

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 June 16, 2021
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on June 16, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, 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
 John Sahradnik, Board Counsel

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the June 2, 2021 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									

**5. Operating Budget : Public Hearing and Public Comment:
 176(21) – Adoption of 2021 Operating Budget:**

Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer, provided a quick update and stated that the budget introduced last month and up for adoption today does represent no increase in taxes.

Mr. Brian Waldron from Holman Frenia Allison, the auditors of the Ocean County Board of Health, stated that last month had gone through the budget and reaffirmed the budget has no increase in the tax rate, which is great. Mr. Waldron discussed surplus and expenditures

including COVID. Mr. Waldron stated that the Ocean County Board of Health has a strong, sound budget this year.

Chairman Mallon asked for a motion to open the public hearing and public comment of the Ocean County Board of Health 2021 operating budget. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Seeing no comments, motion to close the public hearing and public comment was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 176(21) – Adoption of 2021 Operating Budget – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved

Chairman Mallon thanked the staff and the consultants for their work on the budget.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 177(21) through 190(21), and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 177(21) – Finance Committee Report – June 16, 2021 - \$279,500.03 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Item #21-01368; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Item #21-01368, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 178(21) – Personnel Committee Report – June 16, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 179(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey – for the provision of employee and retiree medical plan benefits – for the contract period of July 1, 2021 through and inclusive of June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 180(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Horizon Dental Option Plan – for the contract period July 1, 2021 through and inclusive of June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 181(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Express Scripts (ESI) with the Connor Strong & Buckelew Pharmacy Coalition – effective July 1, 2021 through and inclusive of June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 182(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with NVA/Benecard Services, Inc. – vision plan health benefit – effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 – and authorization to amend resolution 148(18) – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 183(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the County of Ocean – for the Inclusive Health Community Grants Program – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 184(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Chesed – to provide CPR training to residents of Ocean County – in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 185(21) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health, Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$2,935,561.00 – for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 186(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Stockton University – COVID vaccination clinics – at no cost to the agency – for the period June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 187(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with The College of New Jersey – to accept students for practical professional experience – at no cost to the agency – for the period June 16, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 188(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Roanoke College – to accept public health students for public health and community health education experiences – at no cost to the agency – for the period June 7, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 189(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Stockton University – to accept Public Health students for practical experience in various health field activities – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 190(21) – Authorization to execute documents to lease Multifunction Devices & Managed Print Services from Keystone Digital Imaging through the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #4740003721 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, 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:

By-laws: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that included in the Board packets was a copy of the Board of Health By-laws, which requires an annual review. Mr. Regenye commented that the By-laws have been reviewed by administration and discussed with counsel, seeing no need for any changes. Mr. Regenye stated that the members have a chance to review the By-laws and have a discussion at the next Board of Health meeting. It was mentioned if any Board member has any questions related to the By-laws, they could contact him.

COVID-19: Mr. Regenye discussed the re-opening of some of the agency's activities, holding meetings with LACADA, PACADA, and CASS and opening IDRC. Mr. Regenye stated that some things will continue to be done both remotely and in-person to help with any backlog. Mr. Regenye noted that throughout the pandemic, all services/programs were provided, just needed a different way of meeting the needs of the residents during that time.

Mr. Regenye stated that COVID information/statistics were included in the Board packets. Mr. Regenye discussed the closing of the large COVID vaccination sites and holding the community base COVID vaccination sites that are scheduled through the remainder of June and July, continuing into August.

Mr. Regenye reported to the Board that Ocean County has 50% of the eligible population vaccinated. Mr. Regenye informed the Board of the focus currently is on the COVID-19 variants and noting each member has the surveillance report in front of them. Mr. Regenye stated that more than 50% proportion of variant reported in our region is the B.1.1.7 variant (United Kingdom variant).

Communicable Disease: Mr. Regenye introduced Ms. Jennifer Crawford, Supervisor Field Representative Disease Control, to discuss Communicable Disease and activities of her unit. Mr. Regenye added that included in the Board packet was information that the Ocean County Health Department continues to monitor other respiratory diseases and viruses.

Ms. Jennifer Crawford did discuss the COVID variants and COVID cases in Long Term Care facilities. Moving onto other infectious and communicable diseases that required action, Ms. Crawford stated that in March, the Health Department was preparing to monitor travelers from Africa because of an Ebola outbreak. Ms. Crawford added that the outbreaks were declared over and actual monitoring of travelers has ceased. Ms. Crawford stated that there is an influenza outbreak, which is unusual; this is not flu season. Mr. Crawford also stated that we are waiting for other test results to confirm the rapid flu test. Ms. Crawford continued that the Ocean County Health Department is managing a Norovirus outbreak at our Long Term Care facilities. Ms. Crawford added that there was suspect measles cases, whooping cough, pertussis, Hepatitis A, and other immediate reportable illnesses. Ms. Crawford stated that other than COVID, there was nearly 800 reportable illnesses this year.

Ms. Crawford informed the Board of a rabid raccoon in Lacey and a fox attack in Jackson with two children undergoing post-exposure rabies vaccinations, one adult unable to reach and no information on a possible fourth adult.

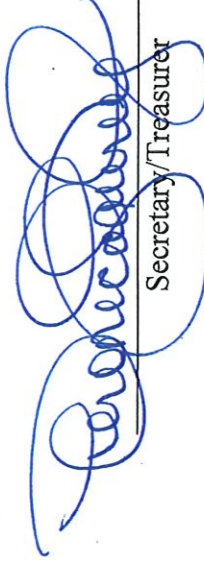
Ms. Crawford stated that her staff does the school immunization audits every year. Ms. Crawford thanked Mr. Peter Curatolo, Coordinator Community Health Services, for their assistance in the completion of the required school immunization audits for this year. Mr. Regenye added that in the Board packets is an update of some of the vaccination inspections.

Public Health: Mr. Regenye stated that Public Health is alive and well, while the focus is on the COVID piece, everything else has not gone away. Mr. Regenye express huge accolades to Ms. Crawford and her staff to keeping the COVID front going strong in addition to all their obligations that demands that require immediate public health action. Mr. Regenye concluded that Public Health is the silent first responder that you never know all that is happening behind the scenes.

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. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No one wished to speak.

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. Ruthanne Scaturro, and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer