Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
November 13, 2019
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on November 13, 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. Jenniffer Bacchione
Mr. Christopher Dasti
Dr. Maurice Hill
Ms. Veronica Laureigh
Mr. Henry Mancini
Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
Senator Robert Singer
Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

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

Congratulations: Chairman Mallon congratulated the newly elected officials, Dr. Maurice Hill as Mayor for Toms River; Mr. Brian Rumpf re-elected as a New Jersey Assemblyman; Mr. Peter Curatolo as a Lacey Township Committeeman; and congratulations were extended to Ms. Jenniffer Bacchione’s husband, John Bacchione as a Berkeley Township Councillman.

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, with Dr. Maurice Hill, and Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the October 16, 2019 meeting were approved.

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Chairman Mallon noted on today’s agenda, the Ocean County Board of Health is accepting grant monies totaling greater than $90,000, donated billboard space at a value of $25,000 to advertise pet adoptions from the Ocean County Health Department shelters, and working with nine (9) colleges to accept students for internships.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 305(19) through 334(19), 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 305(19)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – October 30, 2019 – $54,543.44 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #19-02706, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 306(19)** – Finance Committee Report – November 13, 2019 – $264,109.65 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining on Item #19-02356; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #19-02372, #19-02421, #19-02427, #19-02570, #19-02588, #19-02649, and #19-02650; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #19-02455; Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #19-02128, #19-02372, #19-02421, #19-02427, #19-02570, #19-02588, #19-02649, and #19-02650; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Items #19-02336 and #19-02522, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 307(19)** – Personnel Committee Report – November 13, 2019 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 308(19)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Clarion Hotel to conduct the Ocean County Overdose Fatality Review Year End Meeting – December 6, 2019 – in an amount not to exceed $2,500 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 309(19)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Wellspring Center for Prevention – train staff in the We’re Not Buying It 2.0 program – in an amount not to exceed $4,000 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 310(19)** – Authorization to accept the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to allocate funds from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ocean County Board of Health – totaling amount not to exceed $1,265,769 – effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 311(19)** – Authorization to execute an agreement with CHEMED to provide dental clinic services for the calendar year 2020 – in an amount not to exceed $300,000.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 312(19)** – Authorization to execute an agreement with Ocean Health Initiatives to provide dental clinic services for the calendar year 2020 – in an amount not to exceed
$150,000.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 313(19) – Authorization to execute an agreement with the Language Line Services existing contract for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 314(19) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Ms. Alexandria Lopez to acquire Consultant Services for training on self-care for behavioral health professionals on December 6, 2019 – in an amount not to exceed $350.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 315(19) – Authorization to purchase vehicles from an authorized vendor under the Ocean County Cooperative Contract System – All American Ford – in an amount not to exceed $233,760.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 316(19) – Authorization to accept the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program grant from the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Community Health Services – in an amount not to exceed $37,710 – for the period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 317(19) – Authorization to accept the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program grant from the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Community Health Services – in an amount not to exceed $53,292 – for the period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 318(19) – Authorization to accept donation of billboard sign space to promote adoption of shelter animals – donation value $25,000 – for the period February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 319(19) – Authorization to apply for the Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Innovative Projects – funding in an amount not to exceed $229,936.00 – for the period of January 15, 2020 through June 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 320(19) – Adoption of the 2020 Board of Health public meeting schedule – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 321(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Georgian Court University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 322(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Kean University, School of Nursing – to accept nursing students – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 323(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Monmouth University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at
no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 324(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Montclair State University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 325(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Ocean County College, Department of Nursing and Allied Health – to accept nursing students – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 326(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey – to accept Public Health students – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 327(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Seton Hall University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 328(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Stockton University – to accept Public Health students – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 329(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with William Patterson University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 330(19) – Authorization for Ocean County WIC Program to amend in the Letter of Understanding the agency shall be known as St. Therese’s Food Pantry instead of Tuckerton Area Inner Church Food Pantry as it was previously called – for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 331(19) – Authorization by the State WIC office at the New Jersey Department of Health to donate any current or future cans of unopened infant formula returned from WIC participants to the Ocean County WIC Program local food pantries – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 332(19) – Authorization to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with Office and Professional Employees International Union – Local 32 – representing Registered Environmental Health Specialists Personnel – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 333(19) – Recognition of December 1, 2019 as World AIDS Day – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 334(19) – Recognition of December 2019 as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, 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 also congratulated Mr. Rumpf, Mr. Curatolo and Dr. Hill on their win from the election.

7. Other Matters:

   PACADA/PAC: Mr. Daniel Regeny, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer referred to the handout provided to each Board of Health member regarding the upcoming PACADA/PAC Conference scheduled to be held on Friday, November 15, 2019 at the Clarion Hotel. The event is in coordination with the Ocean County Department of Human Services and their Professional Advisory Committee and the Ocean County Health Department Provider’s Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Mr. Regeny stated that the topic of this year’s joint PACADA/PAC conference is “Ethical Standards of Practice.” Mr. Regeny asked if any Board member is interested in attending, please let him know.

   Ocean County Overdose Fatality Review Program: Mr. Regeny stated that for the last three (3) years the Ocean County Health Department has taken the lead regarding the overdose fatality review process. Mr. Regeny did refer to a letter of support, included in the Board packet, from the NY/NJ HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) strongly supporting the Ocean County Health Department; the letter was included in an application for funding. Mr. Regeny informed the Board that the Overdose Fatality Review year-end meeting at the Clarion Hotel is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2019 for the different committees of the program to meet and discuss where the review team has been, the progress that was made, and looking to plan ahead for future years. Mr. Regeny extended an invitation to any Board member who is interested in attending to please contact him.

   Vaping Task Force: Mr. Regeny provided an update regarding actions taken relating to the topic of vaping and e-cigarettes. Mr. Regeny stated that the Ocean County Health Department is part of an active task force with the Prosecutor’s Office and the DART Coalition, the local hospitals, the County Superintendent, and the Police Chiefs. Mr. Regeny stated that the Board will be kept informed regarding this joint effort because this is a matter of high public health importance.

   Continuing Education: Mr. Regeny stated that next week is the League of Municipalities. Mr. Regeny reminded the Board members that if they attend any continuing education classes at the League to please forward a copy of any certifications they received for our records for future state audits.

   Awareness: Ms. Veronica Laureigh asked if there was a push for municipalities to adopt ordinances relating to vaping. Mr. Regeny responded that some municipalities are
doing different resolutions and ordinances. Mr. Regenye stated that it would be a best practice. Mr. Regenye also stated that some research would be helpful to evaluate the effectiveness of that and possibly craft a model ordinance to share with the towns in Ocean County.

Dr. Maurice Hill suggested having a session with the teachers on one of the schools’ professional days. Dr. Hill stated that this is important and feels vaping is more dangerous than smoking. Senator Robert Singer stated that in most cases the real problem arises by adding a substance to the vaping products that was not purchased over-the-counter. Mr. Regenye informed the Board of the Ocean County Health Department’s participation at the educational session with the teachers and conversations with Toms River Superintendent of Schools, Toms River Coalition, and other schools in Ocean County.

Senator’s Comments: Senator Singer congratulated Dr. Hill on being elected mayor of Toms River. Senator Singer informed the Board that the Fatality Task Force Statewide is moving ahead. Senator Singer noted that the only change may be to have a full report back to the legislature to monitor how the program is going; otherwise it is anticipated to be adopted.

Senator Singer announced his cat, Oscar now has a brother (also adopted from the Ocean County Animal Shelters). Senator Singer praised the work that is done at the Ocean County Animal Shelters. Senator Singer noted the Ocean County Board of Health received an award from the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. Senator Singer added that it was wonderful to have the Ocean County Board of Health recognized.

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 Senator Robert Singer, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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Secretary/Treasurer