

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 September 21, 2022
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on September 21, 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
 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 Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the August 31, 2022 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 218(22) through 235(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 218(22) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – September 7, 2022 - \$23,831.33 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 219(22) – Finance Committee Report – September 21, 2022 - \$443,239.76 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #22-01960; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #22-01901,

#22-01902, #22-01918, #22-01922, #22-01960, #22-02025, #22-02128 and #22-02211; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #22-01913 and #22-02085, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 220(22) – Salary range resolution in compliance with state regulations and Collective Bargaining agreements – effective September 29, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 221(22) – Personnel Committee Report – September 21, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Item #17-88 and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, abstaining on Item #17-39, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 222(22) – Salary adjustment for all full time non-aligned nurses – effective April 1, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 223(22) – Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for Vehicle Maintenance Services for the year 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 224(22) – Authorization to amend the agreement with Transact-EDI – to include Monkeypox vaccination administration insurance billing services – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 225(22) – Authorization to amend the agreement with Isabel Guerrero, MD – in an amended amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 226(22) – Authorization to terminate contract with Journeys Outpatient Services – due to business sold to another entity – additional funds remaining will be appropriately re-allocated through the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 227(22) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Overdose Fatality Review Teams – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 228(22) – Authorization for the Purchasing Agent to utilize and administer the competitive contracting process to procure a contract with a vendor to provide Home Health Services – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 229(22) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Saint Elizabeth University – to accept Public Health students for practical experience in various health field activities – at no cost to the agency – for the period September 21, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 230(22) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Stockton University – to accept Public Health students for practical experience in various health field activities – at no cost to the agency – 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 231(22) – Recognition of October 16-22, 2022 as International Infection Prevention Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 232(22) – Recognition of October 23-31, 2022 as Red Ribbon Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 233(22) – Recognition of October 2022 as National Dental Hygiene Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 234(22) – Recognition of October 2022 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 235(22) – Recognition of October 2022 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month – 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 complete report for COVID was included in the Board packets. Mr. Regenye reported that yesterday, September 20, 2022, we had our biweekly call with the state, the hospitals and our Federally Qualified Health Centers and things continue to trend in a good way in Ocean County and the state as a whole. Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department wrapped up the Summer Back To School Task Force; three programs were held and they went well. Mr. Regenye added that staff from the Health Department attended the Superintendent Roundtable meeting yesterday morning and there was very good feedback from them.

Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the Ocean County Health Department started administering the Bivalent COVID-19 vaccine, which is the new vaccine for COVID that has the new circulating strain included. Mr. Regenye stated that so far the demand has been low.

Seasonal Flu: Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department seasonal flu program has begun. Mr. Regenye added that the seasonal flu schedule is in front of each Board Member and the schedule was included in the Board packets. Mr. Regenye stated that as it has been done in past years, for the convenience of the Ocean County residents, there are plenty of vaccination opportunities, geographically, with weekend, day clinics, and evening clinics, to get the seasonal flu vaccination. In addition, Mr. Regenye stated that COVID vaccine would also be offered at the flu clinics.

CCMP: Mr. Regenye stated that with the summer wrap-up, included in the Board packets was a summary of CCMP (Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program). In addition, Mr. Regenye stated that Mr. Peter Curatolo, Coordinator Community Health Services would discuss the summer bathing water-sampling program for the 2022 season.

Mr. Curatolo presented statistical information for the summer of 2022. Mr. Curatolo stated that the salt water sampling results have been extremely impressive with only .78% exceeded samples that is less than 1%. Mr. Curatolo stated that the salt-water locations have been remarkably clean.

Mr. Curatolo stated that the CCMP seasonal staff are from the finest universities and most are returning employees. Mr. Curatolo informed the Board that two of the eight seasonal employees have been hired to full-time positions. In addition, Mr. Curatolo stated that one colleague has taken an internship with the Assistant Public Health Coordinator. Mr. Curatolo stated that the CCMP seasonal employees receive training in safety swimming and the defensive driving course.

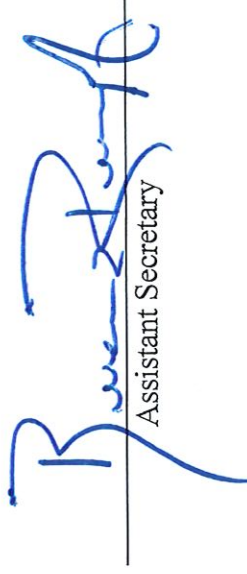
Mr. Curatolo thanked Mr. Regenye and Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development for all their support, getting county cars for the staff and the training to keep them safe. Mr. Curatolo stated that they have been vigilant to educate the public. Mr. Curatolo thanked Mr. Brian Lippai, Chief Administrative Services for the publicizing the Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program and creating the most viewed video on our YouTube Health Headlines series. Mr. Curatolo continued, that on rare occasions, there are exceeded samples, Mr. John Protonentis, Environmental Health Coordinator would dispatch a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) to the location to complete an official Sanitary Survey making it an additional safeguard in determining the cause of the exceeded sample.

Mr. Curatolo concluded that this has been a great year, no hazards; no injuries not even a jellyfish sting. Chairman Mallon noted that it was a dry summer. Mr. Curatolo stated that rain events will cause an exceeded sample. Mr. Curatolo added that with the first exceeded sample, the advisory sign goes up; with the second exceeded sample, the beach is closed.

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 Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.


Assistant Secretary