

Ocean County Board of Health  
 175 Sunset Avenue  
 Toms River, New Jersey  
 May 13, 2020  
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on May 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Auditorium, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, and remote participation, with Chairman John J. Mallon presiding.

**1. Reading of "Open Public Meeting Act:"**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

**3. Roll Call:**

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione – participated remotely  
 Ms. Carol Blake – participated remotely  
 Ms. Barbara Jo Crea – participated remotely  
 Dr. Maurice Hill – participated remotely  
 Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
 Mr. Henry Mancini – participated remotely  
 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro – participated remotely  
 Senator Robert Singer  
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer

John Sahradnik, Board Counsel – participated remotely

Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders – participated remotely

**4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Ms. Carol Blake, Ms. Barbara Jo Crea, and Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the March 18, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

**5. Acceptance of Correspondence – Board of Chosen Freeholders' resolution appointing Ms. Barbara Jo Crea, and reappointing Ms. Carol Blake, and Ms. Veronica Laureigh as members of the Ocean County Board of Health for a three-year term to expire March 23, 2023:**

Motion was made for acceptance of correspondence by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Chairman Mallon welcomed Ms. Barbara Jo Crea as a new Board of Health member and congratulated Ms. Carol Blake, and Ms. Veronica Laureigh on their reappointment.

Ms. Barbara Jo Crea was sworn in as a new member of the Ocean County Board of Health previous to the May 13, 2020 meeting remotely.

**6. Introduction of the Revised Proposed 2020 Ocean County Board of Health Budget: Resolution 125(20):**

**Resolution 125(20)** – Introduction of the Revised Proposed 2020 Ocean County Board of Health Budget – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**7. Operating Budget : Public Hearing and Public Comment: 126(20) – Adoption of 2020 Operating Budget:**

Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer, stated that with the adoption of the proposed 2020 operating budget there is no increase in the tax rate and the Health Department will be able to continue to fund all the essential services of the agency. Mr. Regenye added that the budget does reflect an adequate response with anticipated federal and state funding for the COVID response in Ocean County.

Chairman Mallon asked for a motion to open the public hearing and public comment of the Ocean County Board of Health 2020 operating budget. Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Brian Waldron from Holman Frenia Allison, the auditors of the Ocean County Board of Health, was on the line with Mr. Matt Holman. Mr. Waldron stated that they have worked with Mary McCarthy, Director of Finance, have reviewed the revised budget being presented today, and would be happy to answer any questions.

Seeing no comments, motion to close the public hearing and public comment was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 126(20)** – Adoption of 2020 Operating Budget – Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 127(20) through 172(20), noting resolution 141(20) and 160(20) were amended, and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, as amended, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, as amended, and unanimously approved.

**8. Adoption of Resolutions:**

**Resolution 127(20)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – April 1, 2020 – \$96,075.33 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.



**Resolution 128(20)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – April 15, 2020 – \$97,502.06 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Item #20-00777; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #20-00805; Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Item #20-00777, and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Item #20-00805, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 129(20)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – April 29, 2020 – \$72,081.39 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 130(20)** – Finance Committee Report – May 13, 2020 – \$200,322.53 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #20-00291, #20-00292, #20-00510, #20-00511, #20-00862, and #20-00910; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #20-00998; Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #20-00291, #20-00292, #20-00510, #20-00511, #20-00862 and #20-00910; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Item #20-00615, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 131(20)** – Personnel Committee Report – May 13, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 132(20)** – Salary range resolution in compliance with state regulations and Collective Bargaining agreements – effective April 1, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 133(20)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Para-Professional personnel – effective April 1, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 134(20)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Professional personnel – effective April 1, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 135(20)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Registered Environmental Health Specialist personnel – effective April 1, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 136(20)** – Salary adjustment for CWA representing Non-Supervisory White Collar Workers – effective April 1, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 137(20)** – Salary adjustment for CWA representing Supervisory White Collar Workers – effective April 1, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 138(20)** – Salary adjustment for United Nurses Organization, District 1199J representing National Union of Hospital & Healthcare Employees – effective April 1, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 139(20)** – Salary adjustment for all full time non-aligned employees – effective April 1, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 140(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the County of Ocean – direct and indirect costs for 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.



**Resolution 141(20)** – Authorization to forward the State FY 2021 Ocean County Solid Waste Control Plan to the Ocean County Solid Waste Advisory Council, Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection – and to authorize the Public Health Coordinator to enter into related agreements concerning the enforcement aspects of the Ocean County Solid Waste Program – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Berkeley; Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining on Little Egg Harbor; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Toms River; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Lacey; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Barnegat, Berkeley, Brick, Eagleswood, Jackson, Lacey, Little Egg Harbor, Long Beach Township, Seaside Heights, Seaside Park, Toms River and Tuckerton; Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Barnegat, Berkeley, Lacey, Lakewood, Ocean Gate, Pine Beach, Plumsted and Tuckerton, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 142(20)** – Authorization to execute an agreement with Frank Giannantonio & Associates – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 – for the period June 22, 2020 through June 21, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 143(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement for laboratory testing for sexually transmitted diseases to be performed by the NJDOH Public Health and Environmental Laboratory – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 144(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with YMCA to provide the Water Safety Training Course – for a total cost not to exceed \$1,550 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 145(20)** – Rejection of the request for proposals received for the Footprints for Life program – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 146(20)** – Authorization to amend resolution 10(20) with MES Diagnostics, LLC – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 147(20)** – Authorization to accept the Hackensack Meridian Health Take Vape Away grant – in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 148(20)** – 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, 2020 through March 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 149(20)** – Authorization to apply for the Special Child Health Services grant – in an amount not to exceed \$145,000 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 150(20)** – Authorization to apply for the Early Intervention Health Services Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$2,235,635.00 – matching funds not to exceed \$260,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 151(20)** – Authorization to apply for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$300,860.00 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.



**Resolution 152(20)** – Authorization to apply for the ARCH Nurse grant – in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 153(20)** – Authorization to apply for the DHSTS State HIV Prevention Program grant – in an amount not to exceed \$92,000 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 154(20)** – Authorization to apply for the Right to Know Program grant – in the amount of \$12,259 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 155(20)** – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health’s Division of Community Services Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program grant – in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 156(20)** – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health’s Division of Community Services Diabetes Prevention and Control Program grant – in an amount not to exceed \$37,710 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 157(20)** – Authorization to apply for DSMES Accreditation with the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 158(20)** – Authorization to enter into HIPAA business associate agreements – for the calendar year 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 159(20)** – Authorization to enter into the annual Quality Assurance Project Plan – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 160(20)** – Authorization to amend resolution 114(20) to accept the County Environmental Health Act Program Grant – for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 161(20)** – Recognition of April 2020 as National Distracted Drivers Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 162(20)** – Recognition of May 2020 as Asthma Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 163(20)** – Recognition of May 2020 as High Blood Pressure Education Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 164(20)** – Recognition of May 2020 as National Stroke Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 165(20)** – Recognition of May 2020 as Melanoma/Skin Detection and Prevention Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.



**Resolution 166(20)** – Recognition of May 3-9, 2020 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 167(20)** – Recognition of May 10-16, 2020 as National Women’s Health Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 168(20)** – Recognition of May 18-22, 2020 as National Healthy and Safe Swimming Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 169(20)** – Recognition of May 6-12, 2020 as National Nurses Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 170(20)** – Recognition of May 6, 2020 as National School Nurse Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 171(20)** – Recognition of June 7-13, 2020 as National Community Health Improvement Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 172(20)** – Recognition of June 15-21, 2020 as National Men’s Health Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

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

**Comments from Freeholder Little:** Freeholder Gerry Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders thanked everyone for participating and stated he could not hear the beginning of the meeting because he was on mute. Freeholder Little thanked Senator Robert Singer for the very remarkable commentary in Lakewood.

Freeholder Little stated that the Board of Chosen Freeholders are working closely with Mr. Regenye on the contact tracing program and may assist with some funding. Freeholder Little added that Ocean County will be administering funds from the stimulus program to benefit municipalities and County entities for COVID-19 response. The County of Ocean has established a very strong and tight proposal and the Ocean County mayors have been notified. Senator Singer stated the Board of Health is applying. Freeholder Little explained that if the distribution is approved and the Federal government conducts an audit at the end of this program, should the determination find those revenues were not in direct response to COVID-19, the County would be required to reimburse the Federal government for the total amount of that expenditure so it has to be a very tight program and everything must be verified.

Dr. Maurice Hill thanked Mr. Regenye and the Ocean County Health Department staff for the great job they are all doing with the COVID-19 testing and working around the clock since this began two months ago.

Dr. Hill suggested that it would be helpful if data included the positive number of patients that are still active or subtract those who have recovered or passed away, for example Toms River has 1,330 that tested positive for COVID-19 and the active cases are 661. Dr. Hill discussed the economy and opening up some of the businesses as long as it is done safely. Dr. Hill stated that people have been very good maintaining staying in place



for the last six to eight weeks. Dr. Hill also discussed the data that is used to follow COVID-19.

Freeholder Little added that the Ocean County Freeholders are in contact with the governor's staff daily regarding opening up small businesses in Ocean County. Freeholder Little also stated that the number of people getting tested at Ocean County College has been low for a couple of weeks; the site has the capability to conduct 216 tests on an appointment basis in a day. Freeholder Little noted that yesterday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, had the lowest number of new cases since March.

## 10. Other Matters:

**Staff Recognition/Public Health Observances:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer acknowledged the staff for the outstanding job they have been doing during this pandemic with no end in sight at this point. Mr. Regenye stated that since the last Board of Health meeting we have celebrated National Nurse Week from May 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and acknowledging all the nurses here at the Health Department and all the nurses taking care of COVID-19 patients. Mr. Regenye stated that Administrative Professional Week was April 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> also acknowledging the staff assisting the agency with the pandemic. Mr. Regenye noted that the Health Department missed Public Health Week, March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup> recognizing all the work the Health Department has done in Public Health across the spectrum. Mr. Regenye also acknowledged all of the staff without a specific day or week of national recognition, are all appreciated and recognized for their contribution.

**Seasonal flu program:** Mr. Regenye stated that planning ahead for the seasonal flu program, it is anticipated a potential increase in demand for the flu vaccine, therefore the Health Department will be increasing the order by 50% from the 3,000 doses to 4,500 doses just to be able to meet any increase demand due to COVID-19.

- **COVID-19 Agency response update:**

**Update:** Mr. Regenye stated that the Board of Health packet for the May 13, 2020 meeting included a detailed breakdown of some of the COVID information and Ocean County Health Department response to date. Mr. Regenye discussed some of the highlights of the response. Mr. Regenye stated that the Long Term Care (LTC) facilities continue to be a major concern and the agency is dedicating a lot of time and resources in this area. The Ocean County Health Department has seven staff (six nurses and one epidemiologist) working closely with the LTC/AL (assisted living) facilities and communicate with them on a daily basis.

Mr. Regenye discussed the COVID-19 testing site at Ocean County College. Mr. Regenye thanked Ocean County College and all the participants. Mr. Regenye added that all was going very well. Mr. Regenye stated that there is potential to expand as more tests become available. Mr. Regenye also discussed the case investigation role and responsibility of the Ocean County Health Department with over 7,500 confirmed COVID-19 positive residents in Ocean County.

Mr. Regenye stated that looking ahead, working with LTC facilities will be a major effort with significant agency resources allocated. Mr. Regenye added that for the testing sites, that will continue, also transitioning to the antibody testing once the information and testing becomes more reliable and of greater value. Mr. Regenye noted that included in the Board packets were two reference documents from the New Jersey Department of Health regarding the antibody testing.

Mr. Regenye thanked Mr. John Sahradek, Board Counsel, for working with the Health Department to procure Ocean County College facilities to enhance the agency's capacity to train the case investigators to significantly enhance and expand the agency's capacity to perform contact tracing.

Mr. Regenye informed the Board of the Ocean County Health Department preparedness for mass vaccination clinics and programs when a vaccine does become available. The Ocean County Health Department has pre-identified regional locations as part of their Strategic National Stockpile Mass Vaccination Plan.

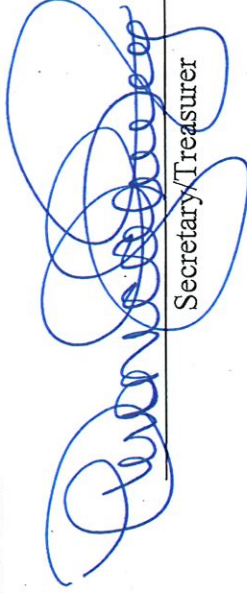
Mr. Regenye concluded that more in-depth breakdown of some of the statistics was also included in the Board packet. Mr. Regenye asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

**11. 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.

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

Chairman Mallon reminded all that the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2020. Chairman Mallon thanked everyone for participating.

**13. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer