

Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
July 14, 2021
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on July 14, 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. 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
Mathew Thompson, Board Counsel

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, the open meeting minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 191(21) through 213(21), and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 191(21) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – June 30, 2021 - \$27,681.54 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 192(21) – Finance Committee Report – July 14, 2021 - \$694,405.62 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #21-01409, #21-01410, #21-01471 and #21-01530; Mr. Henry Mancini

abstaining on Items #21-01480, #21-01526, and #21-01618; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #21-01409, #21-01410, #21-01471, and #21-01530, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 193(21) – Personnel Committee Report – July 14, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 194(21) – Salary range resolution in compliance with state regulations and Collective Bargaining agreements – effective April 1, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 195(21) – Salary adjustment for all full time non-aligned employees – effective April 1, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 196(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Ocean Mental Health Services – Access to Transportation Study Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$24,936.00 – for a period of fifteen (15) months beginning on July 1, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 197(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Hope Sheds Light – Recovery High School Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 – for a period of fifteen (15) months beginning on July 1, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 198(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Hope Sheds Light – Recovery Housing Support Enhancement Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 – for a period of fifteen (15) months beginning on July 1, 2021 – Motion was made by Mr. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 199(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ – Recovery Support Enhancement Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 – for a period of fifteen (15) months beginning on July 1, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 200(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Hope Sheds Light – Support Individuals on a Path to Recovery: Stigma Reduction Events Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 – for a period of fifteen (15) months beginning on July 1, 2021 – Motion made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 201(21) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Elavon – credit card services – animal care facilities – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 – for the period July 14, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 202(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Rees Scientific – vaccines and medications temperature monitoring – in an amount not to exceed \$4,665.39 – for the period August 8, 2021 through August 7, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 203(21) – Authorization to approve the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – reallocation of funds of the 2021 County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – effective July 28, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 204(21) – Authorization to accept 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 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 205(21) – Authorization to accept the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$287,920.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – and to forward the

Letter of Agreement to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 206(21) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Community Health Services Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 207(21) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Community Health Services Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$31,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 208(21) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Right to Know Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$12,259.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 209(21) – Authorization to accept revised affiliation agreements with Cope Center division of Oaks Integrated Care and Iron Recovery and Wellness – due to organizational changes – at no cost to the agency – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 210(21) – Authorization to apply for the County Environmental Health Act Grant – in an amount not less than \$191,752.00 and not to exceed \$472,904.00 – and match 40.55% of the total project amount – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 211(21) – Authorization to apply for the Gilead Sciences, Inc. HCV Grants Program – in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 – for a 12 month period to be determined – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 212(21) – Recognition of August 2021 as National Immunization Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 213(21) – Recognition of August 1-7, 2021 as World Breastfeeding Week – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

6. Ocean County Board of Health Annual By-Laws Review:

By-Laws: Chairman Mallon stated that next on the agenda is the adoption of the Ocean County Board of Health By-Laws. Chairman Mallon asked if any Board of Health member had any comments. There were none.

A motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved to adopt the Ocean County Board of Health By-Laws.

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. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer provided an update on COVID-19 and noted that information that is more detailed was included in the Board packets. Mr. Regenye discussed the current vaccination rate and the actions taken by the Ocean County Health Department to increase this. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is working with five municipalities in Ocean County that have the lowest vaccination rates in the county. It was mentioned that the younger population appears to be the group with the most unvaccinated individuals. Dr. Maurice Hill discussed the reluctance of the younger population to be vaccinated.

Mr. Regenye stated that there is a very slight increase in COVID cases but not seeing severe illness in the hospitalization. Mr. Regenye also stated that the Delta variant is a concern and it has been reported that the COVID vaccines provided protection against the Delta variant and severe illness.

Senator Robert Singer wanted to know if there was any information regarding a booster for the COVID vaccination. Mr. Regenye responded that there are conversations about booster shots and the Health Department is prepared to administer the booster shots. Mr. Regenye added that the vaccine manufacturers are working towards a booster shot and Moderna is also seeking approval of COVID vaccine for the lower age group.

Mr. Regenye noted that in front of each Board of Health member are Ocean County Health Department drawstring sportspack (part of one of the Health Department programs) useful for summer activities. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department continues to open up the agency through other venues and bringing everything back.

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione had questions regarding going back to school. Mr. Regenye stated that the CDC did come out with recommendations last week for schools. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the Health Department is looking to continue the partnership with the Ocean County Superintendent Association. Mr. Regenye stated that the Department of Education made the statement that schools could put a testing plan in place in accordance and approval of the local health department but no one has contacted the local health department. Mr. Regenye added that the Health Department has not been given any criteria regarding what to approve on the testing programs for the schools.

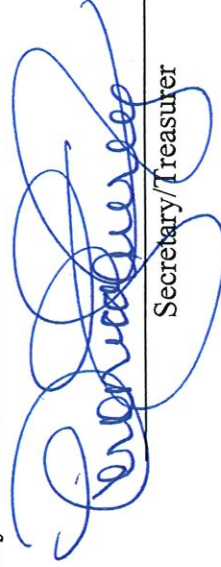
Senator Singer informed the Board of a group of ten people, including medical doctors, superintendents of schools, Board of Education and parents testifying about mask mandates for children noting all were against children wearing masks. Senator Singer added that he has had conversations with several school districts and at this time a decision has not been made but by September, it would most likely make wearing masks optional.

Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is gearing up for the seasonal flu program, which would be co-administered with the COVID booster shot if needed.

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 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer