

Ocean County Board of Health  
 175 Sunset Avenue  
 Toms River, New Jersey  
 March 16, 2022  
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on March 16, 2022 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 service members and servicewomen who protect our freedom every day.

### 3. Roll Call:

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione  
 Dr. Maurice Hill  
 Dr. Theresa Kubiel  
 Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
 Mr. Henry Mancini  
 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro  
 Senator Robert Singer  
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator  
 Jack Sahradnik, Board Counsel  
 Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

### 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 March 2, 2022 meeting were approved.

Name	Bacchione	Hill	Kubiel	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes	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 77(22) through 88(22) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

## 5. Adoption of Resolutions:

**Resolution 77(22)** – Finance Committee Report – March 16, 2022 - \$318,232.47 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #22-00356, #22-00410; Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #22-00356, #22-00410, and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #22-00356, #22-00410, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 78(22)** – Personnel Committee Report – March 16, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Bacchione abstaining from #6 and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 79(22)** – Salary Range in compliance with state regulations and Collective bargaining agreements effective April 1, 2022– Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, , and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 80(22)** – Salary adjustment for all full time non-aligned employees effective April 1, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 81(22)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with YMCA to provide the Water Safety training course for a total cost not to exceed \$1,550.00– Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 82(22)** – Authorization to continue lease agreement and make rental payments for the premises commonly known as 333 Haywood Road, Manahawkin, NJ, to the new owners, 333 Haywood LLC– Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 83(22)** – Authorization to rescind resolution 353(21) establish a fee schedule for sexually transmitted infection screening and testing services until further action of the Board – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 84(22)** – Authorization to enter into Linkage agreements for the provision of services and or referral to HIV/AIDS clients - for the period April 1, 2022 through March 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Hill abstaining from RWJ Barnabas and Senator Singer abstaining from RWJ Barnabas, and Dr. Kubiel abstaining from RWJ Barnabas and OCC, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 85(22)** – Authorization to enter IDRC affiliation agreement with Taylor Care Adult Behavioral services– for the period of affiliation agreement fully executed by IDP through June 30, 2022 – at no cost to the Ocean County Health Department- Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 86(22)** – Recommendations to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for reappointments to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 87(22)** – Authorization to proceed with Online Auction. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 88(22)** – Authorization to accept additional funding for WIC Operational adjustment - for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00- for a new WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program Grant total not to exceed \$2,985,561.00 for the period ending September 30,2022– Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**HD Times:** Chairman Mallon mentioned it was nice to see the HD Times come back to the agency.

## **6. Comments: Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners:**

**Comments from Commissioner Gary Quinn:** Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication and looks forward to continue working with the Board of Health. Commissioner Quinn wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

## **7. Other Matters:**

Mr. Regenye thanked M. Kaminski for filling in at today's meeting while M. Zadroga is on vacation.

**COVID-19** Mr. Regenye stated the numbers are continuing to decrease. We do continue to offer vaccinations and testing but it is being scaled back because the numbers are low. We have now started to integrate COVID as part of our day-to-day operations in regards to vaccine and testing clinic side and communicable disease. We will continue with our back to school task force that was started two years ago and discuss any issues that may arise the rest of the school year and look forward to the 2022-2023 school year.

We will also look at the effect COVID has had on the community, get back to promoting and scheduling well visits and prevention programs, which have been neglected by many residents over the past two years.

Technology has also changed and now is a good time to look at what things worked, what didn't, what needs improvement and are we using the latest technology.

**Public Health Week:** Mr. Regenye stated that April 4-10, 2022 is Public Health Week and we want to recognize the tremendous work with the COVID response along with all the other Public Health work that continued during this time. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the Health Department is working with the County of Ocean to coordinate a planting of a tree on Arbor Day and dedicating it to the COVID response. We are also planning some other festivities, which will be discussed with the special events committee. We will share this information, as we know more.

**WIC:** Mr. Regenye stated that over the course of two years with COVID our WIC department has grown to the largest in the state. P. High has stated that over the course of two years we have seen a lot, gas prices rising, unemployment rate, many individuals going through financial changes to create a need for our mothers and children who need supplemental nutrition. We have been able to respond to those needs.

K. Fawkes stated we were the third largest prior to COVID. We are now the largest WIC program in the state. We were able to function remotely which our participants really appreciated the remote services. We are able to continue to provide those services remotely until mid- July and we will find out next month if we will be able to continue to provide services remotely after July. Our partners have been instrumental to us and have helped us reach out to more families who are in need of our services. We had to figure out a way to reach out to all of the families and we were able to come up with a call center, and an email, to be able to keep communicating when we were not able to meet in person. Just this past month we have been able to go electronic

and we are now able to do an electronic transfer for their benefit card. We will continue to try to improve how our participants can reach us and how can they better utilize our services.

**Dr. Hill:** thanked St. Stephens Ukrainian church for organizing a drive to get military clothing, food and medicine overseas to Ukraine. No more clothing donations are being accepted but they will accept financial donations.

**Dr. Hill:** this Friday will be the two-year anniversary for the POP the Trunk in Toms River. It started with COVID on Good Friday and they have collaborated with some organizations donating food to those in need.

**Dr. Hill:** also mentioned the regression in learning that has been seen since COVID and the students learning virtually. This is being addressed with the schools and D. Regenye stated that some of the issues they are seeing include discipline issues in children of a younger age, things typically seen in a middle school are now being seen in elementary school. In addition, many children likely are not where they should be cognitively and there would likely have to be some catch up with learning to get them to their age/grade appropriate level.

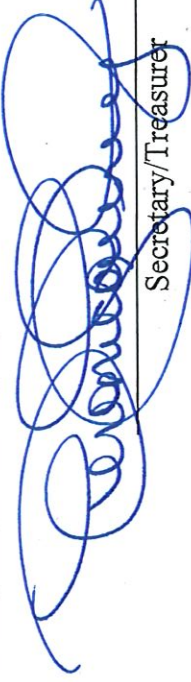
**Ms. Bacchione:** mentioned a meeting in their district with two children that had to be placed in another district for disciplinary action. Towns have lost funding in this aspect for mental health with special needs and this is a major issue and the state needs to put the money back in the schools to get back on track.

**Budget:** Mr. Regenye stated after the meeting there will be a meeting with the finance committee to look at our new budget, which we would like to introduce at our next Board of Health Meeting that we will adopt in May.

**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 Chairman Mallon, Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer