

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 April 26, 2023
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on April 26, 2023 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. Avinash Gupta
 Dr. Theresa Kubiel
 Mr. Henry Mancini
 Senator Robert Singer
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
 John Sahradmik, Board Counsel
 Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the March 22, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

5. Operating Budget: Public Hearing and Public Comment: Resolution 115(23): Adoption of 2023 Operating Budget:

Ms. Mary McCarthy, Director of Finance, provided a brief summary regarding the 2023 operating budget. Ms. McCarthy stated that the Ocean County Health Department's budget is able to fund all the contractual salary agreements, able to replace our aging vehicles fleet with approximately 16 new vehicles, able to fund a 4.5% increase in our health benefit costs, as well as fund major capital repairs and rehabilitate the Barnegat property and no increase in the tax rate for 2023.

Mr. Henry Mancini stated that as a member of the Finance Committee he feels it is a solid budget. Mr. Mancini thanked Ms. McCarthy, Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer, and Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development for the great job. Mr. Mancini continued that the fact the Health Department is able to fund all the programs and providing additional capital support to our organization is amazing especially with no tax increase which is good for our taxpayers. Mr. Mancini concluded that he fully supports the Ocean County Health Department.

Mr. Regenye thanked Ms. McCarthy, our auditors Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., and all our department heads that help craft the budget. Mr. Regenye also thanked the Ocean County Board of Health for all their support to the Health Department to implement services and programs to serve the public.

Chairman Mallon asked for a motion to open the public hearing and public comment of the Ocean County Board of Health 2023 operating budget. Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Seeing no comments, motion to close the public hearing and public comment was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 115(23) – Adoption of 2023 Operating Budget – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Chairman Mallon thanked the Finance Committee, Ms. McCarthy, the staff and the auditors for doing a great job and not increasing the tax rate.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 116(23) through 143(23) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 116(23) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – April 5, 2023 - \$29,437.91 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 117(23) – Finance Committee Report – April 26, 2023 - \$651,801.71 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, with Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining on Items #23-00362, #23-00643, #23-00709, #23-00743 and #23-00863; Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #23-00643, #23-00709, #23-00743 and #23-00863; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #23-00566, #23-00644, #23-00917 and #23-00922; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #23-00362, #23-00643, #23-00709, #23-00743 and #23-00863, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 118(23) – Personnel Committee Report – April 26, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 119(23) – Salary range resolution in compliance with state regulations and Collective Bargaining agreements – effective April 1, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 120(23) – Salary adjustment for all full time non-aligned employees – effective April 1, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 121(23) – Salary adjustment for all full time non-aligned nurses – effective April 1, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 122(23) – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO representing Registered Environmental Health Specialist personnel – effective April 1, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 123(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the County of Ocean – direct and indirect cost for 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 124(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Garden State Laboratories – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 125(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Center for Government Research – for an organizational assessment – in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 – for the period April 27, 2023 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 126(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with GovConnection, Inc. – for Hewlett Packard products – utilizing New Jersey State Contract #40116 – through July 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 127(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Linda Dzedzic, DVM, LLC – to provide veterinary services – at a rate of \$125.00 per hour – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 128(23) – Authorization to execute purchase orders with FFF Enterprises, Inc. – for the purchase of flu vaccines – utilizing New Jersey State Contract #41502 – in an amount not to exceed \$110,814.20 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 129(23) – 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 Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 130(23) – Authorization to enter into the annual Quality Assurance Project Plan – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 131(23) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Program Activity C Grant Year Two Extension – in an amount not to exceed

\$536,974.00 – for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 132(23) – Authorization to accept additional funding for the New Jersey Department of Health’s Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) supplemental grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,420.00 to be utilized by September 30, 2023 – for a new total amount not to exceed \$3,099,096.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 133(23) – Authorization to accept additional funding for the New Jersey Department of Health Special Child Health Service Grant partial support in an amount not to exceed \$2,667.00 to be utilized by June 30, 2023 – for a new total amount not to exceed \$147,667.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 134(23) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health ARCH/State Opioid Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$102,500.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 135(23) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health Expand and Integrate Overdose Fatality Review Teams (OFRTS) across New Jersey – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 136(23) – Authorization to apply for the Special Child Health Services Case Management Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$167,347.00 – and matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$164,655.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 137(23) – Authorization to apply for the Early Intervention Health Services Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$2,888,100.00 – matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 138(23) – Authorization to execute Change Order No. 1 with Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings – for the period September 2, 2020 through September 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 139(23) – Authorization to commence the competitive contract procurement process for a consultant for the development of a human resources portal – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 140(23) – Authorization to enter into contract or make purchases per the Division of Local Government Services – for the calendar year 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 141(23) – Authorization to enter into a Letter of Understanding with Community Food Bank of New Jersey – to provide maternal and child health services supporting the goals and objectives of the Ocean County WIC Program – at no cost to the agency – through September 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 142(23) – Authorization to participate in Adopt a Shelter Pet Day on April 29 & 30, 2023 – and authorization to reduce adoption fee of 50% for all dogs and cats adopted in

conjunction with this event – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 143(23) – Recognition of May 2023 as National Stop the Bleed Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

7. Ocean County Board of Health By-Laws Review:

By-Laws: Mr. Regenye stated that as part of the By-Laws there is a requirement for an annual review and re-adoption.

A motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved to re-adopt the Ocean County Board of Health By-Laws with no changes.

8. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners congratulated Mr. Regenye, Mr. Rumpf and Ms. McCarthy on the budget. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn noting that we are living in very difficult economic times. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn added that to be able to accomplish everything and no tax rate increase is a tremendous thing for the residents of Ocean County. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stated that a lot of hard work has gone into putting together the budget. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn praised the Ocean County Health Department for being able to continue to provide all the programs, able to fund contractual obligations, able to fund increases in health insurance and adding capital projects without increasing the tax rate. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stated that the Ocean County Board of Health work is efficient in what is done.

Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn commented that Public Health Week was last month and many events were held. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stated that over the last 30 days he has received multiple calls from people attending these events stating that the Ocean County Board of Health has been doing an outstanding job. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn continued that Ocean County has staff at different events for tourism, senior services and veteran services. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stressed the importance of making people of our county realize the many services that are available for them. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn applauded the Health Department for doing an exceptional job and to keep up the great work.

9. Other Matters:

Events: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer added to Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn comments. Mr. Regenye stated that many events are being held and if anyone knows of any event within Ocean County that would like the Health Department to attend, please let him know and would try to coordinate staff to represent our agency to help meet the needs out there to the community.

Administrative Professional Day: Mr. Regenye stated that today is Administrative Professional Day. Mr. Regenye thanked all the Administrative Professional Assistants and acknowledge the importance of their work. Mr. Regenye recognized Ms. Margherita Zadroga and Ms. Mary Kaminski from his office for their work.

Narcan training: Ms. Jennifer Bacchione thanked Ms. Susan Heil, Public Health Nurse Supervisor for the Narcan training she did at Berkeley Township. Ms. Bacchione stated that Ms. Heil did an amazing job. Ms. Bacchione also thanked Ms. Saranda Franzone, Public Health Practice Standards Partnership Coordinator and staff. Ms. Bacchione stated that she was very happy with the program and it was very informative.

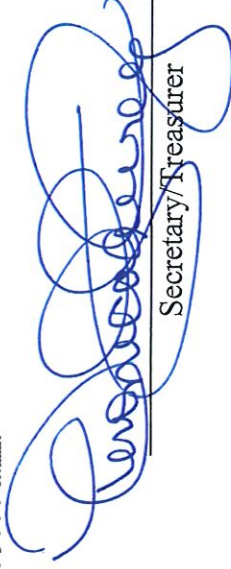
Inclusiveness: Senator Robert Singer referred to a handout regarding the WIC program. Senator Singer stated that there is a large group in the community that finds themselves able to read another language better than English. Senator Singer continued that the Health Department reached out to get help. Senator Singer stated that their help was great in reprinting the WIC card. Senator Singer added that it is important to make sure the Health Department gets the word out so people understand exactly what is available to them. Senator Singer thanked Mr. Regenye and staff.

Mental health: Chairman Mallon informed the Board about a mental health provider fair hosted by Ocean County Library. Chairman Mallon stated that mental health is a big concern at the schools and many agencies. Chairman Mallon questioned if the Health Department would be participating.

10. 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

11. Authorization to Enter Into Closed Session If Necessary: Closed Session was not needed at this time.

12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer