

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 January 22, 2020
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on January 22, 2020 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
 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
 John Sahradnik, Board Counsel

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Ms. Carol Blake abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the January 8, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 59(20) through 66(20), and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 59(20) – Finance Committee Report – January 22, 2020 – \$541,448.67 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #19-02854, #19-02963, #19-03210, #19-03211, #19-03300, and #20-00034; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #20-00061 and #20-00124; Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #19-02854, #19-02963, #19-03210, #19-03211, #19-03300, and #20-00034; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Item #20-00061, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 60(20) – Personnel Committee Report – January 22, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Item #7, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 61(20) – Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Ocean County Board of Social Services – 2020 Hepatitis B Program and Influenza Immunization Vaccine – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 62(20) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the University of Massachusetts Amherst – to accept Public Health students for practical experience – for the period of January 23, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 63(20) – Authorization to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Berkeley Emergency Response Team (BERT) and the Township of Berkeley – for the provision of HAZMAT response – at an annual sum of \$65,000 to offset the operating expenses of BERT – for the period of five (5) years effective April 21, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, Mr. Henry Mancini, and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 64(20) – Recognition of February 2020 as American Heart Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 65(20) – Recognition of February 2020 as National Children’s Dental Health Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 66(20) – Recognition of February 2020 as 3-D: National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention and Health Champion’s Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

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

Comments: Freeholder Gerry Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders was not present at today’s meeting.

7. Other Matters:

Influenza: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that the flu activity in all regions of the State of New Jersey is high and the predominant influenza strain is B.

Ms. Jennifer Crawford, Supervisor, Field Rep Disease Control provided the Board with the highlights of the 2019/2020 seasonal influenza program. Ms. Crawford stated that there were 55 public clinics held, also the Ocean County Health Department had administered flu vaccinations at private and special events. In addition, many homebound flu vaccinations were done. Ms. Crawford stated that to date, 1,796 doses of flu shots have been administered. Ms. Crawford also stated that even though the number of flu doses administered is 10% higher than last season, some of the public clinics have had low attendance since the beginning of December. Ms. Crawford noted that four additional public clinics are scheduled until March and several special events have also been arranged.

Chairman Mallon discussed a newspaper article about proper techniques to give a flu shot, stating administering a flu shot in the appropriate location and appropriate angle could avoid problems in the joints.

Senator Robert Singer asked how effective the flu vaccine is this year against the strains. Ms. Crawford responded that data generally comes towards the end of the influenza season. Ms. Crawford added that the CDC gets samples sent to them for testing comparing what strains are circulating to what is in the vaccine, and it appears to be about 50% effective.

Senator Singer questioned having public clinics with ten or less people coming to the clinic. Mr. Regenye stated the Ocean County Health Department will look over the data of the last couple of years, also look at the clinic sites, analyze that and make a decision going into next year. Mr. Regenye added that 3,000 doses of flu vaccine were ordered for the current flu season, and asked if the amount of doses be reduced. Senator Singer recommended a 10% reduction of public clinic sites, noting that if there is a demand, a clinic site can be put back on the schedule.

Senator Singer suggested going to the Code Blue Warming Center sites to administer the flu shots. Senator Singer also noted that his bill passed by both houses and is waiting for the Governor to sign, which would open the Code Blue Warming Center sites at 32 degrees.

Conference: Mr. Regenye stated that he will not be present at the next Board of Health meeting scheduled to be held on February 5, 2020. Mr. Regenye and Ms. Kimberly Reilly, Chief of Administrative Services will be attending a mandatory grantee meeting in Washington, DC, along with our HIDTA and DEA representatives and other national awardees. The program will be attended by other grantees discussing opioids and drug related overdose matters nationwide and sharing the experiences the Ocean County Health Department has encountered. Mr. Regenye added information will be passed on to the Board.

Diabetes Program: Chairman Mallon stated that the *Toms River Times* had an article about the Ocean County Health Department partnering with Walmart stores to offer free Diabetes Education Program. Mr. Regenye explained that this is part of our community health improvement plan. Mr. Regenye added that this is a new venture the Ocean County Health Department is engaging partnerships with non-traditional organizations/businesses to offer opportunities to reach more clients.

Opioid Task Force: Senator Singer updated the Board regarding the bill on the statewide opioid task force.

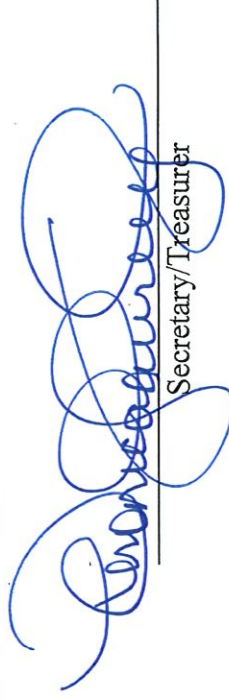
Dental Health Month: Dr. Maurice Hill reminded the Board that February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Dr. Hill stated that there will be displays at the mall and some of the pediatric offices will be opening their offices to care for the needy.

3D event: Chairman Mallon stated that the Ocean County Health Department also sponsors an event in February at the Ocean County Mall, the National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention program. Mr. Regenye added that a flyer was included in the Board packet with information on this event.

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 9:51 a.m.


Secretary/Treasurer