

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

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on August 30, 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
- Dr. Theresa Kubiell
- Ms. Veronica Laureigh
- Senator Robert Singer
- Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

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

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Theresa Kubiell abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the August 9, 2023 meeting, with amended abstention list, were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 233(23) through 251(23) as amended and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 233(23) – Finance Committee Report – August 30, 2023 - \$630,900.73 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining on Items #23-02067, #23-02101 and #23-02123; Dr. Theresa Kubiell abstaining on Items #23-02067, #23-02101 and #23-02123; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #23-01932; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #23-02067, #23-02101 and #23-02123, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 234(23) – Personnel Committee Report – August 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 235(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Yezzi Associates, LLC – for professional architectural services – for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 236(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Yezzi Associates, LLC – architectural services for renovation of clinical space and HVAC installation – in an amount not to exceed \$74,750.00 – for the period beginning September 1, 2023 for the length of time authorized and necessary for the completion of the actual construction – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 237(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with T&M Associates – engineering services for renovation of the Barnegat Animal Shelter – in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00 – for the period beginning September 1, 2023 for the length of time authorized and necessary for the completion of the actual construction – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 238(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with T&M Associates – engineering services for the electromagnetic door holder fire alarm integration at the Toms River and Lakewood facilities – in an amount not to exceed \$28,500.00 – for the period beginning September 1, 2023 for the length of time authorized and necessary for the completion of the actual construction – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 239(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Long Beach Island Health Department – to offset some of their costs associated with lead case management and environmental actions – in an amount not to exceed \$3,800.00 – 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 240(23) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP) grant – in an amount to exceed \$205,550.00 – 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 241(23) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Special Child Health Services Case Management Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$167,347.00 – 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 242(23) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program 2024 – in an amount not to exceed \$89,365.00 – 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 243(23) – Authorization to accept the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant Term Two – in an amount not to exceed \$83,897.00 – for the period September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 – and to forward the Letter of Agreement to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 244 (23) – Authorization to approve the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to reallocate funds of the 2023 County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – effective September 14, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 245(23) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laurreigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 246(23) – Authorization to enter into Letters of Understanding with organizations to accept and provide referrals and linkages for maternal and child health services supporting the goals and objectives of the Ocean County WIC Program – at no cost to the Ocean County Health Department – for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laurreigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 247(23) – Recognition of September 28, 2023 as World Rabies Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laurreigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 248(23) – Authorization to accept the NJACCHO Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant – combined awards of \$4,508,994.00 and \$4,393,152.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$8,902,146.00 – for the entire grant period October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laurreigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 249(23) – Authorization to apply for New Jersey Department Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$1,419,675.00 – and designate a funding match in an amount not to exceed \$226,191.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – and authorization to forward to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for approval and submission – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laurreigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 250(23) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey 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 – for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laurreigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 251(23) – Authorization to approve and update the Ocean County Board of Health travel policy #2080.0 to reflect accommodations, lodging and incidental cost reimbursement for Ocean County Board of Health approved travel – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laurreigh, and unanimously approved.

6. 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 stated that the summer is winding down, Labor Day is this weekend and Ocean County tourism did very well. Deputy Director Quinn noting that at the beginning of the season there were concerns of issues or problems arising and there were weekends with forecast of rain keeping people away from the beaches. Deputy Director Quinn thanked the Board of Health, all the Commissioners and the Environmental Department, this year everything ran very well. Deputy Director Quinn added that in Ocean County there were many overdoses and opioid issues. The Commissioner stated that there are so many people working behind the scenes to resolve these problems and the Board of Health is a key part of that. Chairman Mallon stated that the Board of Health thanks the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for all their assistance and help.

7. Other Matters:

Seasonal flu program: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that in the packet is the flu schedule for the upcoming flu season. Mr. Regenye added that the schedule mirrors the program we have had in the past with weekday, weeknight and weekend clinics for all the geographical areas of Ocean County. Mr. Regenye stated that the clinics will offer the seasonal flu vaccine, the COVID vaccine and the pneumococcal vaccine. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that some of the senior high dose vaccine was received and it is anticipated that the bulk of the vaccine order will be arriving in the near future.

Mr. Regenye stated that in the packet is a memorandum regarding seasonal flu vaccinations being available at the next Board of Health meeting if any members are interested in receiving flu shots.

Renovations: Mr. Regenye thanked the County of Ocean Administration and the Board of Commissioners for the numerous work projects taking place at every Board of Health location. Mr. Regenye stated that it has been fantastic to work with all the County of Ocean department heads and staff.

Animal facilities: Mr. Regenye stated that he asked Ms. Jaclyn Strawder, Manager Animal Control Facility from the Ocean County Animal Facilities to attend today's meeting. Mr. Regenye added that the animal shelters are having a month long event for adoption and so far there were 125 adoptions. Mr. Regenye stated that this past weekend the shelters had an open house and reduced the adoption fee. Mr. Regenye acknowledged the shelter managers, supervisors and staff for the phenomenal job. Ms. Strawder added that there were more adoptions since last reported, up to 134. Mr. Regenye thanked the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and the Ocean County Administration for the two great facilities. Chairman Mallon noting the animal facilities staff has a lot of love for the animals.

Marijuana edibles: Senator Robert Singer discussed very disturbing news about young children who accidentally ate edibles laced with marijuana. Senator Singer asked Mr. John Sahradnik, Board Counsel, about having the Health Department post a warning sign at each of the dispensaries in Ocean County. Ms. Jennifer Bacchione added that the warning should include pets. Senator Singer stated that even though recreational marijuana is legal in the State of New Jersey not all the marijuana is legally purchased from the dispensaries and the state is not getting the revenue. Dr. Theresa Kubiak stated that an additional dispensary is to open in Lakehurst. Senator Singer stated that it is a horrific situation that children are going to the emergency room because they accidentally ate food laced with marijuana.

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 Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer