Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
October 13, 2021
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on October 13, 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:

3. Roll Call:

   Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
   Ms. Carol Blake – participated remotely
   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 Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Ms. Carol Blake abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the September 1, 2021 meeting were approved.

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Welcome: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer introduced Ms. Christa Moor the new Director of Public Health Nursing. Mr. Regenye stated that in the short time Ms. Moor has been with the Ocean County Health Department she has quickly proven to be an asset to the agency. Ms. Moor comes to the Ocean County Health Department with previous work experience dealing with COVID-19. Ms. Christa Moor stated that she is excited to be at the Ocean County Health Department and talked about her background. Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman welcomed Ms. Moor.
Audit Review 2020: Mr. Brian Waldron introduced himself, Senior Manager of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. and introduced Mr. Evan Jensen, the manager on the Ocean County Board of Health account this year. Mr. Waldron thanked Ms. Mary McCarthy, Director of Finance; Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development; and Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer. Mr. Waldron stated that the Ocean County Health Department had a relatively strong year, noting 2020 had many expenditures related to COVID-19. Mr. Waldron stated that the 2020 audit review had no findings, comments or recommendations, everything is going really well and the Ocean County Health Department is doing a great job.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 251(21) through 282(21) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 251(21) – Ocean County Health Department Agency 2020 Audit Review – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 252(21) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – September 15, 2021 - $281,669.36 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #21-01947, #21-02060, and #21-02121; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #21-01991; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #21-01991, #21-02060, and #21-02298; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #21-01947, and #21-02121, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 253(21) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – September 29, 2021 - $60,885.91 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 254(21) – Finance Committee Report – October 13, 2021 - $327,471.95 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #21-00645, #21-02272, #21-02308, #21-02309, #21-02346, #21-02377, and #21-02378; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #21-00645, #21-02469 and #21-02504; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #21-02272, #21-02308, #21-02309, #21-02346, #21-02377 and #21-02378, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 255(21) – Salary range resolution in compliance with state regulations and Collective Bargaining agreements – effective September 15, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 256(21) – Personnel Committee Report – October 13, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Item #5, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 257(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Inc. – for Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center 12 hour program – in an amount not to exceed $90,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 258(21) – Authorization to award the 48 Hour IDRC component to New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Inc. – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 259(21) – Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for Vehicle Maintenance Services for the year 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 260(21) – Authorization to execute documents necessary to purchase First Aid & Safety Supplies from CINTAS Corporation through OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #R-BB-19002 – in an amount not to exceed $60,000.00 – for the period October 13, 2021 through September 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 261(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Preferred Behavioral Health Group – social work and counseling services – at the rate of $38.46 per hour – for a total amount not to exceed $17,500.00 – for the period October 14, 2021 through January 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 262(21) – Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute for Intergovernmental Research, the Medical College of Wisconsin, and Wayne State University – allowing for evaluation of data quality, evaluation of the data collection process, and analysis of the Overdose Fatality Review Data System Version 1.0 REDcap project – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 263(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 October 27, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 264(21) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Early Intervention Health Service Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed $2,190,931.00 – matching funds in an amount not to exceed $260,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 265(21) – Authorization to accept 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 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 266(21) – Authorization to accept an increase from the New Jersey Department of Health DHSTS State HIV Prevention Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed $86,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 267(21) – Authorization to accept 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. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 268(21) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults – in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2021
through September 30, 2022 - Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 269(21) - Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection County Environmental Health Act Grant – in an amount not to exceed $350,000.00 – matching funds in an amount not to exceed $265,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 270(21) - Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health 2021 Expand and Integrate Overdose Fatality Review Teams (OFRTs) Across New Jersey Grant – in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 271(21) - Authorization to apply for New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – in an amount not to exceed $1,389,540.00 – and designate a funding match in an amount not to exceed $219,063.00 – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – and authorization to forward to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for approval and submission – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 272(21) - Authorization to apply for the Municipal Alliance Program – in an amount not to exceed $287,920.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – 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 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 273(21) - Authorization to enter into a Letter of Understanding with Ocean Health Initiatives – WIC satellite facility – at no cost to the agency – for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 274(21) - Authorization to enter into a Letter of Understanding with The Family Resource Network previously referred to as The Family Support Center of New Jersey – Ocean County WIC Program – at no cost to the agency – for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 275(21) - Authorization to transfer flu vaccine at no cost to VNA – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 276(21) - Recognition of October 17-23, 2021 as International Infection Prevention Week – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 277(21) - Recognition of October 23-31, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 278(21) - Recognition of October 2021 as National Dental Hygiene Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 279(21) - Recognition of October 2021 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 280(21) – Recognition of October 2021 as National Domestic Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 281(21) – Recognition of November 2021 as American Diabetes Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 282(21) – Recognition of November 18, 2021 as the Great American Smokeout – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, 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 Regeny, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that the Board members have the COVID-19 profile included in their Board of Health packets. Mr. Regeny said that the response does continue full force. Mr. Regeny informed the Board that the COVID-19 testing at Ocean County College has been contracted out to Immediate Care to allow us to focus on vaccinations. Mr. Regeny added that the testing site at Ocean County College has been operational since March of 2020. Mr. Regeny stated that the Ocean County Health Department would be focusing more on COVID-19 vaccinations. Mr. Regeny continued that there are 65 vaccination opportunities throughout the community from mid-September to the end of October. Mr. Regeny stated that all the clinic sites for COVID-19 and seasonal flu will have all types of the COVID-19 vaccine for the 1st dose, 2nd dose, additional or booster as well as the seasonal flu, high dose and regular quadrivalent and pneumococcal vaccination.

Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro asked about the difference between COVID-19 additional shot and the booster. Mr. Regeny explained the criteria for receiving the additional shot and the booster shot is available for Pfizer, six months after the 2nd dose and following the criteria for the booster. Ms. Scaturro asked if the vaccine was the same. Mr. Regeny confirmed it was. Mr. Regeny added that Moderna booster is up for approval and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for younger children.

Mr. Regeny updated the Board on COVID-19 and the Ocean County Schools. Mr. Regeny stated the Health Department continues with the back to school task force. Mr. Regeny also stated that the agency is very active with the schools, speaking with the superintendents and principals daily helping them and guiding them through the New Jersey Department of Health, New Jersey Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

Mr. Regeny stated that the Health Department continues working with the Long Term Care Facilities. Mr. Regeny informed the Board that a service agency called Compass 82 will been contracted to help with the anticipated surge of volume to the COVID-19 information call line. In addition, Mr. Regeny stated that Ocean County Health Department would be working with the Ocean County Office of Senior Services to provide assistance with the COVID-19 calls.

Dr. Maurice Hill inquired about the situation with Merck’s medication to treat the symptoms of COVID-19. Mr. Regeny stated that many advancements have been made in the
pharmaceutical side and the treatment side and the weekly calls with the hospitals indicate the number of COVID patients declining, noting majority hospitalized are in the unvaccinated population. Mr. Regenye continued that Ocean County does remain one the highest case counts in the state, even though the number of cases are decreasing, Ocean County is still one the leading counties in the State of New Jersey for a couple of months.

**Seasonal flu clinic:** Ms. Jennifer Bacchione inquired about locations in Brick where the high-dose seasonal flu shots are available. Mr. Regenye replied that on the Ocean County website has the seasonal flu vaccination clinic sites posted and a clinic vaccination sites schedule will be provided to Ms. Bacchione.

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 Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

[Signature]
Secretary/Treasurer