

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 April 7, 2021
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on April 7, 2021 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 asked everyone to please rise to honor our flag and 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 – participated remotely
 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
 Senator Robert Singer
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Brian E. Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development
 John Sahrndnik, Board Counsel

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, the open meeting minutes from the March 17, 2021 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									

5. Acceptance of Correspondence – Ocean County Board of Commissioners' resolution appointing Dr. Maurice Hill, Mr. John J. Mallon and Mr. Henry Mancini as members of the Ocean County Board of Health for a three-year term to expire March 23, 2024:

Motion was made for acceptance of correspondence by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman congratulated Dr. Maurice Hill and Mr. Henry Mancini on their reappointments to the Ocean County Board of Health. Chairman Mallon acknowledged his own reappointment for the next three years.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 115(21) through 140(21) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 115(21) – Ocean County Health Department Agency 2019 Audit Review – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 116(21) – Finance Committee Report – April 7, 2021 - \$413,611.66 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #21-00512 and #21-00530; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #21-00512 and #21-00530, and unanimously approved

Resolution 117(21) – Personnel Committee Report – April 7, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 118(21) – Salary range resolution in compliance with state regulations and Collective Bargaining agreements – effective April 1, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 119(21) – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO representing Registered Environmental Health Specialist personnel – effective April 1, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 120(21) – Salary adjustment for United Nurses Organization, District 1199J representing National Union of Hospital & Healthcare Employees – effective April 1, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved

Resolution 121(21) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, County Innovation Grant – extended funding in an additional amount not to exceed \$229,936.00 – for the extended period June 30, 2021 through September 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 122(21) – Authorization to accept an additional supplemental funding from New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials – for COVID-19 related response activities – in an increase amount not to exceed \$10,207.00 – for a new total award in an increase amount not to exceed \$266,190.73 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 123(21) – Authorization to accept revision to contract with Turning Point for Blue Hope Services to end on May 14, 2021 – remaining funds as of May 14, 2021 will be appropriately re-allocated to other providers through the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 124(21) – 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. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 125(21) – Authorization to apply for the Municipal Alliance Program – in an amount not to exceed \$287,920.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – and authorization to forward to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for their approval and submission to the New Jersey Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 126(21) – Authorization to utilize competitive contracting process for the allocation of funds for the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, County Innovation Grant – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 127(21) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health’s Division of Community Health Services, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$37,710.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 128(21) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health’s Division of Community Health Services, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$53,292.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 129(21) – Authorization to enter into additional Memoranda of Understanding with diverse community partners to provide community partners complimentary services to individuals at risk for heart disease and stroke – for the period October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 130(21) – Authorization to apply for the Special Child Health Services Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 131(21) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Project Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$195,762.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 132(21) – Recognition of May 2021 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 133(21) – Recognition of May 2021 as High Blood Pressure Education Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 134(21) – Recognition of May 2021 as National Stroke Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 135(21) – Recognition of May 2021 as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 136(21) – Recognition of May 9-15, 2021 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 137(21) – Recognition of May 9-15, 2021 as National Women’s Health Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 138(21) – Recognition of May 24-28, 2021 as National Healthy and Safe Swimming Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 139(21) – Recognition of May 6-12, 2021 as National Nurses Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 140(21) – Recognition of May 12, 2021 as National School Nurse Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

7. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners:

Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Little: Commissioner Deputy Director Gerry Little, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners was absent from today’s meeting.

8. Other Matters:

COVID-19: Mr. Brian E. Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development provided an update on COVID-19 in Ocean County. Mr. Rumpf referred to the handout indicating the State of New Jersey remains at a very high activity level with COVID-19 cases. Mr. Rumpf discussed the vaccination efforts in Ocean County. Mr. Rumpf stated that 25% of all Ocean County eligible residents to receive vaccine have been vaccinated. Mr. Rumpf informed the Board of the amount of doses the Ocean County Health Department has received of the Moderna vaccine and the Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccine. Mr. Rumpf also informed the Board of the different clinic sites along with the type of vaccine available at the different locations.

Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro inquired about making an appointment to request receiving the J&J vaccine. Mr. Rumpf replied appointments could be made on the Ocean County Health Department website. Ms. Jennifer Bacchione stated that many people are still trying to get appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations and mentioned that the State of New Jersey opened up eligibility for anyone over the age of 16 are able to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as of April 19, 2021. Senator Robert Singer stated that Rutgers made it mandatory to be vaccinated.

Chairman Mallon asked if the COVID-19 vaccination clinics are by appointment only. Mr. Rumpf confirmed that it is by appointment only. Mr. Rumpf added that the new EMR system, with CureMD, would be implemented at one of the clinic sites. Mr. Rumpf acknowledged Ms. Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator was instrumental in getting the EMR system up and running.

Dr. Maurice Hill informed the Board of pharmacies providing COVID-19 vaccinations at the senior communities, noting that the State of New Jersey or the Ocean County Health Department are not being notified about this.

9. Public Health Week – April 5-11, 2021: Acknowledge and thank the Ocean County Public Health Workforce for their tireless efforts in responding to COVID-19 for the past year.

Mr. Rumpf stated that this is Public Health Week. Mr. Rumpf added that unfortunately during the midst of the COVID-19 response, the Ocean County Health Department could not put anything together to aid in celebrating Public Health Week.

Audit review: Chairman Mallon stated that the Board of Health just did the audit review and the auditor is present should anyone have any questions. Mr. Brian Walden, Senior Manager of Holman Frenia Allison P.C., auditors for the Ocean County Board of Health, stated that the last 12+ months have been very busy at the Ocean County Health Department to ensure the safety of the public. Mr. Walden also stated that the 2019 audit was reviewed by staff at the Health Department and Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. Mr. Walden stated that 2019 was a strong year for the Ocean County Board of Health. Mr. Walden continued that the audit has a clean opinion, meaning there were no findings or recommendations. Mr. Walden informed the Board that Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. is currently working on the 2020 audit.

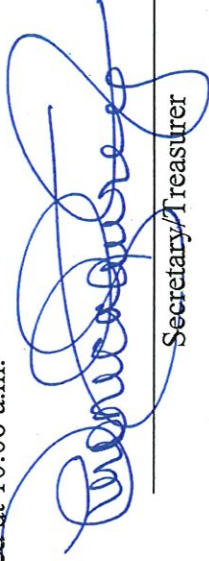
Booster: Ms. Bacchione stated that there has been chatter about a booster shot for COVID-19 in the fall. Senator Singer responded that he has not heard anything about that. Senator Singer stated that Pfizer is up for approval for 12 years old and older to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Senator Singer added that the CDC has lifted all bans for anyone fully vaccinated traveling within the United States no longer needs to quarantine.

10. Comments from the Public: Comments from members of the audience were invited at this time with a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker:

Ms. Megan Gardella of Jackson Township discussed the excessive quarantine guidelines being implemented at the Jackson Township School District when being in the orange area indicating high COVID-19 activity level. Ms. Gardella stated that she is attending today's Board meeting as a mom and feels the students are suffering because they are missing the in class instructions. An in-depth discussion followed. Several of the Board members provided information. Ms. Gardella stated that she appreciates what the Ocean County Board of Health does.

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

12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.



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