

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 July 12, 2023
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on July 12, 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
 Ms. Veronica Laureigh
 Mr. Henry Mancini
 Senator Robert Singer
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
 John Sahradiuk, Board Counsel

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta, and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the June 21, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

5. Ocean County Health Department 2022 Audit Review Presentation:

Evan Jensen of Holman Frenia Allison, auditors to the Ocean County Board of Health provided an overview of the 2022 agency budget. Mr. Jensen stated that the audit was clean and clean opinion, especially the auditors have no comment or recommendations, adding that the Ocean County Health Department has healthy financials.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent amended agenda that included add-on resolution 208(23), on resolutions 191(23) through 208(23) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 191(23) – Ocean County Health Department Agency 2022 Audit Review – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 192(23) – Finance Committee Report – July 12, 2023 - \$341,287.35 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining on Items #23-01393, #23-01503, #23-01602, and #23-01637; Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #23-01393, #23-01503, #23-01602, and #23-01637; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #23-01713 and #23-01716; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #23-01393, #23-01503, #23-01602, and #23-01637, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 193(23) – Personnel Committee Report – July 12, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 194(23) – Authorization to enter into QPA Training Cost Agreement – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 195(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Christine Carrier, DNP – to provide clinical services – at a rate of \$70.00 per hour – for a total amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period July 13, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 196(23) – Authorization to amend resolution with Language Line Services – to increase amount not to exceed to \$40,000.00 – 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 197(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Rees Scientific – vaccines and medications temperature monitoring – in an amount not to exceed \$6,126.60 – for the period August 8, 2023 through August 7, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 198(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement for laboratory testing for sexually transmitted disease to be performed by the NJDOH Public Health and Environmental Laboratories – ARCH Project – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – 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 199(23) – Authorization for Patricia High to attend the 2023 XM Government Experience Summit – in Washington, D.C. – on July 13, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 200(23) – Authorization for Karen Barish to attend the STI & HIV World Congress – in Chicago, IL – for the period July 23-27, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 201(23) – Authorization to accept funding from the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the Recycling Enhancement Act Bonus Grant – in the amount of \$60,000.00 – for the calendar year 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 202(23) – Authorization to accept the 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 Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 203(23) – Authorization to accept the Right to Know Program grant – in the amount \$12,259.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved

Resolution 204(23) – Authorization to apply for an increase amount not to exceed \$187,917.00 for the Early Intervention Health Services Program Grant – for a revised total grant amount not to exceed \$3,076,017.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved

Resolution 205(23) – Authorization to establish an Ocean County Health Department sliding fee schedule – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved

Resolution 206(23) – Recognition of August 2023 as National Immunization Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved

Resolution 207(23) – Recognition of August 1-7, 2023 as World Breastfeeding Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved

Resolution 208(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Integra Realty Resources – for space utilization and design plan consulting services – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period July 12, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, 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 was not present at today's Board of Health meeting.

8. Other Matters:

Audit: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer thanked Ms. Mary McCarthy, Director of Finance, the administrative staff and Holman Frenia Allison for their work during the audit process. Mr. Regenye commented that the audit was another good report of where the Health Department is financially. Mr. Regenye added that a lot of work goes into it and thanked everyone for their assistance.

Ocean County Fair: Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Fair will start this week. Mr. Regenye also stated that the Health Department will have a table at the fair under the Ocean County tent. In addition, Mr. Regenye stated that one of the mobile units will be present, providing services to the residents.

Seasonal flu program: Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the Health Department is already well into planning for the 2023/24 seasonal flu program. Mr. Regenye stated that currently we are working on finalizing a draft schedule that should be complete by the end of the month. Mr. Regenye added that the seasonal flu campaign will start September/October.

Opioid response plan: Dr. Theresa Kubiel provided some highlights regarding Ms. Kimberly Reilly, County Alcohol Coordinator's program, the opioid response plan. Dr. Kubiel provided shocking numbers of overdoses that recently occurred in Ocean County. Dr. Kubiel presented an option for the opioid funding awarded to Ocean County to help combat this crisis. Dr. Kubiel explained that EMS and first responders are becoming fatigued with going to the same individuals for overdoses, over and over again. Dr. Kubiel stated that having a Care Recovery Specialist on the ambulance would enable a partnership and perhaps would help them learn how to positively communicate with those suffering from addiction. Dr. Kubiel added that the Care Recover Specialist would start the recovery process right in the field and hopefully get these individuals into programs for assistance.

Senator Robert Singer identified another problem in Ocean County with EMS response time. Senator Singer stated that people having heart attacks are waiting long periods of time for EMS response. Also, Senator Singer stated that the Ocean County Sheriff needs to be included in the discussion of improving response time. In addition, Senator Singer feels the Health Department should get involved and urge monies go into improving ambulance response throughout Ocean County.

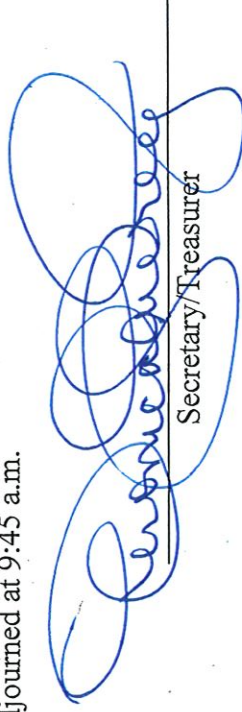
Dr. Kubiel complimented Ms. Reilly on the program, her efforts and looking at these occurrences every 24 hours and putting information out into the community. Dr. Kubiel stressed that funding has already been given to Ocean County and the municipalities for the purpose of helping to prevent overdoses.

Chairman Mallon asked if the overdoses are mostly individuals who are residents or visitors/tourists. Dr. Kubiel responded that the information is broken down to the zip code of the location of the occurrence. Ms. Reilly added that 90% of the overdoses are residents.

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 Senator Robert Singer, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer