

Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
November 1, 2023  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on November 1, 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:**

Dr. Avinash Gupta  
Dr. Theresa Kubiel  
Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
Mr. Henry Mancini  
Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro  
Senator Robert Singer  
Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

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

**4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the October 18, 2023 open public meeting will be carried-over due to a lack of members present to vote.

Chairman Mallon congratulated Dr. Avinash Gupta on being elected president of the Federation of Indian Associations. Chairman Mallon added that he was impressed by the dedication of Dr. Gupta and his wife.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 294(23) through 322(23) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**5. Adoption of Resolutions:**

**Resolution 294(23)** – Finance Committee Report – November 1, 2023 - \$332,737.54 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #23-02494, #23-02591, #23-02634 and #23-02641, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 295(23)** – Salary range resolution in compliance with state regulations and Collective Bargaining agreements – effective November 9, 2023 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 296(23)** – Personnel Committee Report – November 1, 2023 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining on Item #13, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 297(23)** – Authorization to maintain the existing contract with Language Line Services – in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 298(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Lobster Shanty – to host Xylazine presentation for medical professionals – on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 299(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Dr. William Lynch – speaker at the Xylazine presentation for medical professionals – on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 300(23)** – Authorization to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 301(23)** – Authorization to accept the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to allocate funds from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ocean County Board of Health – totaling amount not to exceed \$1,645,866.00 – effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 302(23)** – Authorization to reallocate funds with innovation contracts – to be effective November 15, 2023 through September 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 303(23)** – Authorization to forward one vehicle for public auction – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 304(23)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health, Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$3,684,358.00 – for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 305(23)** – Authorization to accept additional funding for the Ryan White Part B HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Program grant – in an increased amount not to exceed \$39,005.00 – for a revised total amount not to exceed \$394,951.00 – for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 306(23)** – Authorization to apply for the County of Ocean Competitive Contract Proposal for Substance Use Prevention and Early Intervention – in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 307(23)** – Authorization to apply for the Municipal Alliance Program – in an amount not to exceed \$287,920.00 – for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 – and authorization to forward to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for their approval and

submission to the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 308(23)** – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Block Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 – for the period November 21, 2023 through March 14, 2024 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 309(23)** – Authorization to submit conference abstract for National WIC Association (NWA) 2024 Annual Education and Training Conference – in Chicago, Illinois – April 7-10, 2024 – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 310(23)** – Adoption of the 2024 holiday schedule – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 311(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Drexel University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 312(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Georgian Court University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 313(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Kean University, School of Nursing – to accept nursing students – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 314(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Monmouth University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 315(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Montclair State University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 316(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Ocean County College, Department of Nursing and Allied Health – to accept nursing students – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 317(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey – to accept Public Health students – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 318(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Seton Hall University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 319(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with William Patterson University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 –

at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 320(23)** – Recognition of December 1, 2023 as World AIDS Day – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 321(23)** – Recognition of December 2023 as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 322(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Thomas Edison State University – to accept students – for the period October 31, 2023 through October 30, 2024 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, 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 was absent from today's Board of Health meeting.

## **7. Other Matters:**

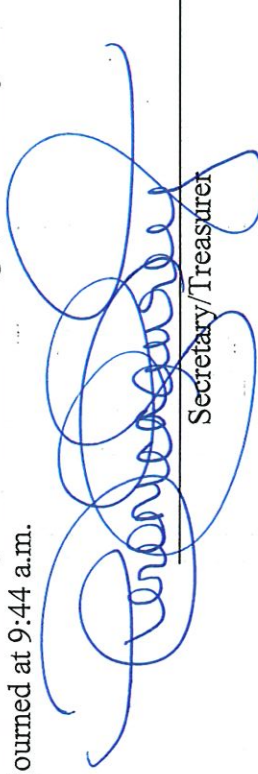
**Boardroom:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer addressed the newly painted and bare Boardroom walls. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is still in the process of taking photographs of all the sites. Mr. Regenye added that the pictures would be enlarged and posted in the Boardroom, throughout the agency and at all the sites. Mr. Regenye continued that in the Boardroom some of the previous proclamations, plaques and pictures would be displayed again. Mr. Regenye concluded that a great job was done with fixing the imperfections and holes of the walls in the Boardroom.

**Happy Thanksgiving:** Chairman Mallon wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone that the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023.

**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 Laireigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer