

Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
October 19, 2022  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on October 19, 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. Theresa Kubiel  
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 Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel and Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the September 21, 2022 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 236(22) through 253(22) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**5. Adoption of Resolutions:**

**Resolution 236(22)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – October 5, 2022 - \$28,792.99 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 237(22)** – Finance Committee Report – October 19, 2022 - \$477,852.37 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Item #22-01973, #22-02155, #22-02271 and #22-02376; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #22-02399 and #22-02443; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #22-01973, #22-02155, #22-02271 and #22-02376, and unanimously approved.

- Resolution 238(22)** – Personnel Committee Report – October 19, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 239(22)** – Authorization to execute an agreement with CHEMED to provide dental clinic services for the calendar year 2023 – in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 240(22)** – Authorization to execute an agreement with Ocean Health Initiatives to provide dental clinic services for the calendar year 2023 – in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 241(22)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement for laboratory testing to be performed by New Jersey Department of Health, Public Health and Environmental Laboratory – total annual amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 242(22)** – Authorization to accept DHST23HIV019 – DHSTS State HIV Services Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 243(22)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Early Intervention Health Services Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$2,590,162.00 – matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 244(22)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Project Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$195,762.00 – for the period June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 245(22)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health, Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$3,097,676.00 – for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 246(22)** – Authorization to accept the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services County Innovation Grant renewal funding – in an amount not to exceed \$229,936.00 annually – for a total award not to exceed \$459,872.00 – for the period September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 247(22)** – Authorization employees may donate leave per resolution 328(07) – S. Arrington – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 248(22)** – Authorization to utilize competitive contracting process for the allocation of funds for the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, County Innovation Grant – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 249(22)** – Adoption of the revised Ocean County Health Department Employee Handbook for Staff Personnel – dated October 19, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 250(22)** – Resolution Revising and Approving Ocean County Health Department Information Technology Security Policies and Forms – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 251(22)** – Recognition of November 2022 as American Diabetes Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 252(22)** – Recognition of November 17, 2022 as the Great American Smokeout – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 253(22)** – Recognition of October 25, 2022 as Pretty in Pink/Handsome in Blue Day – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, 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 did not have any comments at this time.

## **7. Other Matters:**

**Policies & Procedures:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer referred to the Board packet noting it is a bit thicker. Mr. Regenye explained that prior to COVID the Ocean County Health Department started a project reviewing the agency's policies and procedures, many going back many years. Mr. Regenye stated that today's agenda included an updated IT policy and the Personnel Handbook for approval and adoption by the Board. Mr. Regenye added that the goal is to have the whole agency policies and procedures manual updated by the end of the first quarter 2023.

Senator Robert Singer stated that the agency policies and procedures manual should be accessible online. Mr. Regenye confirmed the policies and procedures would be online through an employee portal.

**Meeting dates:** Mr. Regenye stated that the 2023 Board of Health meeting dates are included in the packet. Mr. Regenye also stated that the meeting dates will be included on the agenda for the next Board of Health meeting for final adoption.

**COVID-19:** Mr. Regenye stated that the regular COVID update is included in the Board packet.

**TB:** Mr. Regenye informed the Board about having an advisory group and a steering committee within the community, the hospitals, and the FQHC's regarding TB (Tuberculosis) cases. Mr. Regenye stated that there is a spike in TB cases. Mr. Regenye noting that the Health Department is tying into the New Jersey Department of Health "Think TB" campaign. Mr. Regenye stated that the agency is reaching out, working more closely with the staff and the clinics improving recognition of and earlier diagnosis for better care and treatment.

**Communicable Disease:** Mr. Regenye stated that in attendance at today's Board of Health meeting from Communicable Disease are Mr. Terence Tesoroni, Senior Field Representative Disease Control, and Ms. Richa Sharma, Public Health Epidemiologist. Mr. Regenye recognized their great supervisory oversight with COVID and on non-COVID matters. Mr. Regenye asked them to address the Board. In addition, Mr. Regenye stated a Communicable Disease Report handout is in front of each Board member.

**Cryptosporidiosis:** Ms. Sharma updated the Board regarding Cryptosporidiosis. Ms. Sharma explained what is Cryptosporidiosis and the symptoms of the disease. Ms. Sharma discussed the number of cases, where most of the cases are, the challenges, identified affected pre-schools, monitor pre-schools, identified inter-household transmissions, and control the spread of the infection. In addition, Ms. Sharma thanked CHEMED for educating the doctors, school staff and pre-school staff. Also, CHEMED had provided posters in English and Yiddish.

Senator Singer inquired about pools at the pre-schools. Mr. Tesoroni replied that the pre-schools mostly use child water tables. Discussion followed regarding proper cleaning for the kiddie pools and child water tables that are outside.

Senator Singer suggested that the Ocean County Health Department host a seminar in Lakewood with Dr. Friedman from CHEMED for the daycare providers for summer usage and cover topics about pools left outside overnight and how to prevent this transmission from ever happening to the children. Ms. Jennifer Bacchione added that this should include all of Ocean County because in the summer, many daycare centers have child water tables and they need to really clean them before they refill them every day.

Mr. Tesoroni also discussed several transmission sources regarding the spread of Cryptosporidiosis within the schools, pre-schools and daycares. Mr. Tesoroni noting that there are also inter-household transmission.

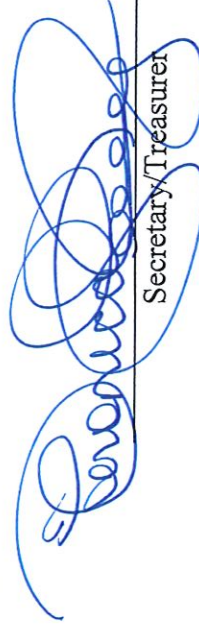
**Rabies:** Mr. Regenye stated that the Vice Chair had concerns relating to rabies and the foxes. Senator Singer stated that the foxes are seen in multiple places, at the parks, at the golf courses, and just walking down the street. Senator Singer noting that the foxes are brazen and will go after small dogs and cats. Senator Singer stated that in a park in Lakewood, eight (8) people came in contact with a fox and could have been exposed to rabies. Senator Singer added that the Health Department needs to help the municipalities with this situation.

Mr. Tesoroni reported that rabies is endemic, in any given year there are several incidents, and most commonly raccoons are involved. Mr. Tesoroni informed the Board that the Communicable Disease unit serves as the main liaison for the veterinarians and domestic animals who have been exposed to rabies or rabies exposure suspected. Mr. Tesoroni discussed the incident at Double Trouble State Park with people encountering a fox. Mr. Tesoroni stated that some declined the prophylaxis treatment and there was an outreach for them, letters were sent to them so they understood the severe potential outcome. Discussion followed regarding the fox population, rabies and to have a process and protocol.

**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 Senator Robert Singer, and the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer