

Ocean County Board of Health  
 175 Sunset Avenue  
 Toms River, New Jersey  
 November 10, 2021  
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on November 10, 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:

Chairman Mallon asked everyone to remember our veterans who has protected our freedoms throughout the years.

### 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  
 Mathew Thompson, Board Counsel

### 4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, the open meeting minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent amended agenda on resolutions 283(21) through 321(21) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

### 5. Adoption of Resolutions:

**Resolution 283(21)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – October 27, 2021 - \$57,141.74 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 284(21)** – Finance Committee Report – November 10, 2021 - \$280,862.98 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #21-02382, and #21-02546; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #21-02574 and #21-02662; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #21-02382 and #21-02546, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 285(21)** – Personnel Committee Report – November 10, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 286(21)** – Appointment of Board of Health Counsel – Berry, Sahradnik, Kotzas & Benson, P.C. – 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 287(21)** – Appointment of Board Labor Counsel – Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky, P.C. – 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 288(21)** – Authorization of Auditor – Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. – 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 289(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract with Silver Hammer Associates, Computer Consultant – 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 290(21)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Specialty Systems, Inc. for computer consulting – 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 291(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract for HIV/AIDS Clinics – Margaret Uy Chung, MD – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 292(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract for Consulting Physician – Andrew King, MD – 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 293(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract for Medical Director – Isabel Guerrero, MD – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 294(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract for Consulting Physician – Travis Hendricks, DO – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 295(21)** – Authorization to enter into agreement with Family Nurse Practitioner – Christine Filippone, for various clinical services – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 296(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract with Optometrist – Frank A. Miele, OD – 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 297(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract with Ophthalmologist – Shore Eye Associates – 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 298(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract with Becht Engineering – Engineering Services – 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 299(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract with Colliers Engineering – Engineering Services – 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 300(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract with MFS Engineers – Engineering Services – 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 301(21)** – Authorization to enter into contract with T&M Associates – Engineering Services – 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 302(21)** – Authorization to enter into agreement with Production House for General Media and Marketing Services – 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 303(21)** – Authorization to maintain the existing contract with Language Line Services – in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 – 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 304(21)** – Authorization to approve the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to allocate funds for the FY 2023 – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse/Municipal Alliance Program – total amount not to exceed \$287,920.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Berkeley; Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining on Little Egg Harbor; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Toms River; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Lacey; and 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 305(21)** – Authorization to accept revised affiliation agreements with Bright Harbor Healthcare – due to organizational changes – at no cost to the agency – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 306(21)** – Authorization to amend resolution 356(19) – HD136 forwarded for public auction – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 307(21)** – Authorization to apply for the DHST22HIV – DHSTS State Comprehensive HIV Services Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 308(21)** – Adoption of the 2022 Board of Health public meeting schedule – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 309(21)** – Adoption of the 2022 holiday schedule – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 310(21)** – Authorization to accept the County Environmental Health Act Program Grant – in the amount of \$281,152.00 – and matching funds in the amount of \$191,752.00 – for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 311(21)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Georgian Court University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 312(21)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Kean University, School of Nursing – to accept nursing students – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 313(21)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Monmouth University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 314(21)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Montclair State University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 315(21)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Ocean County College, Department of Nursing and Allied Health – to accept nursing students – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 316(21)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey – to accept Public Health students – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 317(21)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Seton Hall University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 318(21)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with William Patterson University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 319(21)** – Recognition of December 1, 2021 as World AIDS Day – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 320(21)** – Recognition of December 2021 as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 321(21)** – Authorization to apply for the WIC Operational Adjustment funding – in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 – for the period December 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Schedules 2022:** Chairman Mallon noted that the resolutions for the 2022 Board of Health meeting schedule and the 2022 holiday schedule were included in today's meeting.

## **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 provided an update on COVID-19 and stated that the information on COVID-19 is also included in their Board of Health packets. Mr. Regenye stated that the number of COVID-19 cases are beginning to decline. Mr. Regenye provided information from the four hospitals in Ocean County combined had 51 COVID-19 inpatients, 4 in critical care (3 of which are on ventilators) at this point. Mr. Regenye added that it is mostly the unvaccinated population that are being admitted into the hospital.

Mr. Regenye stated that currently the focus is the pediatric COVID-19 vaccination. Mr. Regenye added that for the pediatric population, the Ocean County Health Department will be utilizing the WIC clinic for a child friendly environment here at Toms River in addition to the fixed facility sites and the community based clinics. The COVID-19 pediatric vaccination clinics at the Ocean County Health Department building are scheduled for tonight from 3-7 pm, then on Mondays in November from 4-7 pm.

Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the Ocean County Health Department was asked to survey all the schools in Ocean County who may be interested in hosting a school based vaccination clinic for the children. Mr. Regenye stated that all the Ocean County Schools were contacted. Mr. Regenye continued that the clinic site at RWJBarnabas Arena at Toms River High School North and the Southern Regional Middle School would continue. Mr. Regenye stated that two other schools have expressed a potential interest and Lakewood school district is working with CHEMED to provide school based clinics. Mr. Regenye added, at this time, the remaining schools had said no to holding a school base vaccination clinic for the children.

Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department is working with the pediatric providers to be able to administer the COVID-19 pediatric vaccinations in their offices. Mr. Regenye stated that there has been some interest with the pediatricians. Mr. Regenye added that in general the demand has been low for the pediatric vaccine.

**Inclusive Health Communities:** Mr. Regenye asked the Board members if they had noticed the vegetables and plants growing in the Health Department courtyard over the summertime. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that grant funding was awarded to the agency to

promote community gardens throughout the community. Mr. Regenye emphasized the Ocean County Health Department does continue with many non-COVID related programs. Mr. Regenye introduced Ms. Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator to provide some highlights.

Ms. High stated that before introducing Ms. Brianna Schoeneberg, Field Representative Health Education and the Inclusive Health Communities project, Ms. High explained the need for the project. Ms. High stated one of the areas with a gap was individuals with disabilities and a couple years ago, the Health Department provided new programs addressing heart disease and stroke prevention and diabetes management and control for that population. Ms. High continued that the need and desire was great. In addition, Ms. High stated that the agency has been working with the New Jersey Department of Disability and the Ocean County Health Department was awarded a grant to work on the community garden in conjunction with the Toms River Field of Dreams.

Ms. Schoeneberg stated that she and Ms. High spearheaded the Inclusive Health Communities project and explained the goals of the project includes to improve health, decrease disparities, and improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities throughout Ocean County. Ms. Schoeneberg stated that the agency is creating new organizational policies for group nutrition, physical education, physical activity programming, and program for chronic disease screening. Ms. Schoeneberg provided more details about the project's goals, highlights of the progress, and the challenges. Ms. Schoeneberg stated that it is anticipated that the opening of the Toms River Field of Dreams complex will be in November and open to the public for a grand opening event in the spring.

Chairman Mallon asked what happens to the fruit and vegetables grown in the community gardens. Ms. Schoeneberg stated that at the Field of Dreams, each organization identify a plot to care and take ownership, then would take the produce to increase the amount of healthy foods and nutrition that the individuals with disabilities are getting, so they are going to benefit from it.

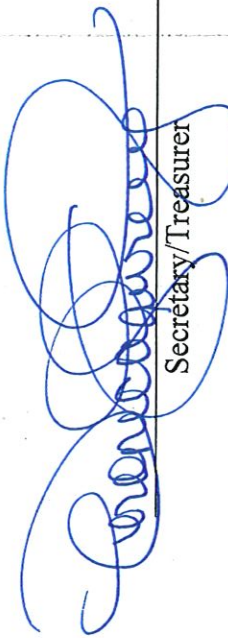
**Congratulations:** Dr. Maurice Hill congratulated Ms. Barbara Jo Crea on her election and extended congratulations to Senator Robert Singer and Mr. Brian Rumpf.

**Holiday greetings:** Chairman Mallon wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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



Secretary/Treasurer