

Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
June 21, 2023  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on June 21, 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. Maurice Hill  
Dr. Theresa Kubiel  
Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
Senator Robert Singer  
Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development  
Mathew Thompson, Board Counsel  
Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health

### **4. Recognition of Retirements:**

**Marysue Anello**  
**Susan Heil**

Chairman Mallon stated that there are two retirements, Ms. Marysue Anello and Ms. Susan Heil. Chairman Mallon noting that Ms. Marysue Anello was not present at today’s meeting.

Chairman Mallon provided a synopsis of Ms. Heil’s contributions during her 17 years at the Ocean County Health Department, which were extensive, including the home health services, WIC nutrition assessments, clinic services, she is the lead nurse for the ARCH program and much more; Ms. Heil has done quite a bit. (At this point, Susan Heil has not arrived.) Chairman Mallon stated that we will continue with the meeting.

## 5. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, the open meeting minutes from the June 7, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 181(23) through 190(23) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

## 6. Adoption of Resolutions:

**Resolution 181(23)** – Finance Committee Report – June 21, 2023 - \$211,561.08 – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Item #23-01201; Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Item #23-01344; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Item #23-01344, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 182(23)** – Personnel Committee Report – June 21, 2023 – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 183(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey – for the provision of employee medical plan benefits – for the contract period of July 1, 2023 through and inclusive of June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 184(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Express Scripts (ESD) with the Conner Strong & Buckelew Pharmacy Coalition – effective July 1, 2023 through July 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 185(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Horizon Dental Option Plan – for the contract period of July 1, 2023 through and inclusive of June 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 186(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc. – to identify options and potential solutions for a human resources portal feasibility and design assessment – in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 – for the period June 16, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 187(23)** – Authorization to write off a total of \$3,992.19 as uncollectible – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 188(23)** – Authorization to amend resolution 259(22) with Language Line Services – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 189(23)** – Authorization to apply for the County Environmental Health Act Grant – in an amount not less than \$191,863.00 and not to exceed \$462,004.00 – and match 41.53% of the total project amount – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 190(23)** – Adoption of the revised 2023 holiday schedule – Motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

## **7. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health:**

**Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn:** Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health thanked Mr. Kimberly Reilly, County Alcoholism Coordinator, for the outstanding work she has been doing as the Chair of the committee through Ocean County Human Services overseeing the best way to combat overdose and drug addiction utilizing a very large award the County of Ocean was allotted to be provided annually for the next 15 years. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn provided the background of this opioid lawsuit. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn added that the County of Ocean recently received another award to address overdose in Ocean County. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stated that Ocean County does have a drug problem and he is constantly getting text messages from the sheriff about overdoses in the county. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn wished Ms. Reilly the best with everything and the Commissioners will take their recommendations very seriously. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn added that they would like to have Ms. Reilly continue in that position no matter what for the next 15 years. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stated that Ms. Reilly has done so much for the health department and has also helped other agencies.

Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stated that he had missed the last Board of Health meeting when the Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program was discussed. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn recognized Mr. Peter Curatolo, Coordinator Community Health Services for the important work it is to have the waters tested to assure the recreational bathing sites in Ocean County are satisfactory for swimming. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn added that he checked his phone this morning and was able to look up the test results for this week. Mr. Curatolo thanked the Commissioner and added that Mr. John Protonentis, Environmental Health Coordinator also has an important role in the CCMP program. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn thanked Mr. Protonentis.

## **8. Other Matters:**

**Retirement:** Mr. Brian Rumpf announced that Ms. Susan Heil is now present at the meeting. Chairman Mallon stated that he did talk about all Ms. Heil has done at the Health Department. Chairman Mallon also stated that there was a presentation of a certificate for Ms. Heil. Chairman Mallon read the certificate, thanked Ms. Heil for her dedication and expressed his appreciation. Chairman Mallon wished Ms. Heil a very enjoyable retirement.

Senator Robert Singer stated that he has been a member of the Ocean County Board of Health for 41 years and he knows Ms. Heil well and wished Ms. Heil a happy retirement. Ms. Heil stated that she is retiring to take care of her 101 year old father.

Ms. Reilly stated that she has only worked with Ms. Heil for the past six months but wished Ms. Heil was with her department longer. Ms. Reilly added that Ms. Heil has a passion for Public Health and dedication for the residents of Ocean County. Ms. Reilly gave examples of Ms. Heil's exemplary work ethics. Ms. Reilly stated that it will be a loss for our agency and

Ms. Heil is the epitome of Public Health and it has been an honor to work with Ms. Heil. (Pictures were taken.)

Ms. Heil stated that over the years she has worked with some incredible people, really dedicated and passionate for Public Health. Ms. Heil noting that there were many challenges through the years and working through a pandemic, now just moving forward, who knows what tomorrow's challenges are going to be for any of us. Ms. Heil stated over 17 years, just have to roll with the punches and just focus on doing the job.

Ms. Veronica Laureigh wished Ms. Heil a happy retirement, well wishes to Ms. Heil and her family and long live her father.

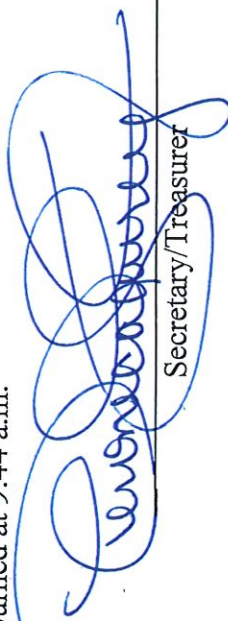
Ms. Karen Barish stated that she also, as a Director of Clinics, extends her sincere gratitude, respect and appreciation to Ms. Heil for all that Ms. Heil has done with clinic services over the years. Ms. Barish added that Ms. Heil is very well respected and admired. Chairman Mallon stated that it is people like Ms. Heil that makes all of us look good.

Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development stated that obviously it is hard to replace Ms. Heil but today someone internally was appointed. Mr. Rumpf added that fortunately she will have a couple of weeks to work with Ms. Heil. Mr. Rumpf stated that there are many great people working at the Ocean County Health Department and it was good to be able to make that transition internally with another dedicated staff member.

**9. 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

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

**11. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer