

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 July 13, 2022
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on July 13, 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 who protect our freedom every day.

3. Roll Call:

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
 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
 Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Maurice Hill, the open meeting minutes from the June 22, 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 165(22) through 178(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 165(22) – Finance Committee Report – July 13, 2022 - \$364,729.95 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #22-01330; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #22-01243, #22-01330, #22-01331, #22-01332, #22-01444, #22-01492 and #22-01494; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #22-01439, #22-01452 and #22-01578, and unanimously approved.

- Resolution 166(22)** – Personnel Committee Report – July 13, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 167(22)** – Authorization to extend the existing contract for clinical laboratory services with Laboratory Corporation of America Holding – for the period September 2, 2022 through September 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 168(22)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Rees Scientific – vaccines and medications temperature monitoring – in an amount not to exceed \$4,805.35 – for the period August 8, 2022 through August 7, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 169(22)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Clarion Hotel – presentation “The Loneliness Epidemic – The Science of Isolation and Social Disconnect” – August 12, 2022 – in an amount not to exceed \$3,531.90 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 170(22)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Ms. Alexandra Lopez – presentation “The Loneliness Epidemic – The Science of Isolation and Social Disconnect” – August 12, 2022 – in an amount not to exceed \$600.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 171(22)** – Authorization to approve the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – reallocation of funds of the 2022 County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – effective July 27, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 172(22)** – Authorization to accept funding from the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the Recycling Enhancement Act Bonus Grant – in the amount of \$60,000.00 – for the calendar year 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 173(22)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health, COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding, Year 2 – in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 174(22)** – Authorization to accept the Right to Know Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$12,259.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 175(22)** – Authorization to apply for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$725,860.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 176(22)** – Authorization to remove ACENDA from the recommended IDRC affiliated providers – discontinuation of counseling and wellness program in Manahawkin – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 177(22)** – Recognition of August 2022 as National Immunization Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 178(22)** – Recognition of August 1-7, 2022 as World Breastfeeding Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

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 Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer and Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development for taking Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, Dr. Theresa Kubiel and him to visit the Ocean County Northern Animal Facility and the Ocean County Southern Animal Facility to see how they operate. Commissioner Quinn praised the staff on the phenomenal work taking care of the animals. Commissioner Quinn stated that it is unfortunate that animals end up in our shelters. Commissioner Quinn did note that both shelters have many volunteers putting in a lot of time because of their love for the animals. Senator Robert Singer stated that his Chief of Staff volunteers at the shelter every other Saturday walking the dogs.

Commissioner Quinn did explain how the trip to the shelters came to be. Commissioner Quinn stated that it happened months ago while filming an episode of "Ocean County Focus: OCHD Services/Animal Shelters." Commissioner Quinn continued that kittens from the animal shelters were present at this event and one of the kittens was crawling on the Commissioner during the filming of this segment. Commissioner Quinn stated that a tour of the animal shelters resulted.

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione also thanked Mr. Regenye, Mr. Rumpf and the staff who were fantastic. Commissioner Quinn commented that not only the staff at the shelters do a great job but also at the Health Department with great leadership and a superb staff. Chairman Mallon added that the Health Department hires good people but also very dedicated people whether at the animal shelter or here at the Health Department, the staff is very dedicated.

7. Other Matters:

Animal Facilities: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that he believes the staff at the Ocean County Animal Facilities really appreciated the visit, and the interest for the shelters. Mr. Regenye thanked the Ocean County Commissioners for their ongoing support. Mr. Regenye stated that the County of Ocean maintains the two facilities. Mr. Regenye added that the County of Ocean has done a great job in building state-of-the-art facilities and maintaining them making it possible for the Health Department to better serve the Ocean County residents.

Mobile Unit: Mr. Regenye stated that if the Board members had parked along the side of the building, they would have been able to see the mobile unit, recently wrapped, and purchased through the County of Ocean with the CARES Act money.

Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the mobile unit would be going to the Ocean County Fair this afternoon. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is looking forward to getting the mobile unit out into the community and delivering some great programs.

Monkeypox: Mr. Regenye updated the Board regarding Monkeypox. Mr. Regenye stated that currently in Ocean County the number of Monkeypox cases remain at zero. Mr. Regenye discussed the suspect cases in Ocean County all with negative results.

Mr. Regenye explained the six vaccination hubs in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Regenye stated that Monkeypox vaccine from the National Strategic Stockpile is deployed through the hubs. Mr. Regenye added that Monmouth County would have vaccine for Ocean/Monmouth/Middlesex counties. Mr. Regenye further explained that if Ocean County

had a situation that warrants a vaccination for close contact; it would be more of a post exposure vaccination rather than a preventative mass vaccination of the population. Mr. Regenye noted that there is not enough vaccine and the federal government is currently addressing this. Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department does continue to monitor Monkeypox and continue to work with the partners in the community.

COVID-19: Mr. Regenye stated that as indicated in the COVID report that is included in the Board packet, the numbers do remain much lower than what we have seen in the past with a slight increase with hospital inpatient but still on the lower side.

Ms. Bacchione asked if there was any prediction regarding COVID and flu this fall season from the New Jersey Department of Health or the CDC with children going back to school. Mr. Regenye responded that during that time of the year usually there is an increase with all respiratory illnesses. Mr. Regenye stated that currently the severity of COVID illness is at the lower end as we are seeing a more mild illness in general.

Mr. Regenye noted that the biggest challenge going forward is the future response from the county, state and federal government level to make sure not to exacerbate other health concern issues that are extreme at this point.

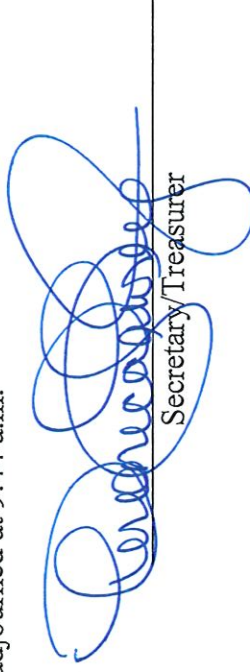
Mr. Regenye informed the Board that today the Ocean County Health Department will have the first of three Back to School Summer Task Force meetings; two more will be held during the summer. Mr. Regenye stated that new guidelines did come out from the New Jersey Department of Health recently and that will be discussed at today's meeting. Mr. Regenye also stated that great information is exchanged during these meetings.

Ms. Bacchione asked if the continuation of testing non-vaccinated would remain in effect the upcoming school year. Ms. Bacchione also inquired about mask wearing. Mr. Regenye answered that the last he heard about three weeks ago there was no intention to release or relax testing of unvaccinated individuals, which could change between now and September.

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