Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
May 12, 2021  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on May 12, 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, 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  
   Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
   Mr. Henry Mancini  
   Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro  
   Senator Robert Singer  
   Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

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

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

   On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Ms. Carol Blake abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting were approved.

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5. Introduction of the Proposed 2021 Ocean County Board of Health Budget: Resolution 149(21)

Chairman Mallon stated that there is no increase in the tax rate with proposed 2021 Ocean County Board of Health budget. Chairman Mallon asked for the scheduled date of the public hearing for the 2021 Board of Health budget. Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that the public hearing for the 2021 Ocean County Board of Health budget is scheduled for June 16, 2021 to be held here at the Ocean County Health Department, 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey.
Resolution 149(21) – Introduction of the Proposed 2021 Ocean County Board of Health Budget – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 150(21) through 165(21), which includes the addition of 165(21) concerning the CARES Act, 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 150(21) – Finance Committee Report – May 12, 2021 - $311,653.10 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #21-00800; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #21-00736, #21-00737 and #21-00800; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #21-00983 and #21-01067, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 151(21) – Personnel Committee Report – May 12, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining on Item #19; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Item #5, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 152(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the County of Ocean – direct and indirect cost for 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 153(21) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Frank Giannantonio & Associates – in an amount not to exceed $17,500.00 – for the period June 22, 2021 through May 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 154(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with AlcoholEdu by Everfi – in an amount not to exceed $25,000.00 – and authorization to enter into agreements with interested school districts – for the period June 30, 2021 through June 29, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 155(21) – 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. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 156(21) – Authorization to approve the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to allocate funds for the FY 2022 – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse/Municipal Alliance Program – total amount not to exceed $287,920.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Berkeley; Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining on Little Egg Harbor; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Lacey; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Berkeley, Brick, Eagleswood, Jackson, Lacey, Little Egg Harbor, Ocean, Seaside Park, Stafford, Toms River and Tuckerton, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 157(21) – Authorization to forward the State FY 2022 Ocean County Solid Waste Control Plan to the Ocean County Solid Waste Advisory Council, Ocean County Board of Commissioners 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. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on
Berkeley; Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining on Little Egg Harbor; 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, Stafford, Toms River, Tuckerton, and Ocean County Board of Commissioners; Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Pine Beach, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 158(21) – Authorization to apply for the Early Intervention Health Services Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed $2,190,931.00 – matching funds not to exceed $260,000.00 – 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 159(21) – Authorization to apply for the Right to Know Program grant – in the amount of $12,259.00 – 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 160(21) – Authorization to forward one (1) vehicle for public auction – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 161(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Purplegator – for Ocean County Overdose Awareness Media Campaign – at a cost not to exceed $100,000.00 – for the period June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 162(21) – Recognition of June 7-12, 2021 as National Community Health Improvement Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 163(21) – Recognition of June 14-20, 2021 as National Men’s Health Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 164(21) – Recognition of June 27, 2021 as National HIV Testing Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 165(21) – Authorization to enter into a one-time extension of the OCCARES Grant Agreement with the County of Ocean – to terminate December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, 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.

Chairman Mallon extended condolences to Commissioner Little on the passing of his father.

8. Other Matters:

Appreciation: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that Commissioner Little conveyed his appreciation to the Board for their thoughtfulness and the fruit basket.
COVID-19: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer updated the Board regarding COVID-19. Mr. Regenye stated that an updated Administered Vaccine Doses by NJ County chart is in front of each member with the most current numbers. Mr. Regenye announced that the Ocean County Health Department had surpassed 100,000 vaccinations on Nurses Day; at this time, the Health Department has administered 102,149 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Mr. Regenye discussed the number of vaccinations administered in Ocean County. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the Ocean County Health Department is waiting on official guidance from the State of New Jersey regarding lowering of the age for eligibility to receive COVID-19 vaccination. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department does not currently receive Pfizer vaccine from the state. Mr. Regenye reported to the Board plans of working with the hospitals and the two FQHC’s regarding holding the Pfizer vaccine in their ultra-cold freezers. Mr. Regenye added that the Health Department is ready to receive and administer the Pfizer vaccine.

Mr. Regenye reported that for the last three months, the call center had over 26,000 phone calls. Mr. Regenye continued that as of Monday, May 10, 2021, the COVID-19 calls would be handled in-house since the call volume has been decreasing.

Mr. Regenye referred to the Public Health COVID Challenge Coin in front of each of the Board of Health members. Mr. Regenye stated that the coins were presented to many of the staff and will be presented to all the staff as a small token of appreciation on behalf of the Board for recognition and acknowledgment as a Public Health Hero providing hope during the time of pandemic.

Mr. Regenye addressed the many COVID-19 vaccination appointment slots available. Mr. Regenye stated that the demand has drastically decreased and the majority of the appointments are second dose appointments. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is shifting into a more community base model, reaching those sites that asked for the Health Department to come and reaching out to the seasonal flu sites. Mr. Regenye added that the Health Department would be providing COVID-19 vaccinations to some of the Long Term Care facilities and continue taking care of the homebound population. Mr. Regenye concluded that it is still going very well, very busy across the board; it is just a different phase/adjustment of what the need is at this point.

Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro inquired about contact information for the homebound population. Mr. Regenye responded to call the Health Department and the call will be transferred to Nursing Administration. Mr. Regenye discussed options regarding homebound, if they are able to get into a car and a family member would drive them, that person can go to the Ocean County College drive-thru clinic or if that is not feasible, a nurse will go to their home.

Seasonal flu: Ms. Jennifer Bacchione asked about the Ocean County Health Department app regarding the seasonal flu. Ms. Bacchione wants to know if the seasonal flu clinic locations would be listed. Mr. Regenye stated that the app has been in place for three or four months and it has been going very well, there was very good feedback with COVID vaccination appointments and it is anticipated having the seasonal flu vaccination clinics on the app this upcoming seasonal flu season.

9. 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. Brian Waldron of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. auditors for the Ocean County Board of Health stated that he and one of his managers, Mr. Evan Jensen, wanted to attend today's meeting. Mr. Waldron stated that they along with Ms. Mary McCarthy, Director of Finance and Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development have reviewed the budget in detail. Mr. Waldron reiterated Chairman Mallon’s statement that the tax rate remains current. Mr. Waldron stated that the 2020 audit is being finalized and would be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. Waldron congratulated Mr. Regenye on all of today’s reports and the recognition from the Girl Scouts.

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

11. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Barbara Jo Crea, and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

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Secretary/Treasurer