

Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
March 6, 2024
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on March 6, 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:

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 Kubiak
- Ms. Veronica Laureigh
- Mr. Mancini
- Senator Robert Singer
- Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
Mr. James Holzapfel- Board Counsel
Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, the open meeting minutes from the February 7, 2024, meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 61(24) through 75(24) 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 61(24) Ratification of Finance Committee Report - February 21, 2024 \$-74,736.98
Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 62(24) – Finance Committee Report – March 6, 2024 - \$774,984.74— Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Items #24-00190, Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining on Items #23-03357, #24-00339, #24-00340, and #24-00479, Dr. Theresa Kubielski abstaining on Items #23-03357, #24-00339, #24-00340, and #24-00479 and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on #23-00160, #24-00190, #24-00191, #24-00192, and #24-00382, and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #23-03357, #24-00339, #24-00340 and #24-00479 and Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on #24-00192 and #24-00382, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 63(24) – Personnel Committee Report – March 6, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 64(24) – Award Contract for Marketing and Digital services to Niki Jones Agency for an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00 for a period of March 11, 2024, through March 10, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 65(24) – Authorized to retain a consultant to perform reviews and make recommendations for the Community Needs Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 66(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Animal Birth Control, Inc. – for the provision of animal spay and neutering services for cats and dogs – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period March 7, 2024, through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 67(24) – Advertised notice to bidders for Animal Shelter Supplies has been determined the bid unresponsive because all mandatory items required were not submitted – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 68(24) – Authorization to enter into a contract with FFF Enterprises to purchase Flu Vaccines with an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 69(24) – Travel authorization for Kristie Fawkes to attend and present at the National WTC Association meeting on “Developmental Monitoring in WTC” in Chicago, Ill. from April 7-10, 2024- Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 70(24) – Amend Resolution 305(23) authorizing additional engineering services for the Barnegat Complex for an additional cost of \$81,000.00 with a new total amount not to exceed \$246,000.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

Resolution 71(24) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Qualtrics, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$248,929.69 for the period February 10, 2024, through February 9, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

Resolution 72(24) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Program Activity C Grant Year Two Extension – and to accept funding for the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Activity C Grant Year Three Extension in an amount not to exceed \$569,354.00 – for the period April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 73(24) - Authorization to apply for partial six-month grant, for Ryan White Part B for an amount not to exceed \$227,973.00 – for the period April 1, 2024, through September 30,

2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 74(24) – Enter into a Linkage Agreement to accept and provide referrals to HIV Prevention and Treatment Programs at no cost to the Ocean County Health Department for the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh with Dr. Gupta, Dr. Kubiak and Senator Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 75(24) – Recommended reappointments to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for the two-year term to the Ocean County Commissioners – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

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

Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners spoke about the Suicides and Overdoses in Ocean County and the impact the Ocean County Health Department has had with different programs for the residents. Commissioner Quinn mentioned the JBJ Focus Group is a great resource because it reaches out to businesses as well as families who are affected by these issues.

Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn also wanted to thank Kim Reilly and her staff for all the work they put into these programs which can really help make a difference in the community.

7. Other Matters:

Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer expanded on some of Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn's comments mentioning that Kim Reilly was in Atlanta representing the agency on these matters. Ms. Reilly will not only be presenting the great work being done here in Ocean County but also bringing back some of the national best practices that are discussed and implement those practices along with ours here in Ocean County.

By Laws: Mr. Regenye mentioned the By-Laws are required to have a general review each year and at the last meeting they were presented with a few minor changes. Mr. Mallon discussed the change from Freeholder to Commissioner would be made. The other minor changes made will also be reflected in our application for Accreditation which will be submitted in the spring as well as centralizing Board and staff communications through the Chair, Public Health Coordinator or the Director of Administration and Program Development.

Agency Branding: Mr. Regenye spoke about the new branding effort with the agency, having all logos and letterhead be updated and uniform. The new Board of Health letterhead was used for this meeting. Board Members were requested to review their names and credentials and if there are any changes you would like made to your name or title please let us know so we can make that change.

Public Health Week: Mr. Regenye informed the Board that Public Health Week is the first week of April and we are also celebrating 100 years as the Ocean County Health Department. There will be activities planned for both and that information will be in the next Board Meeting Packet.

Grant Funding: Mr. Regenye spoke about the grant funding we have received over the past two to three years has been put to good use and one of the ways in which we are able to reach out to more of the community is through Qualtrics which Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator will speak about.

Patricia High explained to the Board of Health Members that Qualtrics is a software platform that allows us to take the Public Health Data we receive and translate it into an actual response. We have used this in our WIC and Early Intervention Programs, it can create referrals, create outreach to parents for children 4 years and older. The program allows us to be really specific in the data we are looking for so we can create a unique program for the child. We have used Qualtrics for data for Environmental, Alcohol and Drug, Overdoses and it has a great filtering ability.

It has a strong contact directory, so we are able to reach so many people with surveys that we haven't been able to before.

Senator Robert Singer added that we have done great work in getting information to all populations in the county by providing brochures and other different resources which has helped our WIC program grow.

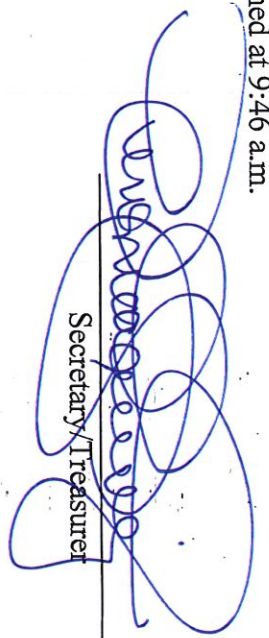
Daniel Regenye stated it is our intention at the next Board of Health Meeting to introduce the budget. Mr. Regenye requested the Finance Committee members to stay a few minutes after the meeting so they can be briefed on the budget summary and plan next steps so we can introduce it at the next Board meeting on March 20, 2024.

Dr. Gupta inquired about services we have that are specific for teenagers in regard to drugs and alcohol. Daniel Regenye spoke about our programs that do reach the elementary, middle school, high school, college and adult community. We have staff that will go to any school; however, we have to be invited in to speak. Daniel Regenye said he could ask to have this presented at an upcoming Superintendent Round Table meeting with our staff and Dr. Gupta's Association to get further education to the students in the schools.

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.

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

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.


Secretary/Treasurer