a three to five year plan.

Mr. Regenye stated that the current mission statement was written in 1995. Mr. Regenye also stated that included in the Board packet was a picture of the mission workgroup and the only person still at the Health Department was Mr. Regenye.

Mr. Regenye stated that Ms. High is leading the effort and the task force. Mr. Regenye extended an invitation to all Board members to attend the strategic planning meetings. Also, Mr. Regenye thanked the Board members who took the survey and offered their input.

Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the Ocean County Health Department will be audited by the State Health Department on the Public Health Practice Standards. The audit will take place in March.

Ms. High stated that the agency is participating and more than 50% of the agency has contributed either through the survey or being directly part of the team. Ms. High added that the strategic planning/mission statement process has been a very cooperative effort and she is very excited to pull it together.
Suggestions: Chairman Mallon commented on the suggestions by the employees that were included in Board packet. Mr. Regenye stated that at each of our sites had suggestion boxes recently installed. Mr. Regenye added that actually there are some really good suggestions. Chairman Mallon very much liked the suggestion to incorporate double sided printing and suggested the Board packet be printed double sided.

Congratulations: Dr. Maurice Hill congratulated Mr. Dasti and his wife on becoming new parents. Mr. Dasti thanked the Board, Mr. Regenye and staff for the lovely arrangement.

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 Mr. Christopher Dasti, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.