

Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
April 21, 2021
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on April 21, 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, our military servicemen and servicewomen, and law enforcement who protect us every day.

3. Roll Call:

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
Ms. Barbara Jo Crea
Ms. Veronica Laureigh
Mr. Henry Mancini
Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
Senator Robert Singer
Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

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

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, the open meeting minutes from the April 7, 2021 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 141(21) through 148(21), noting the addition of resolutions 147(21) and 148(21), and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 141(21) – Finance Committee Report – April 21, 2021 - \$237,808.22 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #21-00221, #21-00887 and #21-00900; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #21-00725, #21-00904, #21-00905 and #21-00912, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 142(21) – Personnel Committee Report – April 21, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 143(21) – 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 \$271,057.35 – for the period November 25, 2020 to July 30, 2021 with a two year extension from August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with an additional \$228,941.35 for a total grant award of \$499,998.70 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 144(21) – Authorization to accept the HIV/AIDS Ryan White Part B Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$395,496.00 – for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 145(21) – Authorization to execute an agreement with LogMeIn – for Information Technology Support – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period May 15, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 146(21) – Authorization to execute an agreement with EasyPay – for credit card services – in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 – for the period May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 147(21) – Authorization to execute an agreement with BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. and the County of Ocean – to coordinate the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations to homebound residents – for the period of April 21, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 148(21) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health, COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding – in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 – 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.

6. 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.

7. Other Matters:

COVID-19: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer updated the Board regarding COVID-19. Mr. Regenye provided some statistics about Ocean County and COVID-19. Mr. Regenye stated that Ocean County numbers on positivity rate has declined. Mr. Regenye also stated that Ocean County has 35% (handout provided) of the eligible population (based on age) fully vaccinated and 48% of Ocean County eligible residents has received their first (1st) dose of COVID-19 vaccination (as of April 20, 2021 – 13:00 ET).

Mr. Regenye reported that the demand for vaccinations has been diminishing. Mr. Regenye noted that the Ocean County Health Department has had a number of appointments available even before the pause on administering the Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccine. Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department has over 10,000 doses of the J&J vaccine and waiting for guidance from the CDC and the New Jersey Department of Health. Mr.

Regenye added that the Ocean County Health Department would continue to assess the situation and take appropriate action to meet the needs of the residents.

Girl Scouts: Mr. Regenye referred to a handout from the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. Mr. Regenye stated that the agency is being honored for "Unsung Hero Recognition" for vaccinations efforts community-wide for immunization protection against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seasonal flu: Mr. Regenye stated that the seasonal flu activity is at an all-time low, noting the entire State of New Jersey has been in the green category with very low to no activity for a long time period. Senator Robert Singer questioned the reason for the extremely low seasonal flu activity. Mr. Regenye responded that testing and looking for it may be a significant factor. Mr. Regenye feels that most providers are requesting COVID testing and not testing for flu. Mr. Regenye added that there are a combination of a number of factors.

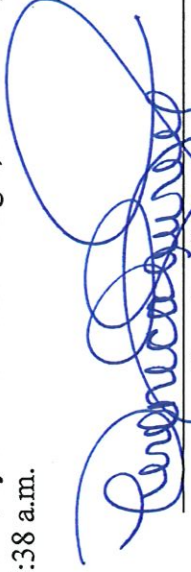
Finance Committee: Mr. Regenye reminded the Finance Committee of the budget review meeting to be held following today's Board of Health meeting. Mr. Regenye stated that at the next Board of Health meeting would be the introduction of the 2021 proposed Board of Health budget.

Administration Assistant Day: Chairman Mallon stated that today is Administrative Assistant Day.

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 Mr. Henry Mancini, and the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.



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