

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 May 10, 2023
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on May 10, 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. 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 Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Dr. Maurice Hill, Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the April 26, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 144(23) through 160(23) with resolution 146(23) as amended, and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 144(23) – Finance Committee Report – May 10, 2023 - \$220,990.43 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Veronica

Laureigh abstaining on Item #23-00855; and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #23-00855, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 145(23) – Personnel Committee Report – May 10, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 146(23) – Authorization to enter into REHS Training Cost Agreements – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 147(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with AlcoholEdu by Everfi – in an amount not to exceed \$26,800.00 – and authorization to enter into agreements with interested school districts – for the period June 30, 2023 through June 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 148(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Network Cabling, Inc. dba NetQ – utilizing New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract T2989 for labor and installation – and utilizing New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract T1778 for materials – in an amount not to exceed \$94,182.96 for cellular amplification – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 149(23) – Authorization to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System “Lead Agency” in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance #CK04 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 150(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with SB Writing & Communications, LLC – to provide highly professional communications around critical public health topics – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period May 10, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 151(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Toms River Field of Dreams – to provide communities in Ocean County access to participation in all-inclusive, equitable play regardless of physical or cognitive abilities – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 – for the period May 10, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 152(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the community organization previously referred to as “Community Ambassadors” which should have read as “Community Compass” – for the period February 9, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 153(23) – Authorization to forward the FY 2024 Ocean County Solid Waste Control Plan to the Ocean County Solid Waste Advisory Council, Ocean County Board of Commissioners and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection – and to authorize the Public Health Coordinator to enter into related agreements concerning the enforcement aspects of the Ocean County Solid Waste Program – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining from Berkeley; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining from Toms River; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining from Lacey; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining from Barnegat, Berkeley, Brick, Eagleswood, Jackson, Lacey, Little Egg Harbor, Long Beach Township, Seaside Heights, Seaside Park, Stafford, Toms River, Tuckerton and Ocean County; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining from Pine Beach, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 154(23) – Authorization to apply for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$435,822.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 155(23) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Project Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$205,550.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 156(23) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health, COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding, Year 3 – in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 157(23) – Authorization to apply for the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program 2024 – in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 158(23) – Recognition of June 12-18, 2023 as National Community Health Improvement Week – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 159(23) – Recognition of June 12-18, 2023 as National Men’s Health Week – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 160(23) – Recognition of June 27, 2023 as National HIV Testing Day – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

6. 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 stated that he will pass on his time to speak in order to move forward to the Annual Public Health Awareness Competition to recognize the children present – School Art Winners presentation.

7. Other Matters:

National Nurses Week: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer wished Happy Nurses Week to all the nurses. Mr. Regenye acknowledged and thanked the nurses who work at the Ocean County Health Department as well as in the community for participating in our events and programs, and helping to accomplish our mission.

Brick Animal Hoarding: Mr. Regenye informed the Board on another recent hoarding situation in Brick. Mr. Regenye stated that originally, it started with 110 animals, mostly cats, and it is now up to 153 cats and 3 dogs that came into the Ocean County Health Department Animal Facilities last Thursday evening into Friday. Mr. Regenye continued that as of yesterday, additional cats were coming in and kittens were being born at our facilities, the number is expected to gradually increase over time. Mr. Regenye stated that the staff has been doing an amazing job with everything and stepping up once again to meet that challenge. Mr. Regenye thanked the staff.

Annual Public Health Awareness Competition – School Art Winners: Mr. Regenye stated that this is the second year holding the School Art Challenge having a Public Health theme to promote and recognize Public Health and what it does. Mr. Regenye gave a “shout-out” to all the students across the whole county and the school districts. Mr. Regenye stated that the number of entries was phenomenal. Mr. Regenye explained that the amount of artwork submissions filled all the tables in both the Boardroom and the Atrium. Mr. Regenye continued that to narrow it down to the selections speaks volume to the talent that is here in Ocean County. Mr. Regenye congratulated the recipients because there were many, many submissions. Mr. Regenye introduced Ms. Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator, along with some associates of her team, to provide more details.

Ms. High explained that the heart of this project was to increase the awareness of Public Health in our community and that starts with our youngest generations, understanding what we do and the importance that it plays along with how diverse Public Health is. Ms. High stated that the submissions were very diverse, everything from substance abuse to environmental health to personal hygiene. Ms. High continued that they were outstanding. Ms. High gave a huge thank you to the students, their parents, and to their teachers and educators who are part of this. Ms. High stated that we are so excited about Public Health in Ocean County and again thanked the students.

Ms. High introduced two of the school art winners. Ms. High explained their submissions and focusing on the Public Health message of the artwork. Ms. High presented the winners with a certificate of achievement and prizes.

MODC Silver Gull Award: Senator Robert Singer informed the Board that tomorrow night is the MODC (Monmouth-Ocean Development Council) Silver Gull award dinner. Senator Singer explained that this is a very prestigious award and this year the recipient from Ocean County is Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn.

Public Health Artwork Winners: Senator Singer asked the attorney to look into the possibility of the Senator making a donation to the Ocean County Health Department so the winners of next year’s Public Health Awareness Competition would be receiving a gift card. Senator Singer stated that the posters were wonderful and these wonderful young people deserve to have some money to spend for doing such a great job.

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 Dr. Maurice Hill, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer