

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

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on November 4, 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 everyone to join him in honoring our military servicemen and servicewomen who protect our freedom every day.

**3. Roll Call:**

- Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
- Ms. Carol Blake
- Ms. Barbara Jo Crea
- 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 Sahradmik, Board Counsel – participated remotely

**4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, the open meeting minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 281(20) through 312(20) noting resolution 285(20) was amended. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

## 5. Adoption of Resolutions:

**Resolution 281(20)** – Finance Committee Report – November 4, 2020 – \$252,201.12 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #20-01918, #20-02188, #20-02285, #20-02291 and #20-02292; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #20-01720, #20-01785 and #20-02360; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #20-01918, #20-2188, #20-02285, #20-02291 and #20-02292, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 282(20)** – Personnel Committee Report – November 4, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 283(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Township of Lakewood – for the provision of administrative and programmatic Lakewood Municipal Alliance oversight – for the period July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 284(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Borough of Ocean Gate – for the provision of administrative and programmatic Ocean Gate Municipal Alliance oversight – for the period July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 285(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Apple to access and have the ability to download the Ocean County Health Department Public Health app – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 286(20)** – Authorization to purchase Thermal Cameras from Packetalk Corp – through the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing and Pricing System – Contract #1932 – in an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 287(20)** – Authorization to maintain the existing contract with Language Line Services – in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 288(20)** – Authorization to accept the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – reallocate funds of the 2020 County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 289(20)** – 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 \$1,315,828.00 – effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 290(20)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health, Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$2,838,752.00 – for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 291(20)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Overdose Fatality Review Teams grant – in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 292(20)** – Authorization to accept the American Association of Diabetes Educators’ approval and recognition of the Ocean County Board of Health/Ocean County Health Department as an accredited Diabetes Self-Management, Education, and Support (DSMES) provider – and authorization to implement and bill insurance companies and third party payers for DSMES services – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 293(20)** – Authorization to apply for the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) Implementing Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level – in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 – for the period January 25, 2021 through July 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 294(20)** – Authorization to apply for the Inclusive Healthy Community Grants Program – in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 295(20)** – Authorization to apply for the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Pilot Projects to Build the Evidence Base for Overdose Prevention and Response – in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 – for the period November 23, 2020 through July 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 296(20)** – Adoption of the 2021 Board of Health public meeting schedule – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 297(20)** – Adoption of the 2021 holiday schedule – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 298(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Georgian Court University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 299(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Kean University, School of Nursing – to accept nursing students – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 300(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Monmouth University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 301(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Montclair State University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 302(20)** – 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 303(20)** – 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 304(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Seton Hall University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 305(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Stockton University – to accept Public Health students – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 306(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with William Patterson University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 307(20)** – Recognition of December 1, 2020 as World AIDS Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 308(20)** – Recognition of December 2020 as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 309(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with BP Print Group – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the purpose of public service marketing and advertising – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 310(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Latinos Unidos De Nueva Jersey – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the purpose of public service marketing and advertising – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 311(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Township of Lakewood – for the provision of administrative and programmatic Lakewood Municipal Alliance oversight – for the period October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 312(20)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Borough of Ocean Gate – for the provision of administrative and programmatic Ocean Gate Municipal Alliance oversight – for the period October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, 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, was absent from the Board of Health meeting.

## 7. Other Matters:

**Seasonal Influenza:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer referred to the flu activity report included in the Board packet, which indicated flu activity in Ocean County remains mild; at this point, it is at low activity. Mr. Regenye stated that the residents of Ocean County are encouraged to get their flu shots and this is the ideal time. Mr. Regenye added that any Ocean County resident interested in getting a flu shot may call the Ocean County Health Department and get information for the Ocean County Health Department flu clinic sites.

**Board of Health meeting dates:** Mr. Regenye noted that the Board of Health meeting dates for 2021 was on today's agenda.

**COVID-19:** Mr. Regenye stated that in Ocean County there has been over 17,000 positive COVID-19 cases and over 1,000 deaths. Mr. Regenye noted that the positive cases appear to be less severe. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that Ocean County positive number of cases have declined and Ocean County has gone down on the list significantly of positive COVID-19 cases by counties in New Jersey.

Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department has surpassed 11,000 COVID-19 tests at the Ocean County College testing site. Mr. Regenye added that the testing site has been operational since March and everything is going well.

Mr. Regenye provided an update regarding the continued work with the Ocean County schools. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department has been working closely with the schools for two months and the schools have been doing a phenomenal job creating a safe environment for the teachers, students and staff.

**Board of Health Members Comments and Questions:** Dr. Maurice Hill stated that he read the flu season in Australia and the southern hemisphere is less this year than last year. Mr. Regenye responded that all the precautions taken for COVID-19 worldwide are some of the same precautions for the seasonal flu, which could explain this. Mr. Regenye added that social distancing and handwashing would help lower the volume of flu cases.

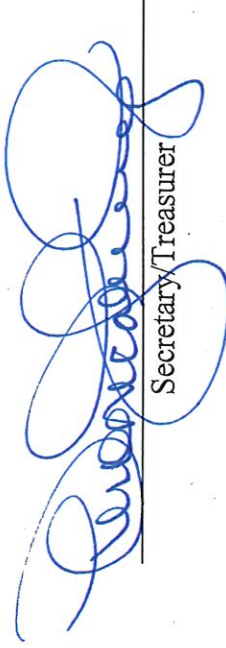
Ms. Barbara Jo Crea commented that she had received a flu shot at the regional flu clinic in Little Egg Harbor and she just wants to compliment the staff at the clinic. Ms. Crea stated that they did a very, very good job and wanted to thank them. Ms. Crea added that the Ocean County Board of Health members should be very proud of the work that the staff did at the regional flu clinic.

Senator Robert Singer discussed the New Jersey voters' approval of the ballot question to legalize recreational marijuana for adults. Senator Singer discussed potential problems and recommended that the Ocean County Health Department be proactive in anticipation of these issues.

**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. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer