

Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
Minutes  
September 4, 2024  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on September 4, 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. Maurice Hill
- Dr. Theresa Kubiel
- Ms. Veronica Laureigh
- Mr. Henry Mancini
- Senator Robert Singer
- Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

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

**4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Hill and Mr. Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the August 14, 2024, meeting, with abstention list, were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 235(24) through 250(24) as amended and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

**5. Adoption of Resolutions:**

**Resolution 235(24)** – Finance Committee Report – September 4, 2024 - \$ 356,443.76– Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, with Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining on Items #24-02237, #24-02238; Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #24-02156, #24-02237 and #24-02238; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #24-01937; and

Mr. Mancini abstaining on Items #24-01935, #24-01937, #24-02021, and #24-02193, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #24-02237, and #24-02238, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 236(24)** – Personnel Committee Report – September 4, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 237(24)** – Authorization to execute purchase orders with McKesson Medical – Surgical Government Solutions, LLC for supplies or equipment for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the period of September 5, 2024, through March 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, with Senator Singer voting no, and all other Board Members voting yes. The resolution was approved.

**Resolution 238(24)** – Authorization to approve the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to reallocate funds of the 2024 County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant – effective September 18, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 239(24)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Healthcare for the provision of 12-hour Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center counseling with an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 and the 48-hour Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center counseling services at no cost to the Board for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 240(24)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with DiPersa Technology Solutions, LLC for Information Technology Systems Monitoring and Maintenance Services amending Resolution 339(23) for a new amount not to exceed \$221,000.00 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 241(24)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with The Hon Company for the purchase, delivery and installation of furniture for the Early Intervention office amending Resolution 183(24) for a new amount not to exceed \$83,000.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 242(24)** – Authorization for the Board of Health to grant the request for the withdrawal of a bid as the mistake by J & M Quality Contracting is material and enforcement of the contract may impair performance of renovations to 20 Collinswood Road – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved

**Resolution 243(24)** – Authorization to reject the bid from West End KB, LLC which exceeded the cost estimated for renovations to 20 Collinswood Road – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 244(24)** – Authorization to accept the 2024-25 Local Core Capacity for Public Health Preparedness LINC Grant in an amount not to exceed \$307,678.00 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 245(24)** – 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 \$1,399,810.00 – and designate a funding match in an amount not to exceed \$221,670.00 – for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 – and authorization to forward to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for approval and submission – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 246(24)** – Authorization to apply for the WIC Community Innovation Outreach (CIAO) Grant from the Food Research & Action Center for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 247(24)** – Authorization to apply to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the County Environmental Health Act Grant in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 248(24)** – Authorization to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Southern Region Governmental Public Health Partnership to share resources and assist in a Public Health response during an emergency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 249(24)** – Recognition – Board and Care Recognition Month- September 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 250(24)** – Recognition National Suicide Prevention Week September 8-14, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel 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 thanked the staff of the Ocean County Board of Health for a great season and making sure our beaches were safe this year.

Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn also mentioned that flu season is approaching and that COVID-19 is still here but not as extreme as it has been in the past. The County is reinforcing staff to please stay at home if you are sick to help minimize the spread of flu and COVID-19, so we don't run into situations where a few people are out sick at the same time.

Thank you for all your efforts to help keep the numbers low.

## **7. Other Matters:**

**Seasonal flu program:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer said we are beginning the start of the flu program, and we already have most of our flu vaccines in house.

**CCMP:** We are wrapping up our CCMP program and we expect to have for the next meeting a summary of the season.

**Toms River Animal Facility:** Mr. Regenye stated there was no update as reported from last meeting

**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. Julie Adamek, a Toms River resident, stated her main reason speaking at the meeting was to ask the County to have a Trap, Neuter and Release Program (TNR). There are many cats in the area who are having kittens and now with the Toms River shelter closed, we have fewer resources to help, and this is impacting the problem.

Mr. Mallon made it clear that this was a decision of the municipality rather than the County and the Ocean Count Health Department is doing everything we can to assist.

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 9:38 a.m.



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Secretary/Treasurer