

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 October 14, 2020
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on October 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, 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:

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman asked for a moment of silence to remember Ms. Dorothy Basti, a retired Administrative Assistant of the Ocean County Health Department who worked in the administrative office and with the Board.

3. Roll Call:

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
 Ms. Carol Blake
 Ms. Barbara Jo Crea
 Dr. Maurice Hill
 Ms. Veronica Laureigh – participated remotely
 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 Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the September 23, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 264(20) through 280(20) with amendments to resolutions 266(20) and 267(20). Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 264(20) – Finance Committee Report – October 14, 2020 – \$257,919.70 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Item #20-02094; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #20-01721, #20-01963, #20-01964 and #20-02063; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #20-01721, #20-02094 and #20-02202; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #20-01963, #20-01964 and #20-02063, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 265(20) – Personnel Committee Report – October 14, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 266(20) – Award of bid for Animal Facility Supplies to Animal Care Equipment and Services; C Specialties, Inc.; Covetrus North America; and Midwest Veterinary Supply, Inc. – for the period October 17, 2020 through October 16, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 267(20) – Award of bid for Veterinary Supplies to Covetrus North America; and Midwest Veterinary Supply, Inc. – for the period October 17, 2020 through October 16, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 268(20) – Authorization to enter into contract with CureMD – for the provision of a Customizable Electronic Health Care Record System – for a period of five years beginning on or about November 1, 2020 – in an amount not to exceed \$170,242.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 269(20) – Authorization to execute documents necessary to purchase First Aid & Safety Supplies from CINTAS Corporation through OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #R-BB-19002 – in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 270(20) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$631,860.00 – 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 271(20) – Authorization to accept the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$215,940.00 – for the period October 1, 2020 through June 20, 2021 – and to forward the Letter of Agreement to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 272(20) – Authorization to accept the Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program Overdose Fatality Review Database Pilot Site Selection grant – in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 – for the period September 15, 2020 through September 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 273(20) – Authorization to accept the extension of the Hackensack Meridian Health Take Vape Away grant – from February 27, 2021 now extended to December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 274(20) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services' Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period

October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 275(20) – Authorization to apply for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program Overdose Fatality Review Mentor Site Selection – stipend amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2020 through September 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 276(20) – Authorization to secure REDCAP a web application for online surveys and databases required for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program Overdose Fatality Review Database Pilot Site Selection grant – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 277(20) – Authorization to enter into a Letter of Understanding with Ocean Health Initiatives – WIC satellite facility – October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 278(20) – Authorization to enter into a Letter of Understanding with the agency previously referred to as “The Family Support Center of New Jersey” which should have read as “The Family Resource Network” – for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 279(20) – Recognition of November 2020 as American Diabetes Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 280(20) – Recognition of November 19, 2020 as the Great American Smokeout – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and unanimously approved.

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

Comments from Freeholder Little: Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders informed the Board of a COVID-19 exposure and the actions taken following the exposure. Freeholder Little reported that the employees affective did test negative for COVID-19.

Freeholder Little stated that the Ocean County College COVID-19 testing site has performed over 10,000 tests for the residents of Ocean County free of charge.

7. Other Matters:

COVID-19: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that 10,122 tests were conducted at the Ocean County COVID-19 testing site. Mr. Regenye also stated that testing is a priority right now and the Ocean County Health Department is working with the New Jersey Department of Health as well as other partners. The FQHC’s (Federally Qualified Health Centers) in Ocean County are conducting huge testing campaigns; CHEMED alone did about 3,500 tests in about a week’s time. The New Jersey Department of Health has sent a contracted company (Vault) to conduct COVID-19 saliva testing who will be reaching out to the Lakewood public and private schools.

Mr. Regenye reported that Ocean County has surpassed 15,000 positive cases; noting also, however, that the number of hospitalizations have declined and have remained relatively low.

Seasonal Influenza: Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the seasonal flu vaccination campaign has begun with 500 vaccinations already administered throughout Ocean County. Mr. Regenye noting the Ocean County Health Department plans to convert the seasonal flu clinics to the COVID-19 vaccination campaign once the vaccine becomes available. Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County College COVID-19 testing site was a success as a drive-through seasonal flu clinic. Mr. Regenye noted that the number of seasonal flu clinics scheduled is less this year. The clinics that are scheduled are larger in scope and geographically dispersed with the ability to handle larger volume. Clinics are also available weekdays, weeknights and weekends for convenience.

Board of Health Members Questions: Ms. Jennifer Bacchione inquired about knowing the difference of whether or not a person is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or seasonal flu symptoms and when to get tested for COVID-19. Mr. Regenye responded that we are going into a tough time and recommended at this point if anyone has any concerns, any type of symptoms to err on the side of caution and go get tested. Mr. Regenye stated that if in doubt, just get tested and if symptomatic, quarantine. Mr. Regenye added that you should take those necessary precautions especially if there is anyone in your family or circle of friends that are high risk.

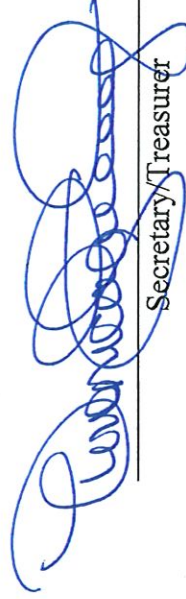
Dr. Maurice Hill asked about any COVID-19 cases with a mutation of this virus. Mr. Regenye answered that he too asked that question during the last Ocean County Health Department medical directors meeting and to physicians in attendance on a Hackensack Meridian Health Advisory Committee meeting he sits on, and to the best of their knowledge are unaware of anything related to a mutation or change to the virus itself.

Dr. Hill questioned when a vaccine becomes available would it be a life-long protection against COVID-19. Mr. Regenye replied that because it is relatively new, there are a lot of unknown answers to questions like that. Also, Mr. Regenye added that there are still questions related to long lasting immunity after recovering from COVID-19.

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 Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Carol Blake, and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer