

Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
January 17, 2024
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on January 17, 2024 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:

3. Roll Call:

- Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
- Dr Avinash Gupta
- Dr. Maurice Hill
- Dr. Theresa Kubiell
- Senator Robert Singer
- Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

- Mr.Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
- Mr.James Holzapfel, Board Counsel

4.Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, the open meeting minutes from the January 3, 2024 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 30(24) through 42(24) to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 30(24) – Finance Committee Report – January 17, 2024 - \$295,608.53 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, with Dr. Gupta abstaining on Item #23-03159; Dr. Kubiell abstaining on Item #23-03159; and Senator Singer abstaining on Item #23-03159, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 31(24) – Personnel Committee Report – January 17, 2024–Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 32(24) – Authorization to enter into a contract with SHI International Corp. Video Conferencing Software – with an amount not to exceed \$215,162.29 – Motion was made by Senator Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 33(24) – Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Ocean County Board of Social Services – 2024 Hepatitis B Program and Influenza Immunization Vaccine – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 34(24) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Wellspring Center for Prevention to train Ocean County Health Department Staff with an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00 – Motion was made by Senator Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 35(24) – Authorization to execute a contract with Chesed CPR in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 – for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 36(24) – Authorization to enter into a lease agreement with Carol King, for clinic space with an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 from March 1, 2024 for approximately eight months – Motion was made by Senator Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 37(24) – Authorization to execute a contract with Accurate Food and Safety Inspections, LLC – for the provision of Supplemental Environmental Health Inspections and Related Services – in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 – for the period February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 38(24) Authorization to enter into an agreement with Friends of the Southern Ocean Animal Shelter for services for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 with an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 – Motion was made by Senator Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 39(24) – Authorization to accept donated rapid HCV tests from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Department of Pathology – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 40(24) – Authorization to accept the County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$1,419,675.00 – and matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$226,191.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 41(24) – Recognition of February 2024 as American Heart Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 42(24) – Recognition of February 2024 as National Children's Dental Health Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and unanimously approved.

6. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners was absent from today's Board of Health meeting.

7. Other Matters:

Chairman Mallon congratulated Dr. Avinash Gupta for being awarded the Pride of Jharkhand on Jharkhand Foundation Day. Dr Gupta was one of three nominated for this award based on his dedication to community service and being actively involved in various non-profit organizations.

Mr. Regenye spoke about a letter that was sent to the State regarding funding for our Ryan White Aids Clinics. Currently, the Ocean County Health Department is subsidizing this clinic about \$250,000.00 - \$300,000.00. We are also the only County that operates a Ryan White Clinic and our funding has been decreasing but our clinic population need has increased due partially to migrants. Most Ryan White Clinics are housed within hospitals, FQHC's or other Health Care facilities that are able to bill charity care and private insurance much more successfully.

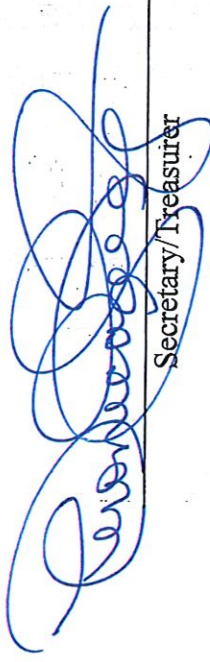
Mr. Regenye introduced Meg McCarthy-Klein and Matt Holland to talk about their success with our Diabetes Program.

Meg McCarthy-Klein spoke about their first co-hort with the program and congratulated Chaya Kasziner, Anna Papson and Susan Strack and presented them with certificates by being in the program and their hard work and dedication to it; they accomplished their goals with exercise and reducing body weight and reduced their risk of Type 2 Diabetes by 58%. A second co-hort will be starting soon.

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 Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiak, and the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer

