

Ocean County Board of Health  
 175 Sunset Avenue  
 Toms River, New Jersey  
 August 31, 2022  
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on August 31, 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 public employees and honoring our military service members who protect our freedom every day.

**3. Roll Call:**

- Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
- Dr. Maurice Hill
- Dr. Theresa Kubiel
- Ms. Veronica Laureigh
- 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. Veronica Laureigh, the open meeting minutes from the August 3, 2022 meeting were approved.

| Name    | Bacchione | Hill | Kubiel | Laureigh | Mancini | Scaturro | Singer | Mallon |
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| 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 198(22) through 217(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 198(22)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – August 17, 2022 - \$66,439.48 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 199(22)** – Finance Committee Report – August 31, 2022 - \$304,401.10 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Baccione abstaining on Item #22-01908; Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #22-01151, #22-01156, #22-01255, #22-01448, #22-01552, #22-01614, #22-01794, #22-01957 and #22-01958; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #22-01151, #22-01156, #22-01255, #22-01448, #22-01552, #22-01794, #22-01957 and #22-01958, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 200(22)** – Personnel Committee Report – August 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 201(22)** – 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, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 202(22)** – Authorization to award the 48 Hour IDRC component to New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Inc. – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 203(22)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Clarion Hotel – presentation “The Impact of Social Isolation, Disconnect and Loneliness on the Adolescent Brain” – November 18, 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 204(22)** – Authorization to enter into with Ms. Alexandra Lopez – presentation “The Impact of Social Isolation, Disconnect and Loneliness on the Adolescent Brain” – November 18, 2022 – in an amount not to exceed \$800.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 205(22)** – Authorization to cancel uncollectible receivable accounts – in an amount not to exceed \$6,324.81 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 206(22)** – Authorization to accept the Special Child Health Services Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00 – 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 207(22)** – Authorization to accept the Youth Leadership Grant – from the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse for the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – in an amount not to exceed \$83,897.000 – for the amended period July 1, 2022 through March 30, 2023 – and authorization to forward the Letter of Agreement to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 208(22)** – Authorization to accept the ARCH/State Opioid Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$102,500.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 209(22)** – 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 \$1,429,215.00 – and designate a funding match in an amount not to exceed \$227,906.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – and authorization to forward to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for approval and submission – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 210(22)** – Authorization to apply for the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) Implementing Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level – in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 – for the period November 1, 2022 through January 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 211(22)** – Authorization to apply for the Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 212(22)** – Authorization to continue the Ocean County Fatality Review Program – additional two years – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 213(22)** – 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, 2022 through September 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 214(22)** – Authorization for Kimberly Reilly to register the Ocean County Health Department for the Naloxone Distribution Program through the State of New Jersey – at no cost to the agency – and structuring the naloxone oversight distribution program within the Department of Substance Abuse, Addiction and Opioid Dependency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 215(22)** – Authorization for Kimberly Reilly to attend as a presenter at the Annual Public Health Association 2022 Meeting and Expo titled “Engage, Collect, Grow” – in Boston, MA – for the period November 6-9, 2022 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 216(22)** – Authorization to transfer ownership of Ocean County Health Department vehicle to the County of Ocean for the use of the Office of the Ocean County Sheriff – at no cost to the County of Ocean – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 217(22)** – Recognition of September 28, 2022 as World Rabies Day – 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 was absent from today's Board of Health meeting.

## 7. Other Matters:

**COVID-19:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that the detailed COVID statistical information was included in the Board packets. Mr. Regenye provided a more recent COVID-19 Weekly Surveillance Report noting lower activity statewide is indicated. Mr. Regenye added that Ocean County remains at medium activity.

Mr. Regenye informed the Board that this afternoon the Ocean County Health Department will have the third of the three Ocean County Back To School Summer Task Force meetings, which is comprised of school nurses, administrators, superintendents and other school staff. Mr. Regenye stated that more formal guidance for the schools from the New Jersey Department of Health is anticipated in the near future.

**Monkeypox:** Mr. Regenye updated the Board regarding Monkeypox. Mr. Regenye referred to the Monkeypox report included in the Board packet stating that there are currently ten cases of Monkeypox as of yesterday in Ocean County. Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department continues to monitor Monkeypox and continues to work with our community as needed.

**Overdose Fatality Review Program:** Mr. Regenye stated that in the Board packet there were many items/resolutions concerning the Overdose Fatality Review Program. Mr. Regenye noted that in the packet was information regarding Ms. Kimberly Reilly, County Alcohol Coordinator presenting at the American Public Health Association in November in Boston, MA. Mr. Regenye stated that Ms. Reilly has done a great job representing the agency at the national level, with many national partners, and applying that valuable information in Ocean County. Mr. Regenye has asked Ms. Reilly to talk about some of the highlights of the Overdose Fatality Review Program.

Ms. Reilly stated that the Board has supported the Overdose Fatality Review Program since 2017 making Ocean County the first county in the State of New Jersey that launched this innovative project. Ms. Reilly stated that as we go into 2022/2023 we continue to have over 30 of our key partners on the local, state and federal levels partner with us in this effort. Ms. Reilly discussed the success of the project and the valuable information gathered from the Overdose Fatality Review Program. Ms. Reilly added that the program has obtained very local level information about what is going on with Ocean County residents, what they are experiencing before their fatal overdose and what we put forward in our innovative programs and strategies to save lives.

Ms. Reilly discussed the extension of the Overdose Fatality Review Program for an additional two years. Ms. Reilly added that now the Overdose Fatality Review Program monitors overdoses from fatal and non-fatal overdoses and the previous 24 hours. Ms. Reilly stated that when an overdose spike is seen, alerts are going out to our partners and helping them

with strategies. In addition, Ms. Reilly discussed different funding opportunities that would provide additional programs to address the summer spike in overdoses. Ms. Reilly noting some of the challenges such as how do you get out information; how do you get out resources; how do you get out Narcan during this high traffic, tourism time to make sure we are not having these overdoses.

Ms. Reilly informed the Board of upcoming collaboration in the fall with our big community partners. Ms. Reilly stated that the Ocean County Library would be holding two staff trainings on substance abuse and four community trainings for parents so they know what is going on with very specific Ocean County information. In addition, Ms. Reilly stated that we are also in communication with the Board of Social Services.

Senator Robert Singer questioned how effective is Narcan with fentanyl overdose and the need for additional doses of Narcan being administered. Ms. Reilly explained that fentanyl is an opioid and Narcan blocks it. Ms. Reilly noting that depending on fentanyl being so high, multiple doses of Narcan may be needed to revive the individual. Ms. Reilly adding that it is very scary because sometimes you only have one dose of Narcan.

Ms. Reilly did state that Narcan is not reversible with xylazine and that individual needs to be transported to the hospital. Ms. Reilly stated that when first responders have an overdose patient not responding to Narcan, it is possibly xylazine.

Dr. Maurice Hill asked where Ocean County ranked regarding overdoses in New Jersey. Ms. Reilly responded that Ocean County was the highest, but now Ocean County ranks third or fourth in the state. Ms. Reilly stated that Ocean County is one of the few counties that is trending down in the state.

Dr. Hill wanted to know if the monies from the opioid settlement was based on the counties that have the highest fatality rate. Ms. Reilly stated that the County of Ocean has a committee to determine how it will distribute the funds received from the settlement. Ms. Laureigh added that the municipalities have received the first payment. Ms. Laureigh suggested pooling together the funds and do a program through the County of Ocean. Dr. Hill stated that the funds are to be used in a certain way and it is not enough. Ms. Reilly thinks that it is a great suggestion to pool resources.

Mr. Regenye stated that an initial meeting was held about two/three weeks ago at the County of Ocean offices. Mr. Regenye added that there are many entities eligible for the funding, such as the prosecutor's office, human services and many more. Mr. Regenye stated that Ms. Reilly is an active member on the committee. Mr. Regenye noting that as more information comes, it will be passed along to the Board.

Ms. Reilly asked the Board members if they are working with any community groups, senior centers, YMCA or even restaurants that may be looking for substance abuse and educational programs; the Ocean County Health Department has staff available. Ms. Reilly added that our goal is to get out as much information as possible to educate our community.

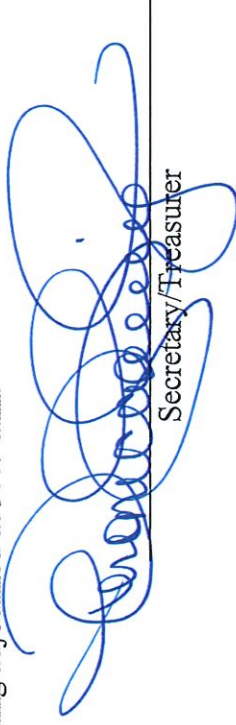
**Rabies:** Ms. Jennifer Bacchione asked about the status with Double Trouble State Park and the fox. Ms. Christa Moor, Public Health Nurse Consultant, responded that New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Fish and Wildlife did have a fox and that fox will be going to the New Jersey Department of Health for testing. Ms. Moor stated that she is not sure if this is the fox since there would be multiple foxes in the state park. Ms. Moor added that this does not change the treatment of who were exposed to the fox because we assume that the fox

is rabid and those exposed to the fox will be treated. Senator Singer stated that there is a huge increase of foxes in the community.

**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 9:47 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer