

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 March 4, 2020
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on March 4, 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, Chairman 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
 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
 Senator Robert Singer
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
 John Sahradnik, Board Counsel

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

One motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Christopher Dasti and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the February 5, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 82(20) through 105(20), and noted an Amended Resolution 84(20) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 82(20) – Finance Committee Report – February 19, 2020 – \$59,696.55 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 83(20) – Finance Committee Report – March 4, 2020 – \$132,968.74 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Item # 19-03203, 20-00152, 20-00182, 20-00264, 20-00269, 20-00289, 20-00290, 20-00381; Mr. Mancini abstaining from Item # 20-00286, 20-00375; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining from item # 19-03203, 20-00152, 20-00155, 20-00182, 20-00264, 20-00269, 20-00289, 20-00290, 20-00381, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 84(20) Amended – Personnel Committee Report – March 4, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 85(20) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Animal Birth Control Inc., – spay and neutering services for cats and dogs – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 – for the period March 16, 2020 through March 15, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 86(20) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Falasca Mechanical, for HVAC preventative maintenance for the Barnegat facility – in an amount not to exceed \$4,200 – for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 87(20) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Falasca Mechanical for HVAC preventative maintenance for the Lakewood facility – in an amount not to exceed \$900.00 – for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 88(20) – Authorization to utilize AMN Healthcare (dba RN.com) – in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 – for the period February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 89(20) – Authorization to enter into a Uniform Shared Services Agreement with Ocean County Utilities Authority – for the provision of certain laboratory services – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 90(20) – Authorization to terminate contract with Quest Diagnostics – effective March 26, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 91(20) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with LapCorp – for the period March 26, 2020 through July 24, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 92(20) – Authorization to accept the County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – in the amount of \$1,234,003 – and matching funds in the amount of \$186,766 – for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 93(20) – Authorization to accept the NACCHO Pilot Projects to Build the Evidence Base for Overdose Prevention and Response – in an amount not to exceed \$72,757.98 – for the period November 19, 2019 through July 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 94(20) – Authorization to accept an increase in the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Community Health Services – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 – for a total amount not to exceed \$52,710 – for the period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 95(20) – Authorization to accept an increase in the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program Grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Community Health Services – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 – for a total not to exceed \$63,292 – for the period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 96(20) – Authorization to accept an increase from the New Jersey Association of County Health Officials (NJACCHO) for the purpose of Hepatitis A disease prevention response and containment – increase amount not to exceed \$1,736 – for a new total amount not to exceed \$44,586 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 97(20) – Authorization to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program – in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 98(20) – Authorization to enter into Linkage Agreements for the provision of services and/or referrals to HIV/AIDS clients – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, with Mr. Dasti abstaining from OCBOS; Dr. Hill abstaining from RWJBarnabas; Mr. Mancini abstaining from Hackensack Meridian, County of Ocean; Senator Singer abstaining from RWJBarnabas; and Chairman Mallon abstaining from OHI, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 99(20) – Authorization to enter in an agreement with Walden University – to accept nursing students for clinical experiences – at no cost to the agency – for the period March 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 100(20) – Authorization to offer for free, flu vaccine to residents of Ocean County for the duration of the 2019/2020 flu season – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 101(20) – Recognition of March 30, 2020 as National Doctors Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 102(20) – Recognition of April 19-25, 2020 as National Volunteer Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 103(20) – Recognition of April 26 – May 3, 2020 as National Infant Immunization Week - Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 104(20) – Recognition of April 2020 as Minority and Multicultural Health Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 105(20) – Recognition of April 2020 as National Youth Sports Safety Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Hill, and unanimously approved.

6. Comments: Chairman Mallon

Comments: Chairman Mallon stated that we do a lot with our Animal Facilities and in January we took in 248 dogs and cats, this is just one of the many things that the Ocean County Health Department does. Chairman Mallon also mentioned the grant money we receive and apply for goes to great programs like Drug and Alcohol.

7. Other Matters:

Topics: D. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator spoke about Drug and Alcohol resolutions and grant funding that we have secured thru K. Reilly's leadership and there are also a lot of new opportunities that we are looking into and apply for everything that is relevant to us and also spoke about the main topic in the news lately, Coronavirus.

Coronavirus: D. Regenye said that we have been very active in response and preparedness. Every day we have been learning more about the virus and in your packets there was information about the virus and in front of all members there is a current packet that has new information which is highlighted in yellow. Also in your packets is information about the flu and in New Jersey it is still very active and more people are getting sick and dying because of the flu, which doesn't mean we aren't taking COVID-19 very serious, we are and we are also taking the necessary steps and are prepared to step forward with our plans if necessary and appropriate.

The biggest challenge is on the Risk Communication side, trying to get the proper message out. We have reached out to all of our partners to open up that communication, with conference calls and meetings. There has been some incorrect information on masks and that they could actually do more harm than good to the general population that has been wearing them.

We are ready to take it to the next level when and if the time comes. We have been faced with many challenging positions from a preparedness side, last year with the Measles and public health measures that were put into place would be relevant to this, also actions with Ebola and H1N1 back in 2009.

The major message right now is to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and if there isn't any soap the next best thing is alcohol based hand sanitizer, cover your cough, sneeze into your sleeve, try to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, try to avoid sick people and if you are sick, then stay home. Right now we are gearing our health education programs more towards public health prevention. We are still recommending the flu shot and it is being offered for free now with today's resolution by the Board. Ultimately there will probably be a vaccine for Covid-19 and we will be ready to have those larger clinics, once a vaccine is available.

We have been very busy out there in the community, speaking with police chiefs, town hall meetings, senior services and the adult communities.

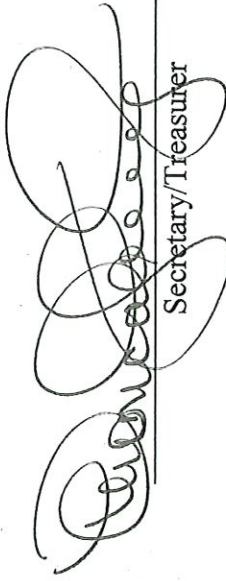
Dr. Hill asked if there would be a slow down once the warmer weather comes and D. Regenye said that is what we are hoping for based on the experiences with other coronaviruses.

Senator Singer mentioned that the state has now been approved to test for the virus so we don't have to send it out. We get results now in 8 hours. We have to make sure the Superintendents of the schools are prepared as well. The facts about masks are misleading, people in China wear masks everyday due to smog and unfortunately people in China are heavy smokers and the virus attacks the lungs and this is the group of people that are most affected with the virus.

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 from the Public, but Ms Bacchione wanted to express her gratitude on what a great job our Agency is doing and the programs that we offer haven't made it to Berkeley Township yet but with great efforts we got a meeting with the Superintendent and Principal and Vice Principal with the 5 6 school and they are going to be implementing some of our programs starting September. They were very impressed with the programs we offer. Ms. Bacchione thanked K. Reilly and her team.

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. Ruthanne Scaturro, and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer

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